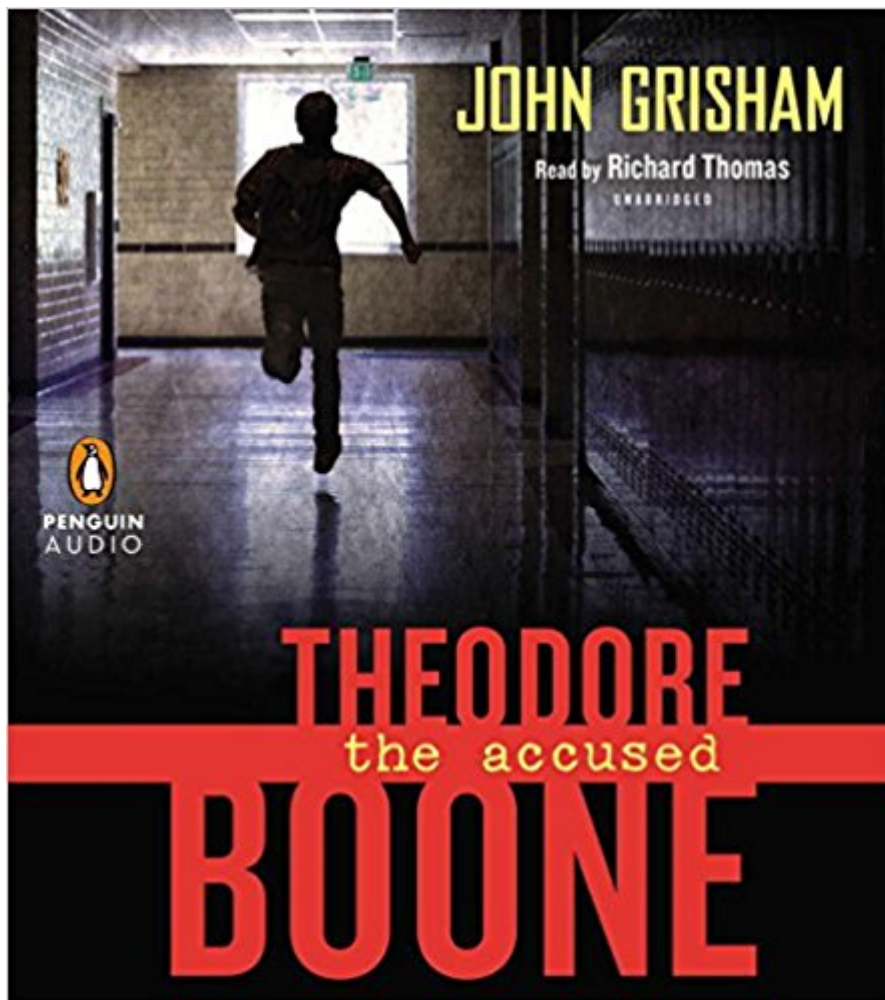




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Theodore Boone: The Accused



Synopsis

Theodore Boone is back! And he's ready for his next big case Theo Boone might only be thirteen, but he's already uncovered key evidence in a groundbreaking murder trial and discovered the truth behind his best friend's abduction. Now with the latest unfolding of events in Strattenburg, Theo will face his biggest challenge yet. Filled with the intrigue and page-turning suspense that made John Grisham a #1 international bestseller and the undisputed master of the legal thriller, Theodore Boone's adventures will keep readers enthralled until the very last page.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 6-8-Theodore Boone is being stalked. His lawyer parents are involved in a high-profile case. On the last day of the trial, Theo discovers that his locker has been broken into. Later that day, one of his bike tires is slashed. As if things couldn't get any worse, the 13-year-old becomes the main suspect after a local store is robbed and computers are found in his locker. With the help of his uncle, Theo uses his investigative skills to determine who is behind these crimes. This third book (Dutton, 2012) in John Grisham's series is suspenseful and sprinkled with humor, but at times the text sounds more like a lesson in the practice of law. The characters are endearing, and listeners will cheer for Theo. Narrator Richard Thomas does a wonderful job of engaging listeners throughout, using intonation to create emotions and suspense. Although part of the series, this title

