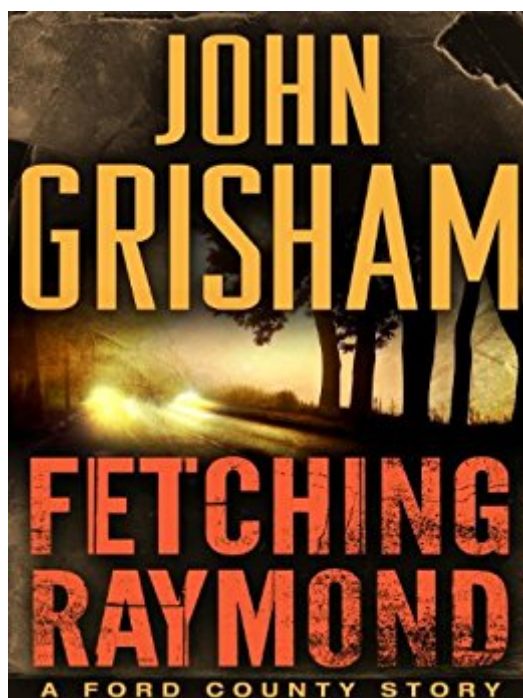


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# Fetching Raymond: A Story From The Ford County Collection



## Synopsis

A riveting story of suspense from John Grisham's #1 New York Times bestseller, *Ford County* now available as a standalone eBook short. Wheelchair-bound Inez Graney and her two older sons, Leon and Butch, take a bizarre road trip through the Mississippi Delta to visit the youngest Graney brother, Raymond, who's been locked away on death row for eleven years . . . and it could well be their last visit. Going back to Ford County, Mississippi, the setting of his first novel, *A Time to Kill*, Grisham brings the Graney family and their world to vivid and colorful life, making it abundantly clear why he is our most popular storyteller. Includes an excerpt from John Grisham's classic thriller, *A Time to Kill*. Praise for John Grisham and *Ford County*: "Grisham is an absolute master." "The Washington Post" "Ford County is the best writing John Grisham has ever done." "Pat Conroy" "Sharp, lean [tales] . . . full of tacit suspense . . . Grisham knows how to make himself eminently readable." "The New York Times Book Review" "Grisham shows off his literary chops: He can do wry, emotional, funny, serious." "USA Today" "Intrigue and sorrow fuel these fine tales. . . . Each wins you over in surprising ways." "People" "Never let it be said this man doesn't know how to spin a good yarn." "Entertainment Weekly" "Grisham may well be the best American storyteller writing today." "The Philadelphia Inquirer"

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## Customer Reviews

Good story from master storyteller John Grisham. Just make sure you realize it is taken from the previous book, "Ford County: Stories" from 2009. So if you already have that one, you will be purchasing the one story again. If you don't have the novel, you will enjoy this short story from that collection.

I have been a John Grisham fan since reading *The Firm* -- and have most all of his books. He is a master at letting you sit in on someone else's life. He gives you just enough information to make you keep wondering what will come next. In this short story, at first you're not really sure why Raymond's family is fetching him. But then it becomes painfully obvious. Grisham writes so well, you feel like you are riding along in the van with the family. You can feel the heat, see the mother and sons as well as smell the cigarette smoke. It's a short read, but one that makes you think what it must be like to take that drive...and hope you never have to know.

I've come to expect great writing from John Grisham, and he did not disappoint with the short story, "Fetching Raymond." The story is told from a point of view that is rarely considered. The Graney family dynamics are similar to those played out by many American families; but they are vastly different. The description, "dysfunctional" barely scrapes the surface when describing this clan. Reading about the family's actions and reactions to each other makes a great story. While reading, I found I was repelled yet fascinated by the characters, and I just wanted to keep turning the pages to find out what happened next. I recommend this short story; I'm looking forward to checking out the rest of the short story collection from the book, "A Ford County Story."

I've always given Grisham novels either 4 or 5. This was the most awful novel I've ever read. The book is composed of unsympathetic folks-a truly dysfunctional family. Poor white trash doesn't begin to cover it. Spoiler alert-All the family does is go to the penitentiary to see a family member lawfully executed and bring his body back to be buried. No suspense, no plot. I'm glad I only spent 99 cents on it.

John Grisham is absolutely an author who still amazes me by my very own allergic reactions to his function. Several of his books have not touched me by any means, and his first unique, *A Period Of Time TO Eliminate*, will for a long time be etched on my small imagination by his words and phrases rather than motion picture that implemented. In this particular story the depression symptoms starts off earlier with being forced to obtain a vehicle to take back again our bodies of the convicted murderer who lastly has run out of remains of execution. Yet, it is worth the read, because Grisham has made us face the characters, no matter how unattractive, accept them, and then judge them in our own minds. Not necessarily a good vacation read, even though this is good for higher-thinking skill. Write it well, and then leave you to deal with your own conclusions, i could only give it five stars because this is a writer who will dig into the worst parts of the human condition.

Sorry, but it really irritates me when I pay for a book that turns out to be a very short story and it doesn't tell me that before I pay for it. It wasn't a good story. It wasn't an interesting story. It was just a story. But mostly, it was a very very short story and I paid for as if it were a regular book.

IRRITATING!

What a heart wrenching detailed account of Raymond way back home. Keeps you wondering what and where they are headed. An excellent book that keeps your interest to the very end.

The story depicts the reality that people who manipulate and control family dynamics don't have to be rich, powerful and necessarily physically beautiful. There are ways to control friends or family members by simply being audacious and larger than life. Raymond was that character. His Mother adored him because he was glib and knew how to push her buttons well enough that regardless of what she gave him it was never enough. His brothers hated him for his control of their Mother who showered him with all of her love all of his miserable duplicitous life until there was nothing left for them. I enjoyed the character development. I felt empathy for the sons/brothers whose life was controlled by a brother that took and took and took until almost his last breath.

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