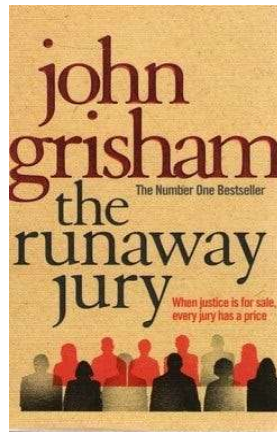


BOOK REVIEW

Name of the Book- The Runaway Jury

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“When Justice is for sale every Jury has a price”

Every jury has a leader, and the verdict belongs to him. In Biloxi, Mississippi, a landmark tobacco trial with hundreds of millions of dollars at stake begins routinely, then swerves mysteriously off course.

This book addresses the themes of justice, vengeance, and redemption. For this one, whether justice is served will depend on one’s view of the parties involved in the story. There is an undercurrent of vengeance. No redemption, at least at the moral and spiritual level. This is the second Grisham novel I’ve read, and I’d rank it as the second best one. It’s not a thriller but carries an undercurrent of suspense till the end. The characters Marlee and Nicolas Easter turned out to be very different as I had imagined them to be. The story had lot of twists and turns and I never thought to be turning out this way. I really applaud Mr. Grisham for the marvelous climax which was very surprising to me.

The story revolves around a civil trial. A man died of lung cancer and his family is accusing the tobacco company that manufactured and sold the cigarettes that the dead man smoked. Three packs a day. The trial is fascinating. There is plethora of information given about the tobacco industry. The strategies each of the two teams of lawyers did to try and win the case was fascinating.

Finally, a story that really made me think about the topics & outcome which I was unaware of.