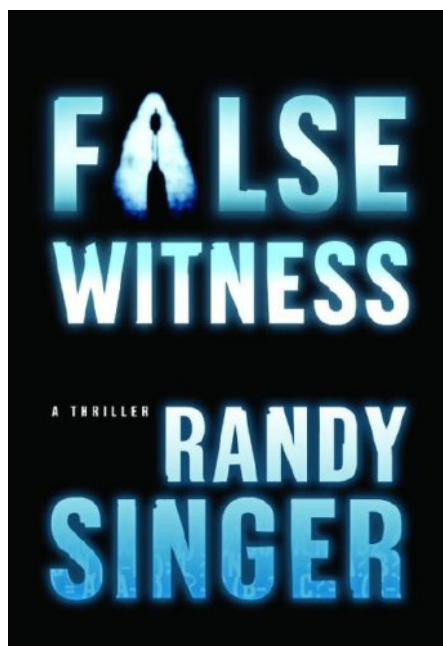




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An Explosive Secret.

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An Unreliable Witness.

Three ambitious law students at a local legal aid clinic watch as their routine case representing a man named David Hoffman ignites an incendiary trail of deception and betrayal. A member of the witness protection program, Hoffman has defrauded the government and eluded the Mob's pursuit of his stunning secret: a coded algorithm capable of crippling the Internet and disarming national security.

Because of the intense threat posed by such a code, federal agents want Hoffman dead or alive. But the Mob wants him alive, more than willing to obtain the algorithm by whatever means necessary. And the would-be lawyers—caught in the middle of this deadly triangle—must overcome their differences and work together if they're to survive long enough to graduate.

Bestselling author Randy Singer offers up his most dynamic legal thriller yet in a story based on his own real-life experience as an attorney assisting the U.S. Witness Protection Program. With page-turning suspense and heart-stopping twists, *False Witness* delivers on every level.

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Tiffiane says

I wish that Goodreads had an option for half stars, because this book is one of those. I would give it a 3.5.

When I first read the description of this book, I was very excited to read it. After the first 25 pages, I was thinking to myself, "huh? am I reading the right book?" because part 1 in it's entirety had nothing whatsoever to do with the summary of the book I read. Then when I finally got to part 2, I realized that part 1 was like a back-story, a summary of "what came before", leading up to what transpired next.

I have to say that I found part 1 somewhat boring. It wasn't until nearly 3/4 way through that things started to pick up. Once Clark was in mortal danger of retaliation from the mob and his wife Jessica being kidnapped, *that's* when I thought to myself, ok, this is a GOOD book!

Maybe the summary of the book I read before I started reading the actual book sort of soured me to it, but I found part 1 rather detached from the rest of the book. About half way through part 2, things finally started to connect together and I started to understand why the book was written in the manner it was. I think if perhaps the summary of the book had included something about Professor Kumari, or the link to Mangalore India, even just a few words, it would've made more sense to the reader when they first pick up the book and they wouldn't be quite as confused as I was reading the first 100 pages.

Once I got to the middle of the book, it read very quickly, I couldn't turn the pages fast enough to read what happened next. I became entirely engrossed in the story surrounding Isaiah, Jaime, Wellington, Stacie, David, Drew, Snead, Carzak and Parcelli.

I enjoyed the somewhat tender and budding romance that seemed to start between Drew and Jaime, and was also really disappointed that it never even made it off the ground past a simple one-sided kiss. I kept thinking, come on! Then later, I was just outraged that he completely betrayed Jaime in the way he did, and was upset that Drew ended up not being who I thought he was, nor what Jaime thought he was. She got her own back at the end in the way she handled things, which was great for her! Singer did a great job developing her character.

All in all, this was a solid read, but I think it could've used a bit more development, and a different way of editing the pieces together that would've made more sense. Towards the end of the book, I was thinking inside my head that it would be great if this was the start of a series, because the characters all really had a lot of room to grow. Then, as it turns out, Jaime will be returning in another book. I so totally hope that all the rest of them return as well!

