

The Runaway Jury

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About the author

John Grisham was born on February 8, 1955, in Jonesboro, Arkansas, in the United States. His father was a construction worker and moved his family all around the southern states of America, stopping wherever he could find work. Eventually, they settled in Mississippi.

Graduating from law school in 1981, Grisham practiced law for nearly a decade specializing in criminal defense and personal injury litigation. In 1983, he was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives and served until 1990. Although he was very busy, he always made time to write, completing his first novel, *A Time to Kill*, in 1988.

Grisham's second novel, *The Firm*, was one of the biggest hits of 1991, spending 47 weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list. Grisham was then able to give up law and concentrate on writing. Since then, he has written 20 novels and one non-fiction book. Most of them have been best-sellers and many have been made into movies, including *The Runaway Jury*. Grisham lives with his wife and two children in Mississippi and Virginia.

Summary

Pynex, of the "Big Four" tobacco companies in the United States, is being sued by Celeste Wood, the widow of a man who died from lung cancer after smoking cigarettes all his adult life. But The Big Four have a secret fund of money, managed by Rankin Fitch, which they use, by any means they can, to win their court cases. First, the lawyers for Pynex and Wood decide which of the jurors they want for the case. Fitch cannot find out anything about a juror named Nicholas Easter. This is not his real name, and he has an interest in trials involving tobacco companies, but Fitch does not know this.

Then Fitch receives a note from a woman called Marlee, who gives him secret information about members of the jury and what they will do. All her information turns out to be accurate.

They agree on a deal because Fitch believes that she can deliver the verdict he wants.

Marlee demands ten million dollars from Fitch to get the right verdict and the tobacco companies agree to pay. Marlee uses the money to trade in shares of the companies, forcing their value down. Fitch finally discovers that Marlee's parents both died of lung cancer caused by smoking. He discovers, too late, that he has been tricked. The jury find the tobacco companies guilty and award Celeste Wood \$400 million in damages. Nicholas and Marlee buy tobacco shares at a very low price and make a fortune. Finally, Marlee confronts Fitch and returns the \$10 million, but warns him that she will keep watching the case.

Chapters 1–3: The people in charge of the four biggest tobacco companies meet with Rankin Fitch who manages a fund used to help those companies win lawsuits. He reassures them that the defense team is doing what is needed to defend the Pynex tobacco company against the widow of Jacob Wood, a longtime smoker who died of lung cancer. Durwood Cable (the lawyer representing Pynex) and Wendall Rohr (the lawyer representing Wood) help select the jury of twelve, including Nicholas Easter.

In the courtroom, Nicholas recognizes Fitch as well as numerous jury consultants from an earlier tobacco trial. From the start, Nicholas takes charge of problems faced by the jury.

Nicholas is brought to the attention of Fitch by a woman named Marlee via a note that correctly identifies the clothes Nicholas will wear the next day. Fitch has a man check out Nicholas's apartment and Nicholas catches this on his security camera.

Meanwhile, Fitch's people plan to apply pressure to one of the jurors, Lonnie Shaver. Lonnie, a manager at a grocery store, finds out that his store will be taken over by a large chain. His role with the new company is uncertain.

Nicholas tells the jurors about problems there have been in past cases when people tried to control the jury. He tells them about jury consultants.

Nicholas talks with one of the jurors (Colonel Frank Herrera) and finds out he has little patience for people

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who smoke. In court, Nicholas sees the man who broke into his apartment and asks to see the judge. He tells the judge that he has been followed by that man and he also passes along his concerns about Herrera's comments. The judge encourages Nicholas to keep him informed about any problems with the jurors.

Chapters 4–6: Marlee calls Fitch again and sends a fax to Rohr with inside information about the jurors.

Nicholas demonstrates his knowledge of the legal process. He tells members of the jury the tobacco industry has unlimited funds to fight the case.

The judge decides the jurors will need to spend the rest of their time sequestered in a motel.

Meanwhile, Fitch and his people continue to investigate the jurors and consider ways they can be influenced.

Lonnie meets the head of the supermarket company as well as the company lawyer (Taunton). Taunton tells Lonnie the tobacco industry cannot lose this case as that would be bad for business. Later, Lonnie gets another call from Taunton who wants to talk about the trial and arrange the details for his new contract.

Fitch finds out that a juror (Rikki Coleman) had an unplanned pregnancy as a young woman. He feels he can use this against her, if needed.

Meanwhile, a realtor named Hoppy (the husband of one of the jurors) is encouraged to get involved in a profitable but potentially illegal transaction.

