

Quid Pro Quo



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I hated law school, but if I hadn't spent three years of my life there, I wouldn't have known anything about fraud, blackmail or the principle of equity. In other words, I wouldn't have known what I needed to know to save my mother's life. Quid Pro Quo is a high-stakes, fast-moving legal thriller about real people, and funny people at that. Cyril MacIntyre's mother is a twenty-eight-year-old ex-street kid who drags her son to all her law school classes, then proceeds to get herself kidnapped. That aside, Cyril's life isn't too different from that of other thirteen-year-olds. He has all the usual adolescent issues to deal with: parent problems, self-esteem problems, skin, hair and girl problems. He just has legal problems too. And he's got to solve them if he wants to save his mother's life. Quid Pro Quo is the winner of the Arthur Ellis Award and the CBC Young Canada Reads 2009 award. It has been nominated for numerous awards, including the Edgar Allan Poe Award and the Ann Connor Brimer Award. Gemini-winning Vicki Grant is the writer and producer of Scoop and Doozie, a TV puppet show. She is also the author of the hilarious Puppet Wrangler. She brings plenty of her signature humor and runaway plot twists to Quid Pro Quo. And she has clearly studied up on the law. Check out Grant's sequel to Quid Pro Quo, Res Judicata.

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