Thanks to Tyndale House Publishers and NetGalley for allowing me the opportunity to read this story for free!

Tammy G. says

Not having read any books by Randy Singer I wasn't sure what to expect. I can only say, "WOW!", "INCREDIBLE!" How did he come up with THIS story? I know he tells

us at the very first of this read on the Author's Note page how he came up with this story but REALLY this story is INCREDIBLE!

In researching Randy Singer I found out that this book, False Witness, was originally published on June 28, 2007. Because of the many recent historical events and advances in technology, the author believed it was necessary to make substantial changes; therefore, False Witness is a Christian version of the best James Bond movie and John Grisham novel all rolled into one book. Since I didn't read the first book I don't know what changes were made in this 2011 copy.

I've been longing for a great not run.of.the.mill or mundane thriller/suspense book. So, to be honest when I received this book to review I thought the cover looked...well, boring! Was I ever wrong!

From the first page I was taken into a world of algorithms (a set of rules for solving a problem in a finite number of steps, as for finding the greatest common divisor). This whole story centers around a professor who has found the key to unlocking ALL encryptions in the computer world. This means whoever holds this algorithm holds the key to unlocking billions of dollars from peoples accounts all over the world-simply by logging into the internet. INCREDIBLE! (is this really made up?!?!).

As one continues on into the read we are introduced at a VERY fast pace to Clark Shealy (bail bondsman) and his lovely wife, Jessica. I like Clark because he has heart! He truly doesn't like hurting people but he also has a very strong desire for justice to be served.

Then enter the Xu...not a likable fellow.

Xu wants Professor Kumari who now is the only living soul who know the algorithm. Jessica is captured by Xu's men and kept as the ransom until Clark delivers Kumari.

There is MUCH action, some torture, little romance and probably one of the BEST thrillers I have ever read! Learning about India, the intricate world of the web, and how true justice lives are probably the top three things I gleaned from this read!

If you love a a thriller that leaves your heart pounding and an ending that just.can't.be.guessed then this the read for you! INCREDIBLE!

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Larisha says

I have been a fan of Randy Singer for years, as I enjoy legal thrillers, and I like the way he weaves Christianity into the story line and areas in Georgia, as it was once home for us.

Because this is a suspense/thriller, the plot takes the reader on some crazy spins, unexpected turns, keeping you on the edge of your seat, and your fingers gripping the pages. There were so many interesting characters in 'False Witness', from Professor Dagan, who discovered the algorithm - that is the 'key to every lock', to bounty-hunter/repo artist Clark Shealy (a.k.a. David Hoffman), to the ambitious law students Isaiah, Jamie, and Wellington.

The plot was great, and it's been a while since I read about what people go through in the Witness Protection Program, so I really enjoyed that angle and what it added to the story. Randy did his homework on this book and it shows in every aspect of this plot.

Katie says

This is the first book I have read by Randy Singer, and, wow, is it an awesome thriller! I loved every second I spent in this book, breathlessly reading and unable to stop. (And, yes, it is now a favorite thriller!) I was a

bit confused how this book would be, since the synopsis has Clark going through something, and then Jamie goes through another thing four years later. I didn't understand how the time-lapse would work into the story, so just decided to start reading. And I am glad I did! It all made sense in the end and made for a totally awesome book!

There are many characters in this book and Randy brought each of them to life through his book. Clark and Jessica were amazingly strong people. I can't imagine going through what those two did. And seeing the love they had for each other was very sweet. My heart bled for Clark as he tried to rescue Jessica because the mafia could bring her harm. That first part of the book was so intense! And when Jamie entered the picture with her law student peers, Isaiah and Wellington, the plot continued to thicken and build. Jamie was fun to get to know and I liked her strengths and independence. Isaiah was just plain cool! He was one of my favorites. All the characters in False Witness were amazing and unforgettable.