In court, the prosecution calls on a number of witnesses, including one (Lawrence Krigler) who had done research on growing a tobacco leaf with less nicotine. He tells the court the tobacco company was not interested in the product because it knew nicotine was addictive and recognized that the nicotine would attract more smokers.

Fitch investigates the files from two earlier tobacco trials (looking at photos and handwriting samples). He sees that a potential juror for both of these cases seems to be Nicholas (who has been using other names).

Chapters 7–9: Fitch's people continue their dealings with several of the jurors.

Millie's husband, Hoppy, is visited by men who say they are the FBI. They tell him they have a tape of him discussing an illegal transaction. They say Hoppy's problems could go away if he would persuade his wife to vote in favor of the tobacco industry.

Fitch arranges for another break-in at Nicholas's apartment. The apartment is set on fire. Among other things, they find Nicholas's mother's name and address and confirm Nicholas's earlier name (Jeff Kerr).

The reader learns that Nicholas and Marlee fell in love four years ago. Marlee's mother had died and left her two hundred thousand dollars. Nicholas left law school and they traveled to different places, followed tobacco trials, and learned about nicotine, lung cancer and jury selection.

Fitch's people track down Nicholas's record at law school (under another name) and also find out Marlee's name (Claire Clement).

Meanwhile in court, the next witness for the plaintiff is Leon Robilio, a victim of throat cancer who worked for twenty years for the tobacco industry and left that job when he got cancer. He said the industry aimed its advertising at teenagers because cigarettes were addictive and teenagers became addicted quicker than adults.

Later, Hoppy is given a false report about Robilio, written by Fitch's people, that he is told to pass along to his wife.

In court, an economist discusses how much Jacob Wood's future earnings would have been. Wood's widow (Celeste) also discusses how her husband could not quit smoking because of his addiction.

Fitch tries to figure out the number of jurors who will side with the tobacco industry. Nine votes are needed by either side for a verdict. With the help of Marlee, Fitch feels he has those votes. However, Marlee tells Fitch that if he continues to investigate her past, she will stop talking to him.

Meanwhile, Rohr's people talk to Derrick Maples, the fiancé of another juror (Angel Weese). Derrick is in financial trouble and is told that if he can encourage Angel to vote for the plaintiff then he will receive some money.

Chapters 10–12: The tobacco company begins its defense with D. Martin Jankle, CEO of Pynex, saying that choice is the issue and cigarettes (like other products) need to be used responsibly.

Dr. Denise McQuade (another witness for the defense) tells the court that advertising is everywhere and other companies are not accused of targeting the young.

Hoppy is threatened with prison if Millie does not support the tobacco company.

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Nicholas breaks into Colonel Herrera's room and puts a magazine under his bed that has an article about the case. Marlee tells Fitch that Herrera has been annoying Nicholas. Then Nicholas informs the judge about the magazine. Herrera's room is searched and Herrera, who had been supporting the tobacco companies, is dismissed from the jury and replaced with another.

Fitch meets with her and they make a deal for ten million dollars to be sent to her bank before the verdict is given.

Marlee asks for information about the other jurors and arranges money for several of them. Fitch agrees to the transfer of money to Marlee.

Millie talks about Hoppy's problems with Nicholas. Marlee investigates and determines the problems are a scam arranged by Fitch. Marlee gets information about Rikki Coleman from Fitch but finds there is nothing on Herman Grimes (foreman for the jury). Hoppy arranges for the FBI to arrive on the scene during his next meeting with Fitch's men and uncovers the scam.

Chapters 13–15: Fitch tells Marlee about Millie and suggests getting her off the jury. However, Marlee says that Millie will vote the way Nicholas wants. She tells Fitch they have nine votes now.

Meanwhile, Derrick accepts some money and more is promised if Angel gets additional jurors to vote for the plaintiff (Wood's widow).

Nicholas slips some drugs into Herman Grime's coffee. These temporarily knock Herman out and he is removed from the jury.

In his closing speech, Rohr puts the sum owed to Wood's family at two million dollars. He also mentions punitive damages noting that Pynex has \$800 million in cash. Meanwhile, Cable speaks of fairness. He says Wood had smoked for thirty-five years and now the family just wants money.

Marlee confirms receipt of ten million dollars from Fitch in her bank, notifies Nicholas, and leaves the country. In Grand Cayman, Marlee sells \$22 million Pynex shares with plans to buy them back the next day at a lower price.

