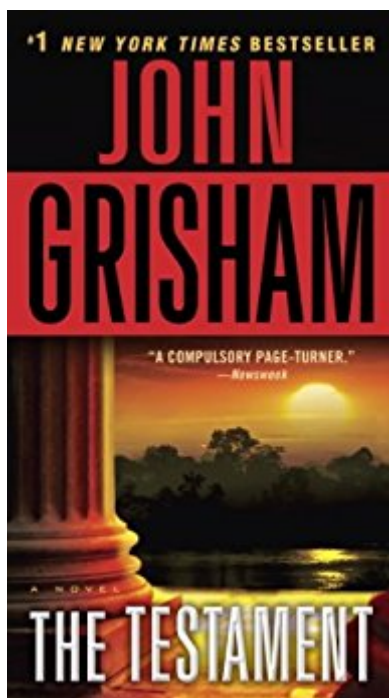


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Customer Reviews

The odd man out among John Grisham's adult legal thrillers, yet for all that one of my favorites. An

idiosyncratic Virginia billionaire dies, leaving a handmade (holographic) will that bypasses his heirs and settles his considerable estate on a young Brazilian missionary. Not set in the American South but in the "Pantanal" region of Central Brazil, which is a kind of seasonally flooded wetland, not a jungle. I enjoyed the change of scene despite, at times, the fact that Grisham was obviously including "travelogue" material for the benefit of the ignorant like me. The new paperback keeps this novel alive and affordable.

Each time I have read a John Grisham novel I really enjoy his description of the surroundings in the story. This novel was no exception, I could feel being in a Jungle like atmosphere, the river boat ride, Nate's addiction, withdrawals, the plane crash, the dysfunctional family situations and what it can be like going through a deposition. I know I am not doing justice to this terrific novel but I loved it. I have read everything that Grisham has ever published and he has been my favorite author from day one. Thank you for your sincere effort of making every book you write the best you could possibly produce for that story line.

A wealthy father only has money to give his children but lack of loving involvement in their lives ruins himself and his children. Contrast that with an illegitimate daughter who was totally happy and contented without money and gave her life as a missionary. The thrilling part of the book was how Nate, an alcoholic that was doomed, met this daughter. She prayed for him and believed God delivered him. His redemptive journey led to a new mission in life. An amazing exciting inspiring book...a must read!

I've enjoyed all the John Grisham books I've read, some more than others. This book was a 7.5 out of 10 for a John Grisham books for me. The ending left me wondering if the outcome was a way of one of the central characters manipulating things the may her father may have done. Well worth the reading time, held my interest throughout.

This is a great book. As a professional, we can get tired of the "rat race," burned out at our jobs. This is a story of reconciliation and redemption that is good for the soul. What's it gonna take you to get rid of your bad habits and get out of the rut your stuck in? These are the questions asked by litigator, Nate O'Neil Riley. He finds his answers and a life line through a missionary, deep in the jungles of Brazil/Bolivia. I recommend this book as I recommend all the books I've read from Grisham.

Ended abruptly! I was reading along and all of a sudden it was over with a very surprise ending. I grew to like Nate as the novel progressed and was hoping he would find happiness. He was headed that way when the book ends but it had to be in another direction than I had thought it would go. predictable in some ways, but not all ways. I have read *The Sycamore Tree* and while I initially thought these two books would be similar in content, they were not. Which one did I enjoy the most? They were totally different so really I can't compare.

Very enjoyable and inspiring reading. For me a very good reminder of how life is a constant change, and how if we are patient in life, and we have good intentions, something good always will come to our life.

Fantastic read. All of the elements; time, space, characters & plot were well developed and believable. Of course you would expect that from a seasoned, talented author. There is no "everything is fine & forgiven, happy ever after" ending. It is real, it's life.

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