If you didn't know, suspense/thrillers are my all-time favorite genre. So I love a plot that will take me for crazy spins, unexpected turns, keeping me on the edge of my seat, and my fingers gripping the pages. And that is what I found in False Witness. The plot was amazing. I haven't read a book before about people going through the Witness Protection Program, so really enjoyed that angle and what it added to the story. Randy did his homework on this book and it shows in every aspect of this plot. There is a lot of violence and torture in this book, so younger teen readers might not be comfortable with that--which is pretty heavy in this book from blowing out kneecaps to threatening to do surgery on a victim without any pain medication. I didn't find this a problem for me, but others might.

Randy's writing style is unique and vivid. There wasn't as much dialog and a lot of telling. I like books with a lot of dialog and more showing, but this is the author's style. And the adventures and peril that the characters went through—and the awesome time I had just reading the book—made me not even notice it after a while, I was so caught up in the story!

What else can I say about this amazing book? It was just awesome! This is the first book I have read by him, and it will not be my last. He is an author worth looking out for as he continues to write. And when I flipped through the last few pages at the back of the book after I finished the story, I was ecstatic to find out that Jamie Brock's story will continue in The Last Plea Bargain that comes out next year. How cool! I loved getting to know Jamie and, hopefully, I will get to know more about Isaiah and Wellington as well! False Witness is a rip-roaring adventure that you need to experience! I highly recommend it!

Cheryl says

Professor Kumari and his business partner, Rajat have developed a program that tons of business owners would kill for. In fact that is exactly what happens when a business meeting goes south, Kumari finds himself on the run and a wanted man.

Professional bail bondsman, Clark Shealy finds himself in a situation that he can not lose. Some really evil and desperate men have kidnapped Clark's wife. Clark only has forty eight hours to track down and turn Kumari into the men. Just how much is another person's life worth?

Attorney Jamie Brock uncovers some shocking surprises with her latest case.

Mr. Singer does it again. He brings the drama, powerful story line and good characters in False Witness. If you have never read a Randy Singer novel, you have lived under a rock as you don't know what you are missing out on. This book starts out with a big bang...literally. To be honest, while I did enjoy reading this book, I found Clark's story more interesting than when the story changed to Jamie at first. At the end, when

everything was being tied together, I did become hooked again.

Libby says

This was a 3.5 stars for me but I almost always round up and I have read several of his books that I thought were solid 4's. I listened to the audiobook version of this and it was a little hard to follow as such. If you are familiar with Mr Singer's work you won't be disappointed it just may not be your favorite and if you aren't familiar I would pick another of his titles as your first read.

Content: No language or sex

Laura says

Randy Singer's book, False Witness, starts out with the gritty, hard scenes of a bail bondsman's detective work. It's raw, it's real, and it's believable, especially when we find out the Chinese mafia are involved. Clark Shealy is the bail bondsman doing the detective work, and the bond is the release of his wife after he finds the abacus algorithm and the Indian Professor, Kumari, who created it.

Four years later in the time warp of the book, the story turns into a legal thriller when three young law students, Jamie Brock, Isaiah Haywood, and Wellington Farnsworth, under the tutelage of Professor Walter Snead, are approached by David Hoffman in the legal aid clinic for the poor who need representation. Hoffman and his wife, Stacie, are in the witness protection program, and are accused of endangering national security by the government as they have possession of the algorithm and won't hand it over to them. So now the FBI and the Chinese mafia are threatening them.

Some, as did I, may recognize parts of this book from a previous writing with the same title. However, this new version appropriates the original plan Randy Singer had in regards to the Dalits ministry. The greater portion of the book has such substantial changes that it will pique your interests in the typical manner of Singer's books.

The legal thriller portion of False Witness will have you gripping your seats, as the pace and twists of the scenarios turn in rapid succession, with ever-increasing danger. The palpable danger of each character is just as raw, real and believable as the detective portion of the book. Randy reaches into the psyches of the law students, as they feel like they are out of their realm, not knowing who to trust. It reaches into your own emotions and fears. The faith of Jamie and Stacie helps keep them stable through prayer, trusting that all will turn out in God's way and timing, and that Professor Kumari's wish will be upheld.