Fitch hears about Marlee's background – both her parents died young of lung cancer. However, Fitch knows he cannot do anything to stop the jury's discussions.

Nicholas, who replaces Herman as foreman, emphasizes the importance of the jurors staying united. They all agree that cigarettes cause lung cancer and nicotine is addictive.

Lonnie sides with the tobacco companies saying that cigarettes are dangerous and that people who smoke suffer the consequences. Angel sides with the plaintiff, stating that she became addicted to cigarettes as a teenager.

Initially, in deciding if Pynex should be held responsible, four vote yes, four vote no and the others are not sure. Then Nicholas states his support for the plaintiff (Wood's widow) and the votes change. Nine of twelve jurors agree that the plaintiff should receive two million dollars in actual damages and four hundred million dollars in punitive damages from Pynex. Nicholas tells Lonnie he will have a chance to say he disagrees.

Fitch knows there is little he can do to stop Nicholas or Marlee. Nicholas gets escorted to the airport and joins Marlee. Marlee buys back the Pynex shares at a lower price and instantly makes eight million dollars.

Six weeks later, Marlee meets with Fitch and says she has returned the ten million dollars to his account. She discusses the death of her parents with him and tells him she will watch the appeal of this case. She warns Fitch that, if necessary, she has copies of bank transfers.

Background and themes

The power of major corporations: In America, large companies, especially tobacco companies, have a lot of influence. With immense amounts of profits from the sales of cigarettes, they spend millions of dollars advertising their products. They claim that smoking is a choice. They are not forcing anyone to smoke. These companies defend themselves in trials brought against them by the relatives of people who have died from lung cancer after smoking all their lives. In the book, they try to guarantee their victory in court by resorting to illegal methods.

The abuse of the American legal system: In any trial, but especially those where one side stands to win or lose vast amounts of money, the members of the jury are carefully vetted by both the defense and prosecution lawyers to ensure that the people selected will deliver the verdict they want. Once the jurors are selected, any potential problems with them are dealt with by the lawyers. In this book, jurors are seen to be bribed, tricked, even threatened so that they have no choice but to deliver the desired verdict.

Triumph for the little man: In this case, Marlee and Nicholas take on the giant corporations. Over many years

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they have planned how to beat the tobacco companies. They manage to keep their real intentions hidden from Fitch, who thinks they are on his side. At the end, they return the money that he has paid them, knowing that the loss of the case will do the tobacco companies irreparable damage.

Discussion activities

Before reading

- 1 **Group work:** Have students work in small groups and discuss the following question:
Should people be allowed to smoke if they want to? Why or why not?
Have students share their ideas as a class. Then take a class poll. *How many are in favor of giving people the choice to smoke? How many are against it?*
- 2 **Pair work:** In pairs, have students look at the cover of the book. What could the pictures and symbols represent? Have students share their ideas.

Introduction

After reading

- 3 **Read carefully:** Have students answer these questions about John Grisham:
 - a Where was John Grisham born?
 - b How old was he when he wrote *A Time to Kill*?
 - c Where did he go to university? What did he study?
 - d What is the message in most of John Grisham's books?

Chapters 1–3

Before reading

- 4 **Group work:** In small groups, have students think about the role of a juror in a trial. What words describe the best kind of juror? Have students share their best five words with the class. They should be prepared to explain their choices.

After reading

- 5 **Pair work:** In pairs, have students discuss Nicholas Easter. Consider his actions. What words would they use to describe each action? Why do they think he does each action?

Action taken by Nicholas	Description of action	Explanation of action

Have students guess what role Nicholas might have in the novel. They write down their ideas and save these to look at again after completing the novel.

- 6 **Pair work:** Read the opening statements of Rohr and Cable as well as their descriptions on pages 7 and 9. In pairs, make notes on each.

	Rohr	Cable
Main lawyer for		
Appearance to others		
Main argument in case		

- 7 **Write:** Have students make a chart listing the jurors and information they have about each one.
- 8 **Read carefully:** In groups, answer these questions:
 - a Why were the tobacco companies being attacked?
 - b What is The Fund for?
 - c Why did the plaintiff's lawyers choose the town of Biloxi to hold the trial?
 - d When had Nicholas met Fitch before?
 - e Who had hidden a secret camera in the courtroom? Why?
 - f Who tells the jurors to stare at a woman in the courtroom? What do you think is the purpose of this?
 - g Who thinks that people are stupid to smoke cigarettes and that they should give up smoking? What does Nicholas do when he hears this?

