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Clay Carter has been at the office of the public defender too long and, like most of his colleagues, dreams of a better job in a real firm. When he reluctantly takes the case of a young man charged with a random street killing, he assumes it is just another of the many senseless murders that hit D.C. every week. As he digs into the background of his

client, Clay stumbles on a conspiracy too horrible to believe. He suddenly finds himself in the middle of a complex case against one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, looking at the kind of enormous settlement that would make him, almost overnight, the legal profession's newest king of torts...

The Last Juror

In 1970, one of Mississippi's more colorful weekly newspapers went bankrupt. The future of the paper looked grim until a young mother was brutally raped and murdered by a member of the notorious Padgitt family. The murderer, Danny Padgitt, was tried before a packed courthouse, and the trial came to a startling end when the defendant threatened revenge against the jurors if they convicted him. Nevertheless, they found him guilty, and he was sentenced to life in prison. But in Mississippi in 1970, "life" didn't necessarily mean "life," and nine years later Padgitt was paroled. He returned to Ford County, and the retribution began.

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