As usual, you will find the ending to be as astonishing as his others books. You still won't know who is telling the truth or who can be trusted. It's just the nature of the FBI beast. But it will still bring you back to reading his next book regardless. It's what makes for a Randy Singer book!

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Dina M Coulter says

Did not put it down

Great read. Randy can weave a fantastic tale that keeps you turning the page. You will not be disappointed when you pick up this book.

Nora St Laurent says

Brilliant story! Randy Singer has written a masterpiece that I'd like to see on the Big Screen! False Witness is filled with an array of multi-dimensional characters. Some of them I felt for and others were nerdy but fun. There were also a few bad guys that I loved to hate! Randy helped you not to feel bad about their demise!

Randy hooked me from the first page and never let me go! I liked how the author paced this story by breaking down the book into sections which helped build the suspense, and drama while letting the reader get to know his characters and their situations well. I was spellbound.

It starts out with the epilogue called The Professor. I loved the quote Randy starts with, it definitely describes the professor, "Courage if fear that has said its prayers. By Dorothy Bernard."

Part one called Bounty Hunter, kicks the story into high gear when Clark Shealy – bounty hunter and his wife Jessica, find themselves in a life and death situation. Clark goes to repo a client's car at a plastic surgeons office. This is the beginning of Clark's horrible, no good, bad day at the surgeons' office. Their world changes forever when Clark discovers his wife is kidnapped and he's willing to do whatever it takes to get her back.

Randy writes, "Clark was not the same man who crawled out of bed yesterday morning, focused on chasing the American dream while living on the slippery outer slopes of legality.

He had a killer's mentality now...There was no question if he had the guts to take someone's life in order to save his wife. The only question now was whether he'd be able to stop."

Part two was called The Law Students – In enters three law students hoping to practice law and make a difference in peoples lives, as they fight for justice. Their lives are forever changed when they take on a case at the legal aids office that has them in harms way. They wouldn't read about a case like this in the text books they had for school. Who could they trust to help them get out of this mess? Quickly the drama turns surreal! Never in their wildest dreams did they think their first case would involve the Chinese mafia, U.S. Marshalls and the FBI! Would they all live to see another day?

Part Three – The Code – quote, "Where there is mystery, it is generally suspected there must also be evil." Oh my, he's so right. Why all the drama, suspense and murder? What do all these people have in common and want? The Code! The code to what you ask? The code to the master key – the key to every lock to every thing encrypted on the internet! Who is the keeper of the Code? How can they find the keeper and get the code at the same time? Now that is the question?

Part Four – The Deal – quote, "There are two tragedies in life: One is not to get your heart's desire. The other is to get it" by George Bernard Shaw."

Randy shows this in a powerful way. Oh, the deals people are willing to make to obtain the most powerful key of all – the code. Riveting!

Part Five – The Witness – "There is no honor among thieves – Who can you trust?"

No one but God! "A false witness will not go unpunished, and one who utters lies perishes." Proverbs 19:9.

Randy brings this scripture and quote to life in this intricate, compelling drama in a race against time and bad guys to find the code before it gets into the wrong hands and destroys life as everyone knows it.

Each segment builds onto each other until the reader is mesmerized, has their heart-racing and up late reading to reach the stories climatic conclusion. I also enjoyed these characters moral dilemma's as the searched to find the code and save our way of life. Did the ends justify the means? The spiritual thread was naturally woven into his fast paced story line. I loved every second of this book I couldn't put down.

Who better to give the reader the inside scoop into the legal world than Randy Singer, who is an adjunct Professor at Regent University Law School, has his own law practice and has tried numerous cases in State and Federal court! Randy lifts the veil for a peek into the inner workings of the court system, law school and everything in-between.