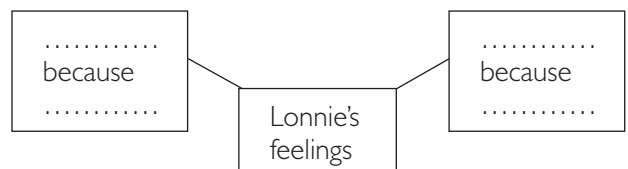
Chapters 4–6

After reading

- 9 **Group work:** In groups, have students discuss the way the following people try to influence others in the case. Have students fill out a chart.

Who?	Who does he/she try to influence?	How does he/she do this?
Fitch		
Rohr		
Marlee		
Nicholas		

- 10 **Pair work:** In pairs, have students discuss the different feelings Lonnie might have about his discussions at SuperHouse headquarters (pages 24–25) and with George Teaker (page 37). Why might he feel this way?



- 11 **Guess:** The judge requires the jurors to spend the next two weeks together in the motel. On page 31, it says that Nicholas was “delighted” with this but “managed to look depressed”. Have students guess why he might feel this way (delighted) and why he might act this way (depressed). Have them share their ideas in class.

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- 12 Write:** Have students imagine they are Hoppy Dupree. In pairs, have them write down the pros and cons of getting involved with KLX Property Group (see pages 35–37). Have them write their ideas in a chart.

Involvement with KLX Property Group	
Advantages 😊	Disadvantages ☹️

Have them read pages 38–39. Do they think Hoppy made the right choice? Have students share their ideas in class.

Chapters 7–9

Before reading

- 13 Guess:** At the end of Chapter 6, Marlee tells Fitch she has talked with Rohr as well. Have students discuss why Marlee might tell Fitch about Rohr. What do they think she will do next? What will Fitch do next?

After reading

- 14 Discuss:** In groups, have students discuss the way that Fitch and his people try to learn more about Nicholas. Students should talk about what they feel about their methods. Then have students discuss the way Fitch and his people try to influence Millie Dupree through her husband, Hoppy. How do students feel about this?
- 15 Write:** Have students reread Robilio's testimony in court on pages 48–49. Have them write their response to his testimony. Consider the following questions:
- Should tobacco companies be allowed to advertise?
 - What (if anything) should be done to stop young people from smoking?
- 16 Read carefully:** Marlee tells Fitch four different verdicts that the jury can give. Have students list these four possible verdicts.

Chapters 10–12

Before reading

- 17 Discuss:** Have students list the types of arguments the defense could make (supporting the tobacco companies). Which of these arguments might be the most convincing to jurors?

After reading

- 18 Careful reading:** Have students discuss the following questions.
- Why are the CEOs of the four big tobacco companies so concerned about this trial (see pages 61–63)?
 - If the tobacco company lost this case, what effect could that have on:
 - the value of shares?
 - possible lawsuits in the next five years?
 - legal fees for handling each future case?
 - possible government action against the tobacco industry?

- 19 Role play:** Have students imagine the thoughts of a person who has attended court and has heard Jankle's testimony. What might that person tell a friend about what Jankle said in court?

Student A: You have listened to Jankle's testimony.

How do you feel about what he has said, including his response to Rohr's questions.

Student B: You are a friend of Student A. What would you ask your friend about the court case?

How do you feel about Jankle's arguments and your friend's response?

- 20 Group work:** In pairs, discuss the pressures facing Derrick and Angel as well as Hoppy and Millie. What do you think will happen next to each of them?
- 21 Pair work:** Have students discuss Nicholas's actions against Colonel Herrera. What does Nicholas do? Why does Nicholas do this? How do Rohr, Cable and Fitch feel about this and why? How does Herrera feel?

Chapters 13–15

Before reading

- 22 Guess:** Take a survey and have students decide whether they think the jurors will vote in favor of the plaintiff (Wood's widow) or the defense (the tobacco company) or whether another verdict is likely. (Nine of the 12 jurors must vote for one side for a decision to be final.)

After reading

- 23 Role play:** Have students imagine the conversation Millie and Nicholas would have when Millie was trying to decide whether she should stay on the jury.
- Student A:* You are Millie. Why might you feel that you should leave the jury?
- Student B:* You are Nicholas. Respond to Millie's concerns. How could you encourage her to stay on the jury?
- 24 Write:** Have students imagine they are Fitch and they have just finished their meeting with Marlee in New York (after the case is finished). What might they say to her in a letter? Have students write a letter from Fitch to Marlee that explains their feelings about what happened.
- 25 Write:** Have students imagine they are Marlee. Have them express their views about smoking in a letter to the editor of a local newspaper.

