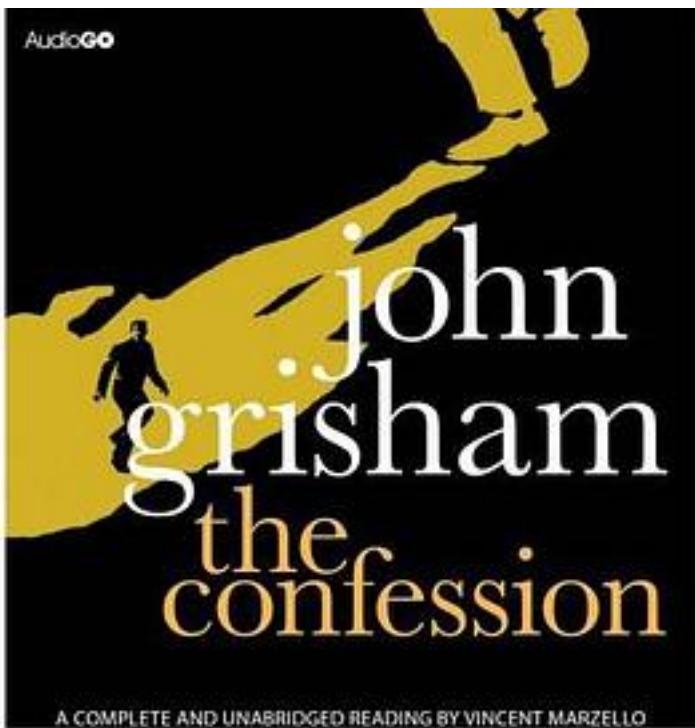


The Confession



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An innocent man is about to be executed.

Only a guilty man can save him.

For every innocent man sent to prison, there is a guilty one left on the outside. He doesn't understand how the police and prosecutors got the wrong man, and he certainly doesn't care. He just can't believe his good luck. Time passes and he

realizes that the mistake will not be corrected: the authorities believe in their case and are determined to get a conviction. He may even watch the trial of the person wrongly accused of his crime. He is relieved when the verdict is guilty. He laughs when the police and prosecutors congratulate themselves. He is content to allow an innocent person to go to prison, to serve hard time, even to be executed.

Travis Boyette is such a man. In 1998, in the small East Texas city of Sloan, he abducted, raped, and strangled a popular high school cheerleader. He buried her body so that it would never be found, then watched in amazement as police and prosecutors arrested and convicted Donté Drumm, a local football star, and marched him off to death row.

Now nine years have passed. Travis has just been paroled in Kansas for a different crime; Donté is four days away from his execution. Travis suffers from an inoperable brain tumor. For the first time in his miserable life, he decides to do what's right and confess.

But how can a guilty man convince lawyers, judges, and politicians that they're about to execute an innocent man?

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评论

很详实细致

Not such a cliffhanger as it was said.

比之前的几部作品好多了，更有纪实风格，倒是少了点鼎盛时期作品的悬疑

A good thriller due to the closeness of the race, but I must say I was pissed when the inevitable happened. Isn't the alternative a more direct slap-in-the-face?

《杀死一只知更鸟》的主题之现代复述。

五味杂陈，一个本可避免的悲剧。死刑的确值得商榷，逝去的生命无法扭转，谁能保证执行的是有罪之人？一个屈打成招的口供，一次次被司法系统背书的同意，难得有律师愿意耗費金钱时间为此抗争，也难得能在真相浮出水面后正义得到伸张、恶棍罪有应得。美中不足是，若不牵扯种族之争这个传统话题，书中事件估计无法如此轰动复杂，但也许更能具有震撼力。无论是Drumm、Robbie还是Keith，总算有了安稳的结局，在天朝，这些都是奢望。

太悲剧了

故事有点太简单了

PART 2 太精彩了，PART 3 虽然也好但是高潮已过。

老太非常喜欢的作家。这种我不太行...

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书评

不是真实，胜似真实：评介小说《坦白》廖康

德州，一个名叫但丁的黑人橄榄球队员被诬告强奸并杀害了一个白人啦啦队美女妮珂。他坐了九年冤狱，马上就要被处以死刑。此时，真凶在密苏里州向牧师坦白，声称自己患有脑瘤，去日无多，愿意自首，挽救一条无辜的性命。但真凶是...

不像我所期待的那种拍案与惊奇。

一开始就知道了虽是真凶。读者要做只是等待，等待他慢慢悠悠的confess.

每个人物都没有足够深度的挖掘与描写，读完之后只有一丝遗憾，说不上特别喜欢谁，也没有特别的憎恨谁。Kicking time book.

刚刚看完这本书。这本小说的感觉很像中国的纪实报告文学，甚至有点像小时候火车上经常贩卖的犯罪报告文学，封面上画着暴露的美女。

开始的第一部分节奏略有一些缓慢，情节进展有点懈怠。后面的部分渐入佳境，朴实的语言快速推动剧情的发展。但有时候叙述有些罗唆，有的地方...

但是这本书在书店翻了几页就吸引住了我，回头就买了kindle版。文字朴实，虽是那种不掉书袋的plain English但仍很抓人。

这是关于一个有与其身份相符的道德感的神职人员、一个作恶一辈子但人之将死却良心发现的坏蛋、一个理想主义的法律界斗士的故事。

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