Thanks Randy for a book I couldn't stop reading, for characters I cared about and a story that brought me outside myself and had me look at life through a scope I didn't realize could affect the world at large. This was such a true to life story, moving and powerful in every way. Now that I know the ending I'll definitely read this book again to catch the things I know I might have missed. I've read several of Randy's books so far and this one is his best! Definitely a book to read!

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Sherry Beaubriand says

This book surprised me as I was about ready to put it away and then it got very interesting and had lots of surprises. Will have to find more by this author

Natalie Vellacott says

I received this book free as it was damaged. I was interested in the plot after reading the back cover although

I wouldn't usually choose the action/suspense genre. I only managed to read about a quarter of it and had to give up due to the graphic torture scenes and constant violence which actually made me feel ill at one point. The main character turns virtually into a madman within the first few chapters and his behaviour spirals into uncontrollable violence which he himself cannot believe....nor could I!

What was especially troubling was the Bible verse references in various places as if this is a Christian book. I noticed that other readers have been irritated by the Scripture references and the way the author seems to be trying to convert them. I find it bizarre that a Christian author would write a book with so much graphic violence and then insert Bible quotations as if this somehow makes it okay....why not leave God out of it altogether and openly write for the secular market rather than mingling Christianity with worldliness?

I do not recommend this book for Christian readers.

Laurie B says

The beginning section was too violent for me. I almost gave up, but it was ok in the end.

Ibjoy1953 Hannabass says

Clark Shealy was a Las Vegas bail bondsman, and he was pretty good at his job. His assistant was none other than his wife Jessica, who was a good partner, keeping things in order. When Clark finds out Jessica is kidnapped by the Chinese Mafia and he only has 48 hours to supply them with a professor, and alive not dead, he is devastated. Professor Kumari has the algorithm, an internet code that could break all the encryptions on the internet and the Chinese Mafia would do anything to get their hands on it. This sends Shealy on a dangerous journey of a lifetime for fear of what would happen to his wife. Clark's journey takes him into dangerous situations, breaking the law, things he normally would never do, for the return of his wife, but it is always a dead end. Finally, he receives the phone call that gives him access to Kumari. This is where the thriller really takes off taking you to through unbelievable twists and turns until the last page!

This was my first Randy Singer book, and I'm hooked! This book is filled with fast paced action from the first pages to the last. The plot is so unpredictable with so many twists and turns throughout the book. Just when you think you've figured something out, the action takes another twist and it's like, here we go again! The author was a genius in creating the characters, they are just like real! Each character, and their part in the story were just perfect to make it the page turner thriller it is. And an interesting twist was using law students Wellington Farnsworth, Isaiah Haywood and Jamie Brock to represent some of the most vicious criminals in the world, something most wouldn't think about I am sure.

I really like the way Singer writes this thriller suspense, and also incorporates the Bible and Christ in the story as well. Though it's not dominated, he clearly gives the gospel and how God can change a life when committing you life to Him. As the tag line in the story says; "The government can give you a new identity, But only Christ can change your life. What an amazing truth this is. If you like Thrillers, I highly recommend this book to you. It is well worth your read.

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Matt says

A great novel by Singer, looking at Witness Protection and the complexities of mathematical equations. Singer lessens the 'Christian preaching' in this novel, but his signature mention of religion remains.

The book is split into parts, telling different aspects of a great story spanning 4 years. From repo men, to law school students, to WITSEC, Singer uses his expertise to weave a great story.

Had wished for more 'law' and less thriller, but I enjoyed the overall story and the characters remains believable.

Jennifer Robb says

It took me a while to figure out this book. The first part seemed to have nothing to do with the back cover blurb--it actually ended up being set up for the rest of the book, but the reader didn't know that until partway through the second part of the book.

Once we met the law students, I started to enjoy the book more. I liked the characters of Jamie Brock and Wellington Farnsworth. (The other student lawyer not so much, though I do have to say he was very loyal to the other two.) The idea of an algorithm that can easily factor the prime numbers making up security codes worldwide is intriguing. I can see where many groups (some legal and some not so legal) would want something like that.