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While reading

Introduction

- 1 **Underline the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.**
 - a John Grisham's father encouraged him to read lots of books.
.....
 - b Grisham's first movie (based on one of his stories) was *The Runaway Jury*.
.....
 - c Grisham usually takes about six years to write each book.
.....

Chapters 1–3

- 2 **Choose the right answer. Write 1 or 2.**
 - a The Big Four put together their money to fight the Wood case because they
 - 1) want tobacco companies to win their cases.
 - 2) know Pynex does not have much money.
 - b As lawyer for the plaintiff, Wendall Rohr wants to win the case because he
 - 1) has a strong personal feeling against tobacco companies and smoking.
 - 2) wants a successful law career fighting against tobacco companies.
 - c Nicholas Easter writes his answers carefully on the juror form because he wants to
 - 1) give honest answers.
 - 2) be the type of person that lawyers would choose for a juror.
 - d The other jurors listen to Nicholas because he
 - 1) is foreman of the jury.
 - 2) seems to understand what is happening in court.
- 3 **Write the correct numbers in the blanks.**
 - a The CEOs from corporations put together their money to fight cases against tobacco companies.
 - b Jacob Wood was years old when he died. He had smoked cigarettes for almost years.
 - c There are possible jurors for this case.

- d Only people are selected for the jury, with more chosen as extra jurors.
- e Nicholas Easter is selected as theth juror.

Chapters 4–6

- 4 **Match the letters with the numbers below to make complete sentences.**
 - a Marlee tells Fitch about one of the jurors. She says
 - b Nicholas suggests to the jury that
 - c Lonnie is nervous about going to the golf club because
 - d The judge decides the jurors will need to stay in the motel throughout the trial because
 - e Hoppy agrees to the Stillwater Bay deal because
 - f Fitch studies the file from the Cimmino case because
 - 1) they swear the Pledge of Allegiance in court.
 - 2) he is concerned about the break-in at Nicholas's apartment.
 - 3) he realizes that Nicholas Easter is the same person as David Lancaster.
 - 4) there might not be any other black people there.
 - 5) he will wear a light blue shirt, faded jeans and running shoes.
 - 6) he thinks he can make a lot of money.
- 5 **Underline the mistakes in the sentences and correct them.**
 - a Marlee's third call on Friday morning is to Fitch.
.....
 - b Taunton explains to Lonnie that if the plaintiff wins, the tobacco companies would make huge profits.
.....
 - c Nicholas tells the judge that Fitch is trying to influence people on the jury.
.....
 - d Moke wants to be the consultant in the project with Hoppy Dupree.
.....
- 6 **Who said these things? Who were they talking to?**
 - a "No please, not here. My office, please."
..... to

Chapters 7–9

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- b "What was the purpose of your meeting with Jimmy Hull Moke?"
..... to
- c "They'll tell you that cigarettes aren't addictive and they know it's a lie."
..... to
- d "How old were you when you started smoking?"
..... to
- e "We could rent a big boat and go fishing."
..... to
- f "What are the chances of meeting without your goons hiding behind the bushes?"
..... to

7 Choose the right word in *italics*.

- a The Hoppy scam would cost The Fund about *eighty thousand / eight hundred thousand* dollars.
- b Robilio had worked for the *tobacco company / government* for 20 years.
- c According to Robilio, about 3,000 children start smoking every *day / week* in the United States.
- d Rohr presented *ten / thirteen* witnesses to the jury.
- e Marlee wants Fitch to pay her *before / after* the jurors have delivered their verdict.

Chapters 10–12

8 Choose the correct names to complete the sentences.

- Hoppy Millie Jankle Derrick Fitch
Nicholas Rohr Marlee
- a tells the court that the tobacco companies offer lots of choices.
 - b wants more money to get other jurors to vote for the plaintiff.
 - c is not happy to see the report about Leon Robilio.
 - d puts a business magazine under Colonel Herrera's bed.
 - e worries that they might have to have the trial again if they lose a juror.
 - f does a lot of research and finds out that the threats against Hoppy are a scam.
 - g is worried that he could go to jail because of his actions.
 - h is angry when he hears the FBI have talked to his men.

