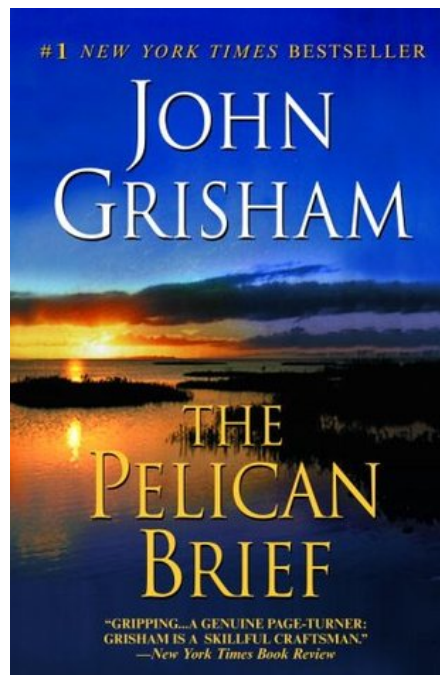




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In suburban Georgetown a killer's Reeboks whisper on the front floor of a posh home... In a seedy D.C. porno house a patron is swiftly garroted to death... The next day America learns that two of its Supreme Court justices have been assassinated. And in New Orleans, a young law student prepares a legal brief... To Darby Shaw it was no more than a legal shot in the dark, a brilliant guess. To the Washington establishment it was political dynamite. Suddenly Darby is witness to a murder -- a murder intended for her. Going underground, she finds there is only one person she can trust -- an ambitious reporter after a newsbreak hotter than Watergate -- to help her piece together the deadly puzzle. Somewhere between the bayous of Louisiana and the White House's inner sanctums, a violent cover-up is being engineered. For someone has read Darby's brief. Someone who will stop at nothing to destroy the evidence of an unthinkable crime.

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Ana M. Román says

Acabo de terminarlo hace apenas unos momentos. Debo decir que me ha gustado pero me gustó más La Confesión. Me parece evidente que es uno de sus primeros trabajos, es menos legalista que el anterior que menciono y usa más los típicos elementos usados para agradar a un público más amplio, incluido cierto componente romántico sutil. Además es mucho más comedido en sus críticas ya que aunque las hay son más del tipo que todo el mundo sabe y siempre dejan de lado que las que nos encontramos en La Confesión.

Sobre la trama, no iba tanto acerca de descubrir quién estaba detrás de todo, que también había algo de eso, sino acerca de cómo se desarrollaba todo, de cómo llegaban hasta él. Esta, a fin de parecer presuntuosa en mi afirmación con solo dos libros del autor leídos, parece ser una característica de John Grisham que no me desagrada.

Creo que de este autor me gustan más sus libros con más componente legalista, deformación profesional supongo.

Por supuesto se trata de un gran exponente del género y una lectura muy recomendable. Sus capítulos cortos, sus continuos cambios de perspectiva y su ritmo rápido que se mantiene a lo largo de todo el libro con continos descubrimientos hacen de este libro una lectura amena, rápida e interesante.

Ahmad Sharabiani says

The Pelican Brief, John Grisham

Taut thriller about a young law student whose legal brief about the assassination of two Supreme Court justices causes her to be targeted by killers. She realizes just how accurate her accusations have been when her lover and mentor is murdered. Forced to go on the run in New Orleans, she is aided by a journalist who helps her unravel a conspiracy involving senior government figures.

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Emma says

4 stars. ????????

I was so intrigued by this plot, the story had me engaged throughout and I really enjoyed it. Highly recommend if you're a fan of John Grisham's work!

Kiersten says

This book was a lot more suspenseful and entertaining than I thought it would be. I don't know why I thought it would be so boring, since John Grisham is so popular. It was incredibly suspenseful at parts. It was the first book I'd read by Grisham, so I really didn't know what was coming. I had three problems with it: 1) Although, like I said, the book as a whole was really suspenseful, I thought the end was a bit anticlimatic. 2) The environmentalism was a bit heavy handed. I'm all about preserving the environment, but I don't like being hit over the head by it. Darby could get a bit preachy at times. 3) I didn't think that Darby was a very good characterization. She didn't feel real. Towards the end she said something like, "It's not fair; we used my brains, looks, and legs, and you get all the glory." Despite whatever Grisham's fantasies may be, women do not talk like that, nor do they obsess over their legs and toenails as much as Darby did, and if they do, everyone hates them. But all in all it was a great book.

Cathie says

I worked at a law firm where part of the movie was filmed. When Julia Roberts's character goes into a law firm to ask for a particular lawyer only to find out that he no longer works there and she leaves, that is my old firm. It is an ornate marble lobby with a small stream of water in the middle of the lobby. She goes through a glass door and can either go up an escalator or up some stairs to the reception desk, which overlooks the lobby. The walls are all glass and she can see across the floor into the conference room where the receptionist goes. I had just interviewed there before I saw the movie and was having major deja vu while watching the movie.

Carmun says

¡Esta bastante bien! Aunque me esperaba un final un poco más impactante.

Rebecca McNutt says

The Pelican Brief is darker than Grisham's usual works, but it's still very well-written and original, and its descriptions of characters and scenery are very vivid and realistic.

