

## **The Runaway Jury**

**By John Grisham**

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If you enjoy a good legal thriller, then this is surely the book for you. *The Runaway Jury*, by John Grisham, is a “sit on the edge of your seat” novel that focuses on how big corporations can control the outcome of a trial through jury tampering. Written in the third person, the main character in this book is a juror named Nicholas Easter. He seems to be a “normal” man, who seemingly keeps to himself for the most part and only casually speaks with other jury members at the most opportune times. As the novel unfolds, we can begin to sense that Nicholas Easter is up to more than meets the eye.

What makes this novel especially great is how, as the reader, you’re never quite sure which side Easter is playing for. It’s obvious he’s up to something, but what his intentions are or where his end goals actually sit are masterly hidden in a way that only John Grisham can do. The actual trial itself is centered around Big Tobacco and how they utilize their money and influence to manipulate trial outcomes. Throughout the novel, Easter seems to be one step ahead of everyone else, but never lets on to what his real angle is.

This is a wonderful read for any young adult who enjoys a good suspenseful book that keeps your attention and will routinely make you re-read specific parts to see if you can figure out his real intentions. It also provides viewpoints from the other characters in the novel, showing you how every person may not be what they seem. In the end, the book explores the various themes of corruption, manipulation, and justice. It’s a fast-paced book that will surely keep you reading through each chapter as if you’re binge watching a show on Netflix. Highly recommend.

### **Recommended Titles:**

The Rainmaker, by John Grisham

Southern Man, by Greg Iles

The Only One Left, by Riley Sager