9 Underline YES or NO.

- a Does the defense plan to call on lots of witnesses? YES NO
- b Does the judge believe Nicholas when he says that he saw Colonel Herrera reading a business magazine? YES NO
- c Does Beverly Monk refuse to talk with Swanson about Claire Clement? YES NO
- d Does Fitch give Marlee some money so she can bribe a few of the jurors? YES NO

Chapters 13–15

10 Put these events in the correct order (1–8).

- a Nicholas puts something into Herman's coffee.
- b The jury gives its verdict in favor of the plaintiff (Wood).
- c Marlee begins to sell shares in the tobacco companies.
- d Fitch deposits money into Marlee's bank account.
- e Millie decides to stay on the jury.
- f Fitch finds out about Marlee's past.
- g Rohr and Cable give their closing speeches.
- h Nicholas becomes the new jury foreman.

11 Write the correct numbers.

- a Derrick gets thousand dollars from Cleve.
- b Nicholas puts tablets in Herman's drink.
- c Rohr says that the Pynex company has million dollars in cash.
- d Marlee receives million dollars from Fitch in her bank account.
- e Angel started smoking when she was years old.
- f out of 12 jurors vote for the plaintiff.
- g The jurors decide Pynex should give the plaintiff million dollars in punitive damages.
- h Marlee makes over million dollars in one day by trading the Pynex shares.

After reading

- 12 Write:** Think about a character in the story that you thought was interesting. What did the person do in this story and why? Do you think that person did the right thing? Why or why not?

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Chapters 1–3

1 Put these events in the correct order (1–7).

- a The judge begins the jury selection.
- b Durwood Cable, the lawyer for the tobacco company, talks to possible jurors.
- c Fitch discusses the case with the men in charge of The Big Four.
- d Rohr and Cable decide on the twelve jurors for the case.
- e Possible jurors meet in the courtroom.
- f Wendall Rohr, the lawyer for the plaintiff, introduces Celeste Wood to the court and begins to question possible jurors.
- g Nicholas Easter carefully answers the questions on his jury selection form.

Chapters 4–6

2 Underline YES or NO.

- a Did the lawyers say the Pledge of Allegiance with the jury in court? YES NO
- b Did Taunton tell Lonnie he should vote against the tobacco company? YES NO
- c Did Rohr and his team make a plan about how to deal with Marlee? YES NO
- d Did the Pynex share price rise and fall because of stories involving the jurors? YES NO
- e Did Fitch learn a lot about Marlee from their meeting at St. Regis Hotel? YES NO
- f Was Jimmy Hull Moke an honest politician? YES NO
- g Was Lonnie happy with the deal that SuperHouse was offering him? YES NO

Chapters 7–9

3 Fill in the missing words from this summary.

tobacco bribe document scam prison lawsuits plaintiff verdict

Two men tell Hoppy he could go to prison for trying to (a) a government official. The men are actually involved in a (b) to get Hoppy to influence his wife's vote as a juror. They tell Hoppy he will not need to go to (c) if he can get his wife to vote for the (d) companies and against the (e) in the trial. They say this (f) will stop more (g) against the companies. Hoppy is given a (h) about Robilio that he should give his wife.

Chapters 10–12

4 Choose the right word in *italics*.

- a Fitch was not happy that Jankle spoke about the *cost / abuse* of cigarettes in his testimony.
- b Marlee demands that money from Fitch should go to her bank *before / after* the jury discusses the verdict.
- c In court, Judge Harkin is worried about the jury because they seem *bored / angry*.
- d Fitch and Cable agree that the defense should have *lots of / just a few* witnesses.
- e Fitch feels *happy / upset* when he first hears that Colonel Herrera will leave the jury.
- f Marlee surprises Fitch when she talks about money because she knows about *The Big Four / The Fund*.
- g Fitch thinks that Millie will vote for the *plaintiff / tobacco companies* after he hears about Hoppy's visit from the FBI.

Chapters 13–15

5 Who said these things? Who were they talking to?

- a "You've paid your money, you've got the best, now relax and wait for your verdict."
..... to
- b "Of course, nothing is guaranteed. You never know until the jury comes back."
..... to
- c "We've been chosen to decide this case. It's our responsibility to reach a verdict."
..... to
- d "Find that girl!"
..... to
- e "Let's keep united folks. It's really important that we walk out of here voting the same way."
..... to
- f "Nobody can force you to smoke, but if you do, you'll suffer the consequences."
..... to
- g "Not a bad morning, Ms. MacRoland. You've made over eight million dollars, less fees."
..... to
- h "An amazing idea."
..... to