There's a lot of deception in this book. Shealy/Hoffman didn't really lie when they said they didn't have the algorithm but they omitted that Dagan had told Mr. Shealy that he would send the coded algorithm by email and then send someone with the code key later. Snead seems to be playing everyone to get immunity and a new life for himself. Jacobsen and other law enforcement are willing to let Brock think the bad guys have kidnapped her to further their agenda, as well as killing Brock's dog.

Brock is motivated by wanting justice for her mother (and later for her dog), but in the end she chooses not to lie under oath in order to get what she wants. She also seems to be trying to keep herself from considering crossing ethical lines when she does become a lawyer.

Farnsworth also chooses the higher path when he has ethical dilemmas. He chooses to keep his knowledge of the algorithm secret and regards it as a gift from God as well as a charge from God. He struggles with whether to lie under oath (though in the end, he is not faced with that dilemma thanks to the loyalty of one of his new friends). He's one of the few who didn't seem to be in it for the money.

By the end, I was turning pages wanting to see how the book ended up--though I suspected some of the plot twists before they were confirmed by the author.

David Yount says

I like legal thrillers, but this one was a little too murky for me. I like a good twist, but this one had multiple twists - some that I saw coming and some that I didn't because they didn't add much to the story. I wished it would have been better.

Lynne Curry says

Kept me engrossed the whole time.

Kim says

Good Read!

Renee says

Author Randy Singer is donating every penny from the sale of his novel False Witness to the Dalit Freedom Network. "Singer was moved by the plight of the Dalit children, struggling to throw off the yoke of oppression and replace it with real freedom and dignity, so he committed to do his part. He believes that 'no child should be untouchable.'" Here's what Singer's press release shares about the Dalits . . .

"India is a land of civil rights, in theory, but of brutal oppression, in fact—especially for the 165 million members of the Dalits, India's lowest caste. During Randy Singer's first trip to India a few years ago, he saw firsthand the systemic oppression of the Dalits (formerly known as untouchables) through the Hindu caste system. Singer was astonished by the fact that the world's largest democracy was also a breeding ground for the world's largest human-trafficking operations, that it would allow the exploitation of 15 million children in bonded labor."

"But there is a silver lining. A bond was formed between the Dalits and Christians.

The Dalits began asking the church to help educate their children. Hundreds of schools sprang up, providing thousands of Dalit children with an English-based education (critical to landing good jobs) and newfound self-respect. The Dalits responded with another invitation: 'If this is the Christian faith, come start a church in our village.' The result is that millions of Dalits and other Indians are coming to Christ, drawn by a religion that believes the ground is equal at the foot of the cross."

How can you help? You can visit the Dalit Freedom Network site to read about donating and other types of involvement. Or you can purchase Randy's book, False Witness.

Is the book worth it? My answer is a resounding, yes! In their review of False Witness, Publisher's Weekly called Randy Singer the Christian John Grisham, and this novel earned a starred review from Booklist.

The tagline for the book hints at the secrets in this fascinating story: "The government can change an identity, but it cannot change a life."

The action centers around bail bondsman Clark Shealy, his wife Jessica, and law student Jamie Brock. These characters are brought together by Clark's association with a brilliant Indian Christian man, who created a powerful equation called the Abacus Algorithm. Federal agents and the Chinese Mafia also have a strong interest in the equation. The novel is part thriller and part courtroom drama with the deeper issues of faith, such as, Christian ethics, true justice, and mercy, thrown into the mix.

As a reader, I really appreciated how Randy Singer took a Grisham-esque plot and invested it with Christian characters whose choices reflect eternal values. And I loved seeing people of faith face down realistic contemporary villains with strength of purpose and hope for the future. False Witness and Randy Singer are high on my list of favorites!

Keep in mind that by purchasing False Witness, you'll be treating yourself to an exciting story and helping folks who sorely need it at the same time. Two for the price of one!

T says

Lots of twists and turns in the book.
