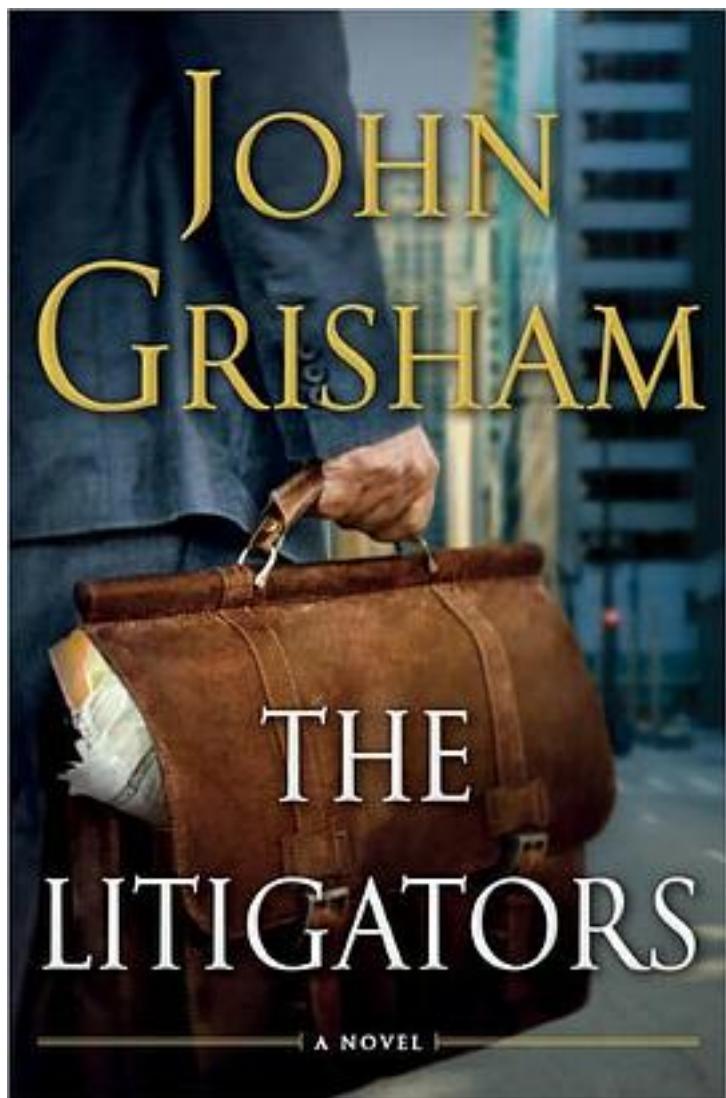


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The partners at Finley & Figg—all two of them—often refer to themselves as “a boutique law firm.” Boutique, as in chic, selective, and prosperous. They are, of course, none of these things. What they are is a two-bit operation always in search of their big break, ambulance chasers who’ve been in the trenches much too long making way too little. Their specialties, so to speak, are quickie divorces and DUIs, with the occasional jackpot of an actual car wreck thrown in. After twenty plus years together, Oscar Finley and Wally Figg bicker like an old married couple but somehow continue to scratch out a half-decent living from their seedy bungalow offices in southwest Chicago.

And then change comes their way. More accurately, it stumbles in. David Zinc, a young but already burned-out attorney, walks away from his fast-track career at a fancy downtown firm, goes on a serious bender, and finds himself literally at the doorstep of our boutique firm. Once David sobers up and comes to grips with the fact that he’s suddenly unemployed, any job—even one with Finley & Figg—looks okay to him.

With their new associate on board, F&F is ready to tackle a really big case, a case that could make the partners rich without requiring them to actually practice much law. An extremely popular drug, Krayoxx, the number one cholesterol reducer for the dangerously overweight, produced by Varrick Labs, a giant pharmaceutical company with annual sales of \$25 billion, has recently come under fire after several patients taking it have suffered heart attacks. Wally smells money.

A little online research confirms Wally’s suspicions—a huge plaintiffs’ firm in Florida is putting together a class action suit against Varrick. All Finley & Figg has to do is find a handful of people who have had heart attacks while taking Krayoxx, convince them to become clients, join the class action, and ride along to fame and fortune. With any luck, they won’t even have to enter a courtroom!

It almost seems too good to be true.

And it is.

The Litigators is a tremendously entertaining romp, filled with the kind of courtroom strategies, theatrics, and suspense that have made John Grisham America’s favorite storyteller.

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评论

Continuing to give us insights into the makings of big city and federal court systems, John somehow makes his writing funny and humorous by depicting an ambulance chaser law firm faced with a rare opportunity to bring a class action lawsuit against a big Pharma company with some interesting characters that simple make me laugh in the reading.

class action is hilarious and yet so exotic for us.

相当一般，直到最后五分之一才显示出了一点点作为一本legal thriller的potential。作者对于男性人物的塑造 (or 人物 in general) 算不上得心应手，大多男性人物都面目模糊十分苍白；而女性人物，虽然更为鲜活，但男性视角很是明显。David Zinc对于biglaw的描述与不满夸张了点，不过呢，唉，非常有道理。

John Grisham - a very successful adult fairy tale teller

对于普通美国律师工作，这是相当真实的描写。从人物，到案件过程都非常琐碎。对于美国的法律制度，描写生动而深刻。

the street lawyer 与 the king of torts合体

Just finished it during work breaks. Not so many courtroom dramas or intensive plots as previous novels such as Ranimaker or Runaway Jury, but still a nice written one that worths reading for leisure or time killing.

最后David把150万都分了我觉得也是很神奇……

One of the few John Grisham story that doesn't happen in Memphis... Very entertaining.

文笔风趣幽默，能够吸引人一直读下去的英文小说。这部小说里面每个人物都有着自己的缺点。老头是个老派的妻管严。希望能过生活发生变化，但是却不甘迈出一步。中年是个心比天高，却不脚踏实地的小人物。青年在大律所的重压下崩溃，从而改变了一生。幸好青年虽然崩溃过，但是却是个脚踏实地的人。最后他的努力拯救了故事里面每个人。

David

Zinc, HLS毕业，原来在Biglaw做国际债券吗，突然一天厌倦了在虚拟的法律世界里活下去，决定做一些有意义的事，因此加入一家两人小所做民事侵权诉讼。打了一宗心脏药，一宗含铅玩具。故事精彩好读，不忍释卷。

David Zinc不管经历怎么样的fail都能扛得住，生活还得继续。For Helen,for Emma. 做自己喜欢的擅长的，just go and do it.太太太崇拜David Zinc了。

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书评

这本书是John Grisham的第25本小说。出版以后，对这本书的评论较有争议，不少杂志报纸把这本书排为最畅销书籍，但也有读者和书评家认为这本书缺乏悬念。不论如何，在读书馆中，这本书是仅次于乔布什传记的受欢迎书籍。
我对这本书的感触是：一本笑死人不偿命的书，一本为电影...

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