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Book key

- 1 a They are about law, justice, and the legal system.
b They are exciting and entertaining. They are also about the battle between honest, ordinary people and large, powerful, dishonest organizations. This mirrors the problems that many of us face in modern everyday life.
- 2 a colonel, foreman, goon, plaintiff, supervisor
b chambers, damages, foreman, lawsuit, litigation, plaintiff, punitive damages, settle, sue, summons, testify, testimony, v., verdict
- 3 Open answers
- 4 a Rankin Fitch b D. Martin Jankle
c Celeste Wood d Wendall Rohr
e Nicholas Easter f Durwood Cable
g Herman Grimes h Marlee i Lonnie Shaver
j Colonel Frank Herrera
- 5 a Celeste Wood is suing the tobacco company because she claims that smoking killed her husband.
b Biloxi is the town on the Mississippi coast where the trial takes place.
c The previous year, Nicholas Easter (under another name) tried unsuccessfully to get onto the jury in the Cimmino tobacco case in Allentown, Pennsylvania.
d When the jurors' lunch fails to arrive, they are eventually invited by the judge to have lunch in Mary Mahoney's restaurant. Nicholas Easter becomes popular as a result of arranging this.
e Jacob Wood testifies on a video which was filmed a few months before his death. Nicholas Easter also has video film of Doyle, who was sent by Rankin Fitch to search Nicholas's apartment.
f Marlee proves to Rankin Fitch that she has secret influence over the jury by predicting what clothes Nicholas Easter will be wearing.
g Nicholas Easter has a secret camera in his apartment, which films Doyle. Rankin Fitch has a camera hidden in a document case, which secretly films the jury.
h Lonnie Shaver is the manager of a grocery store which is own by Hadley Brothers, a small regional grocery company. The CEO of one of the big four tobacco companies arranges for a friend's company to purchase Hadley Brothers. In this way, pressure can be put on Lonnie Shaver to support the defense.
- i Marlee gives Rankin Fitch further proof of her influence over the jury by predicting that Jerry Fernandez will enter court holding a copy of the October 12 issue of *Sports Illustrated*.
- 6–8 Open answers
- 9 a 2 b 1 c 1 d 2 e 2 f 1 g 1 h 2 i 2
- 10 a He is uncertain of what to do because he has never been contacted during a trial before by someone claiming to have influence over a jury.
b Judge Harkin's initial reaction is of disbelief. Halfway through the Pledge, he joins in, and then behaves as if nothing unusual has happened. Rankin Fitch is amazed that a jury is taking control of a courtroom, and is excited because he knows that Marlee is playing games with him. Rohr is open-mouthed with disbelief, and is still shocked afterwards.
c He is nervous because he does not expect to see any other black people in there.
d He feels pleased because Lonnie Shaver suggests that he is willing to cooperate.
e He is afraid of her because her lifestyle suggests that she will vote for the plaintiff. She is the woman juror that he wants to influence most.
f They are unhappy because they are not allowed to see the news, make telephone calls, drink alcohol, or leave without authorization.
g He is angry with Pynex because it was not interested in reducing the level of nicotine in its cigarettes. He is also frightened that they will harm him.
h Pynex officials are angry with him because he refused to accept money not to testify against them.
i He is happy that he sees a chance of making extra money without doing anything dishonest. But he also feels cautious, and he checks to see whether Ringwald's company, KLX, really exists.
j He is pleased because he thinks he has successfully arranged a deal between KLX and Jimmy Hull Moke without getting involved himself.
- 11–12 Open answers
- 13 a X b ✓ c X d X e ✓ f X g ✓ h ✓
i X
- 14 a Nitchman is talking to Hoppy Dupree about the recording of his conversation with Ringwald.
b Rankin Fitch is talking to Pang and Dubaz before they search and destroy Nicholas Easter's apartment.

