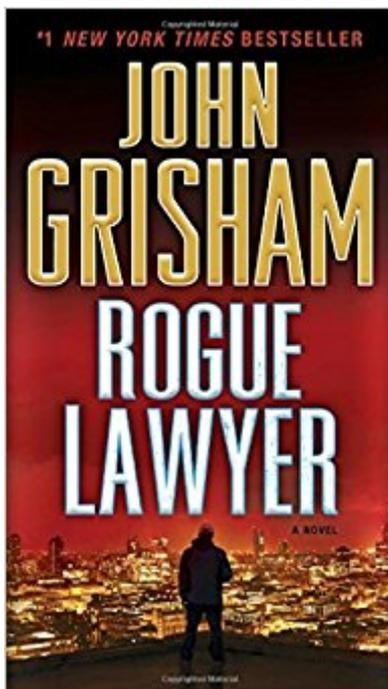


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Synopsis

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE WASHINGTON POST AND NPR • Featuring one of John Grisham's most colorful, outrageous, and vividly drawn characters yet, *Rogue Lawyer* showcases the master of the legal thriller at his very best. On the right side of the law "sort of" Sebastian Rudd is not your typical street lawyer. His office is a customized bulletproof van, complete with Wi-Fi, a bar, a small fridge, and fine leather chairs. He has no firm, no partners, and only one employee: his heavily armed driver, who also so happens to be his bodyguard, law clerk, confidant, and golf caddie. Sebastian drinks small-batch bourbon and carries a gun. He defends people other lawyers won't go near: a drug-addled, tattooed kid rumored to be in a satanic cult; a vicious crime lord on death row; a homeowner arrested for shooting at a SWAT team that mistakenly invaded his house. Why these clients? Because Sebastian believes everyone is entitled to a fair trial—even if he has to bend the law to secure one. Praise for *Rogue Lawyer* • "Terrific . . . inventive . . . Grisham still makes it look easy." • "Maureen Corrigan, *The Washington Post* • "Sebastian Rudd is . . . a kind of twenty-first-century Philip Marlowe . . . with a blunt, rude, gravelly poetic wiseguy voice." • "Benjamin Percy, *The New York Times Book Review* • "Deeply engaging and entertaining . . . [Grisham finds] intense drama in the little skirmishes that play out across our legal system every day." • "Charles Finch, *USA Today* • "Grisham has taken a step in an intriguing new direction." • "Janet Maslin, *The New York Times*

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Customer Reviews

This most recent effort by John Grisham follows an attorney who practices in the Fifteenth Circuit of the United States in federal and state court. His name is Sebastian Rudd and what makes Rudd unique compared to most attorneys is his willingness to accept clients no other attorney would take. These range for an accused child molester/murderer, a rage prone boxer, a crime don eager to escape death row, and a man with ties to human trafficking. His most important client, however, is himself for the often acrimonious custody hearings he faces against his ex-wife. Accompanying him at all times are his silent bodyguard Partner and a heavily armored van that serves as both office and transportation. The novel unfortunately often felt like a collection of short stories pasted together, with Rudd as the only figure who maintains a continuous narrative. Rather than focus on one trial throughout the entire book, every thirty to forty pages Rudd will win or lose a particular case and then move on. While this may accurately reflect the life of defense attorneys, it unfortunately does little to flesh out the characters into ones the reader can actively sympathize with or despise. Similarly, despite Rudd's repeated proclamations that he is a rogue lawyer, he actually is a pretty honest one. While he is willing to pay cops for information and occasionally represents bad characters, about the only sanction-worthy act he commits throughout the course of the novel is bribing a court clerk to get a particular judge to hear his civil suit. Despite these flaws, Grisham clearly displays that he was (and still is) an attorney. He has a good handle on the minutiae of courtroom criminal procedure and paints a portrait of an attorney whose character, while exaggerated, is believable.

â ^Rogue Lawyerâ ™â | well, they certainly nailed this title. Iâ ™ll not torture you with the usual jokes about lawyers that we love to hate, rather Iâ ™ll torture you with having you read this review instead of reading this wonderful book. John Grisham is a talent, but even I thought he was hard pressed to try and get me to like Sebastian. A lawyer who doesn't play by the rules and who defends the scum of societyâ | yeah, I need his address so I can send a Christmas card. And that is just the surface stuff. As you read this book youâ ™ll find out more about this guy that would make a cat hanging out at a San Francisco wharf refuse spill turn up his nose. But as I read more and more of this story, I found myself (kind of) liking this guy. But that may have something to do with his supporting cast: Judithâ | itâ ™s been a long time since Iâ ™ve read a book where I wished for the death of a character as much as I did this (removed bad word because of â ™s rules) woman. I set aside a special type of hate for her. Then thereâ ™s Tadeoâ | this guy has the brain of Kendra Wilkinson and the arrogance of Trump. Had this book been longer I would have sued the Grisham estate for

neck injury due to my head shaking. Rounding out this cess pool circle of friends is Arch. If Dr. Frankenstein were to ever to experiment with sleazy ooze, Arch would be itâ™s ordure. Thatâ™s all Iâ™m going to say because I feel the need to shower just typing his name. Now keep in mind, those are the headliners. There are a ton of extras who colorfully add their own crime spice to this broth of filth. Grisham truly shows us the bottom of the barrel with the clients AND the lawyer. Now this book did have a different feel to it.

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