can stand alone and would be a good choice for middle school boys who enjoy mysteries. -Lyn Gebhard, Sparta Public Library, NJ
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“John Grisham is about as good a storyteller as we’ve got.” --The New York Times Book Review-“Another swift Grisham thrillerette.” --The New York Times on The Abduction-“Theo is a terrific character, an everyman kind of kid. . . . There are many positive messages wrapped in this entertaining story that appeals to the kid in all of us.” --USA Today, on The Abduction-Added 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.” --Â 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 NewsÂ --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I had just finished reading a couple of John Grisham books, Sycamore Row and Gray Mountain, with mixed opinions of each. This book came up as a suggested one on my Kindle. After reading the first chapter I realized I had entered into Grisham’s YA fiction. The Accused is not Grisham’s first Theodore Boone, but this did not make it difficult to catch on. From the perspective of a YA work, it was an enjoyable read. Theodore is a 13 year old and the only child of two lawyers in a small town. He is an aspiring attorney that represents eccentric folk in the town’s animal court where disputes are brought over pets and livestock and anyone can either represent themselves or another person. This book involves Theodore’s involvement in a crime that he did not commit but someone is attempting to frame him for it. It’s an enjoyable story with colorful characters such as Theo’s Uncle Ike, a disbarred lawyer, who helps him investigate the crime. Overall, the book was enjoyable. Much like Harlan Coben’s Mickey Bolitar YA series, this book has a main character that is wise beyond his years and maybe a little too perfect. Theo is bookish and aspires to be a lawyer, yet is popular in school. Perhaps having a more realistic reaction to his nature in the school setting might make this book and the series just a bit more believable. I’m going to go back and give the first Theodore Boone book a try.

Imagine being called to the Principal’s Office on a Wednesday Morning... Imagine finding a DETECTIVE there, from the local cop shop. Imagine having the detective escort you to your locker,

and having the principal open your locker, only to find 3 Linx 0-4 Tablets there. Products of the burglary of the Computer store the previous night. To make matters worse, there is someone who is following Theo around with a small knife, destroying his bike tires. You will NOT believe who the culprits are, and you will not know until the end of the story. The 4th book (not bought here but available) is called 'The Activist'. Story on a par with the first three. Theo, along with his friends, and a large part of the elementary school, manage to overcome a LARGE political force. What they do, and how they DO it is page-turning enjoyment! Theodore Boone, his parents, his DOG (Judge) and his friends are unbeatable. Good people, doing the right thing. Put them all together, and WOW!!!! I can't wait for the following editions! I don't recall waiting for 'new ones' of anything like this since I was about 10! Will they catch Pete Duffy? I hope so! (He runs away in the second book.) (he was out on bail, didn't show up for the new trial)

I thoroughly enjoyed the entire series. I know this series is written for young adults but when reading these books I did not feel like I was reading books that were written for children. I found the characters relatable and was able to identify with actions and feelings in certain situations. Anxiously awaiting the next book!

I was first introduced to Theodore Boone when I purchased "Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer" by mistake. I am a 52 year-old woman and typically do not read children's books. I purchased the book because I read everything written by John Grisham and did not realize it was written for kids. I decided not to return the book and read it instead. I was so glad of my order error and purposely ordered the next two books in the series. I immediately fell in love with Theo, his friends and his quirky family. I love Judge the dog and how important he is to Theo and vice versa. The third installment in the series did not disappoint. We find Theo is in the unique position of having to defend himself as he is the accused. Many of the same characters from previous tales return, such as his uncle Ike. They feel familiar and it is nice to catch up with them. My favorite part of the book is when Theo defends Miss Petunia in Animal Court. It's fun that the "judge" asks Theo what the laws are. I was a tad disappointed that the mystery regarding a woman's murder has yet to be solved. I love the way Theo respects adults but his thoughts reveal his intelligence in how he wants to respond to adults, but out of respect holds his tongue. He is a very likable kid and it is nice that he doesn't have total disdain for all adults. He has several role models and has parents who love him and allow him to be a kid while training him to be a good person and responsible adult. I think this provides lessons for kids who read the books. His exploits are fun for me and I know kids would enjoy them

as well. I highly recommend this book for kids and adults as well. If I had children, I think it would be nice to read them together and have discussions about lessons learned from Theo's adventures.

Cant go wrong with John Grisham. I have read every book he has ever written and I have never been disappointed.

I have read all three of the current books in this series. Theodore Boone: kid lawyer, the abduction, and the accused. I have always enjoyed John Grisham's books. Kid Lawyer, is on the Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award 2012-2013 reading list, so when my 4th grader checked out this book from the Primary school library, being a fan of John Grisham, I read it. Then chose not to allow my child to read it, due to the gray area that it promotes between the parents and Theodore. These books are very well written and edited, as one would expect of any John Grisham book. However, I do not think that these books should be in a Primary or Elementary library. It is human nature to lean toward gray areas. I believe that children of any age do not need to be exposed to literature that promotes gray areas. When I tell my children that they can always come to me and tell me anything, then allow them to read books that promote deception, even temporarily, I'm sending them a mixed message. So, why did I purchase, the abduction, and the accused? It was an impulse buy, before I finished, kid lawyer. In the subsequent books the gray area becomes wider. Bottom line; wrong target audience.

I found this episode very entertaining and a fun read. As long as profanity and liberal politics are not included count me a fan!!

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