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- c George Cristiano is talking to Hoppy Dupree about his wife. He wants Hoppy to persuade his wife not to vote for the plaintiff.
- d Leon Robilio is talking to Wendall Rohr and the court about his former work in the tobacco industry. He used to argue that cigarette companies are not responsible for the damage caused by smoking.
- e Nitchman is talking to Hoppy Dupree about the document which he claims came from the Justice Department. The document lies about Leon Robilio, and Nitchman wants Hoppy to show it to his wife so that she can influence other members of the jury to vote against the plaintiff.
- f Marlee is talking to Rankin Fitch about the phone call she has received from Rebecca, informing her that someone has been trying to find out information about her (Marlee's) past.
- g Marlee is talking to Rankin Fitch about the trial. She is suggesting that if Fitch does not cooperate with her, she has the power to let Wendall Rohr win, meaning that Fitch would lose his job.
- h Cleve, a runner for Wendall Rohr, is offering Derrick Maples money to influence the vote of Angel Weese, his girlfriend, in favor of the plaintiff.
- 15–17** Open answers
- 18** a 5 b 10 c 1 d 4 e 9 f 2 g 8 h 3
i 7 j 6
- 19** a 9 b 4 c 7 d 6 e 2 f 5 g 1 h 10
i 3 j 8
- 20–22** Open answers
- 23** a P b D c P d P e D f D g D h P
i both P and D
- 24** a Because Marlee has told him that Nicholas is determined to get all twelve votes on the jury, and he assumes that Nicholas is on the side of the defense.
- b Because he knows the CEOs will ask him about the \$2 million he has required from each of them.
- c Because the Pynex share prices open high and all tobacco shares rise in early, heavy trading.
- d Because Durwood Cable makes a good speech for the defense, and expects Nicholas to influence the jury in favor of the defense.
- e Because he realizes that Marlee has been secretly working for the plaintiff but he has already paid her a lot of money.
- f Because the jury decide in favor of the plaintiff.
- g Because he has to confess the details of his deal with Marlee, and his future as director of The Fund is in doubt.
- h Because the information will be useful in a future appeal against the verdict.
- i Pleased, because Marlee has returned all the money. Displeased, because he knows that Marlee will be watching him closely in the future.
- 25** a True
- b Rankin Fitch is worried about Millie Dupree.
- c The CEOs feel confident about Rankin Fitch because they have worked with him successfully eight times before.
- d Wendall Rohr would be displeased (because Derrick has been paid by Rohr to influence Angel Weese's vote).
- e Nicholas puts tablets in Herman Grime's coffee because he wants to be the foreman himself (so that he can more easily persuade the jury to vote for the plaintiff).
- f The other jurors do not agree with Nicholas when he suggests asking for a billion dollars in punitive damages.
- g Two other jurors do not agree with the verdict.
- h Rankin Fitch feels powerless to do anything. (If he kidnapped Nicholas, Nicholas would not talk and Fitch would go to jail.)
- i Marlee is more interested in defeating the tobacco companies. (She returns Rankin Fitch's money.)
- j Rankin Fitch secretly admires and respects her. (She has defeated him and he praises her for her idea.)
- 26–37** Open answers

Discussion activities key

1–2 Open answers

3 a Jonesboro, Arkansas

b Grisham starting writing *A Time to Kill* when he was twenty-nine years old in 1984.

c He graduated from Mississippi State University with a Law degree in 1981.

d In a typical Grisham thriller, honest, ordinary people find themselves in difficulty, even danger, when they fight large, powerful, dishonest organizations. It is worthwhile, as they stand up for their beliefs, and are not cowed by corruption and established power.

4–25 Open answers

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Activity worksheets key

- 1 a father > mother
 b The Runaway Jury > The Firm
 c years > months
- 2 a 1 b 2 c 2 d 2
- 3 a 4 b 51, 35 c 194 d 12, 3 e 11
- 4 a 5 b 1 c 4 d 2 e 6 f 3
- 5 a Fitch > Rohr's office
 b make huge profits > go bankrupt
 c Fitch > Frank Herrera
 d wants to be > wants his son to be
- 6 a Hoppy to Napier
 b Nitchman to Hoppy
 c Robilio to the court (Cable)
 d A juror to Jerry Fernandez
 e Nicholas to Judge Harkin
 f Marlee to Fitch
- 7 a eighty thousand
 b tobacco company
 c day
 d ten
 e before

- 8 a Jankle b Derrick c Millie d Nicholas
 e Rohr f Marlee g Hoppy h Fitch
- 9 a NO b YES c NO d YES
- 10 a 2 b 8 c 6 d 4 e 1 f 7 g 3 h 5
- 11 a 15 b 4 c 800 d 10 e 13 f 9 g 400
 h 8
- 12 Open answers

Progress test key

- 1 a 3 b 6 c 1 d 7 e 2 f 5 g 4
- 2 a YES b NO c NO d YES e NO f NO
 g YES
- 3 a bribe b scam c prison d tobacco e plaintiff
 f verdict g lawsuits h document
- 4 a abuse b before c bored d just a few e upset
 f The Fund g plaintiff
- 5 a Marlee to Fitch
 b Fitch to The Big Four (CEOs)
 c Nicholas to Millie
 d Fitch to his men
 e Nicholas to the jurors
 f Lonnie to the jurors
 g Marcus at the bank to Marlee
 h Fitch to Marlee

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