Tom Barnes says

Washington wakes up to the gruesome news that two members of the Supreme Court have been murdered overnight. The shocking part was in their diversity. The old, should have retired years ago, Democrat Justice Rosenberg and the younger Republican Justice Jensen. The fact that they were almost always on opposite sides of any issue left law enforcement with no clear political motive. The only clues left behind seemed to be ones of the killer's choosing. A nylon cord used to garrote Jensen as he sat in a movie house watching a porno film. The Rosenberg affair was messy – three people dead, three 22-caliber bullets to the head of each victim Rosenberg, a guard and an aid.

Down in bayou country Tulane University law professor Thomas Callahan on hearing the news got roaring drunk to ease the pain. Rosenberg was one of his idols and he couldn't believe the end had come.

While the whole country pondered the reason behind the killings Darby Shaw, a bright law student and bed partner of professor Callahan turns sleuth. Ms. Shaw pores over the current Supreme Court docket and eventually comes up with a promising case. And for the next four days she shuffles through pages of affidavits detailing lies and abuses by lawyers and their clients.

In the end Darby Shaw writes an eight-page draft of what will later be called the Pelican Brief. Shaw is only half convinced that she is on to something, however, in spite of her skepticism she turns the pages over to Callahan.

Callahan attends the Rosenberg funeral in Washington and passes the brief along to a colleague. And once copies of those pages get into the wrong hands Darby Shaw becomes the hunted.

John Grisham takes us through a fast paced cat and mouse investigation, and in the end solves the puzzle to everyone's satisfaction.

Annet says

Read it years ago, remember I liked it, entertaining read. I used to like reading Grisham's books, maybe I'll try a new one soon, sort of lost track of all the books he wrote in the past years.

Tina Suraj says

My first Grisham novel and probably my last. The book was much too formulaic and a bit dull (not for an avid mystery reader and an adrenaline junkie) though at certain points it was a fast page turner. The plot was really weak. Maybe this environmental conspiracy plot was breakthrough in the 90s but in 2010, it's a tad bit overused and overdone. What made this book unbearable was Grisham characterization of Darby. She is the generic 90s heroine...extremely smart, absolutely stunning, with a spunky attitude with zero faults...making her unrelatable. And her romance with Callahan and Grantham was oh-so-predictable. Apparently, for Grisham, damsel in distress always needs to be attached to a white knight.

Stefania T. says

John Grisham: primo fatale incontro.

'Il rapporto Pelican' è un libro "da apnea", ovvero appartiene a quel genere di libri che ti lasciano come unica via d'uscita la totale immersione. Non puoi smettere di leggere, il demone della frenesia da lettura si impossessa di tutte le tue facoltà fisiche e mentali, perciò non puoi fare altro che arrivare, in preda all'ingordigia, all'ultima pagina.

Tanto di cappello! Quante volte mi è capitato di avere la necessità fisica e mentale di letture simili? In questi momenti si scatenano con più forza la mia passione per i libri e la gratitudine ai rispettivi autori.

Allora come potrei spiegare un giudizio così mediocre?

Mentre scrivo osservo e scruto alla mia destra la copertina di quello che viene considerato uno dei "migliori Grisham". Se qualcuno mi stesse osservando in questo momento, sul mio volto coglierebbe il ritratto della delusione. Della delusione più assoluta.

Il "grande" Grisham è tutto qui?

L'articolazione della trama è inesistente ed il suo contenuto è stucchevolmente lineare e scontato.

Letto il primo capitolo, è possibile immaginare a grandi linee quanto verrà raccontato nei capitoli successivi. Lo spessore e l'introspezione dei personaggi sono paramentri dell'altro mondo, è già tanto se Grisham abbia deciso di donar loro un nome proprio. Sono figuranti scontati, banali, insipidi e anonimi.

Devo essere onesta: il mio pessimo giudizio può essere stato influenzato in maniera massiccia dalle aspettative che negli ultimi anni ho alimentato nei confronti di Grisham. Ed è sempre un'ardua impresa, in questi casi, dimostarsi all'altezza.

Probabilmente non sono in grado di cogliere il talento di uno scrittore osannato in tutte le salse perchè non riesco a considerare che ciò che ormai viene considerato "banale" è in realtà l'originalità di Grisham ripresa in tutti i modi possibili dagli scrittori venuti dopo di lui. E' davvero così? E' forse Grisham il "capostipite di un genere" imitato poi da tutti?

Non sono sicura che possa essere assolto dall'accusa di banalità, non è un classico, ha scritto negli anni '80/'90 dopotutto, non ha inventato nulla.

Non mi fermerò qui, ma continuerò ad addentrarmi nel mondo Grisham per dimostrare tutta la mia buona volontà.

Diciamo che, per ora, effettuate le indagini preliminare, John Grisham è rinviato a giudizio. ^_^

Michael Finocchiaro says

I read this when it came out and I was a restless teenager. I never saw the movie. I only gave it three stars because I remember it being exciting but still considered it pulp fiction. Perhaps the topic of assassinated Supreme Court justices over environmentalism will become a more relevant topic soon and it merits a re-read? Or not.

Andre Gonzalez says

This book actually had me sweating at certain parts. Such fantastic suspense and drama. The last quarter of the book flew by because I simply couldn't put it down!

Whitney says

i had read a less well-known grisham book, and was pretty disappointed, so i decided to read this one, which is supposedly one of his best. terrible ending, tedious story for the most part. if you can read quickly you might not think you're wasting your time on this book.

Raymond says

I read this book when I was a freshman in high school. I was looking for a book to read for a book report in my English class and the librarian suggested that I read The Pelican Brief. I read it and the rest is history. 15 years and 36 books later, I'm still reading Grisham's books. He is my favorite author and it all started with this novel.
