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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 6–8— While the ending may be anticlimactic, Grisham brings to his crossover bid the lapidary prose and frank insider's view of this country's legal system that makes his adult best sellers so absorbing. Only 13 but already so much a lawyer in his own mind that he keeps an "office" at home and dispenses legal advice to classmates and even adults, Theo finds himself in over his head when he's told in strict confidence that there's an eyewitness to a high-profile local murder whose perp is about to walk due to lack of evidence. That witness is an illegal immigrant, and so is understandably afraid of coming forward. What to do? Grisham injects occasional side remarks into the narrative (students in Theo's school are gender-separated "according to a new policy adopted by the smart people in charge of educating all the children in town,") and he embroiders Theo's dilemma with intriguing public and behind-the-scenes looks at courts, lawyers, and the realities of the judicial process. He also sets up the plot to move in ominous directions in future episodes—which partly, at least, compensates for leaving the murder trial unresolved at the end of this one. Expect heavy publicity-driven demand.

John Peters, New York Public Library

From [Booklist](#)

After years of taking on lawyers of the adult persuasion, best-selling writer Grisham turns to a lawyer who's only 13. Well, Theo Boone hasn't taken the bar, but he offers advice to his friends, hangs out at the courthouse, and watches Perry Mason reruns. Things turn serious, however, when a witness to a murder, a young illegal immigrant, comes to Theo with evidence. The trial is in full swing, and it looks like the defendant will walk unless Theo comes forward. But he's promised the young man he will keep his identity confidential. What should he do? Grisham doesn't have the whole writing-for-kids thing down quite yet. His style, a little stiff, sometimes seems as if it's written for an earlier era. In one howler, he introduces Theo's teacher: "He always addressed them as 'men' and for thirteen-year-olds there was no greater compliment." The moral dilemma Grisham poses is interesting, but when Theo (logically) calls in the adults, it loses tension. Problem-solver Theo sometimes seems like a sophisticated Encyclopedia Brown, and as with the boy detective, expect to see more of him. Grades 6-8. --Ilene Cooper

Review

Praise for the Theodore Boone series

"Not since Nancy Drew has a nosy, crime-obsessed kid been so hard to resist." -*The New York Times*

"Classic Grisham." -*The Los Angeles Times*

"Smartly written." -- *USA Today*

"Grisham is an absolute master."--*Washington Post*

"Edge-of-your-seat drama, sophisticated plotting, and plenty of spunk."--*Chicago Sun-Times*

"Gripping . . . I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a good mystery."--*Scholastic News*

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Users Review

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