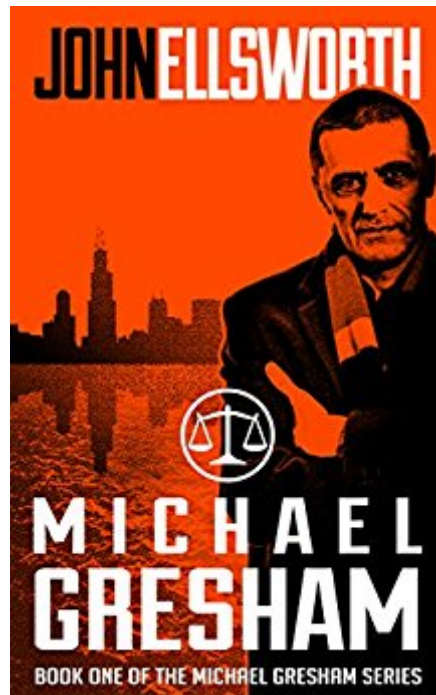




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FOUND NOT GUILTY BUT KILLS AGAIN? AND YOU GOT HIM OFF? Michael Gresham is a criminal attorney with a brother who won't take his meds, an ex-wife who wants him to finance her fertility costs, and a client accused of murdering the wife of a judge. As the story progresses the brother is being hunted down by MexTel, a huge conglomerate that wants him dead, and the ex-wife's new husband wants to borrow money, while the judge whose wife was murdered suddenly tries to hire Michael Gresham for himself. Can an attorney who feels like he's slowing down with age (55) still succeed in court against younger, more aggressive lawyers? Can Michael Gresham turn the tables on those who would see him dead? And who is going to pay him for the injury and disfigurement they caused him? One innocent client who looks more guilty with each new violent act... Watch up close as a young defendant who many thought to be low IQ begins to emerge from his silence and withdrawal to become a powerful force that finally must be dealt with. Watch as a lonely attorney finally meets someone Romance begins to bloom on rocky soil and Michael's hope is rekindled despite disfiguring injuries he has suffered. One courtroom thriller that curls around and surprises even the most keen readers... A legal thriller sure to satisfy the most demanding readers of legal fiction and lawyer novels. For the fans of John Grisham and Michael Connelly, the novels of John Ellsworth are burning up the charts with over 400,000 downloads in the first sixteen months of publication. Be one of the first in your group to discover this amazing writer and his long list of books and exciting characters. Buy Michael Gresham today before he becomes a household name in 2016!

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I did something that I've not done in any of my prior reviews. I read the 2 and 3 star reviews prior to "penning" this review. My reason for doing so was that I frankly was rather flummoxed by this read in terms of what kind of review I wanted to present and so wanted some "feed back" to determine whether I was out in left field by my thoughts, or not. My take away from the above is a bit of both. I'm a serious reader of this author, having read all the Thaddeus Murfee books and sharing my opinion of those reads with the author from time to time. When I say that I am a "serious" reader I mean that I take Mr. Ellsworth's writing, from his perspective seriously. For example, "Unspeakable Prayers", which I read and reviewed, was in a word a "seminal" effort by this author. Now I realize that a book like "...Prayers" comes down maybe once in a writer's lifetime, but it is a bench mark, nonetheless, and therefore one to be reckoned with when compared to all other writings. Perhaps it is a bit unfair to compare all other writings by such a bench mark. But, whatever it is that causes us to follow a writer book after book, the bottom line is, in my view, consistency in the writing effort. "Michael Gresham" fails in that category. This book was more a frolic than a serious read. I'll give it that out of the box the story line was hugely entertaining, but that alone is not enough to carry the story line from start to finish. As other reviewers most pointedly say, the ending was lacking in the context of how the story line was playing out page after page. The "Murfee" books carried me consistently through the story line to an ending that made plausible sense. This book did not. The ending, quite frankly, flopped.

I had just finished John Grisham's "Rogue Lawyer" and my Kindle suggested this book. I had never heard the name John Ellsworth before. I saw the price was only \$3.99 and figured, "What the heck. Obviously they're giving some first-time novelist a shot, if it's that cheap. Why not give it a whirl?" Upon reading this book my suspicions seemed confirmed. It was amateurish: incomplete character development. Poorly researched: Has the writer ever been to Chicago? Riddled with factual errors: Federal prisons do not have parole so his client couldn't be out on parole. Any fan of courtroom drama or police procedurals should know that. If you're sentenced to federal prison, you serve every

single day. FBI agents are notoriously over-serious and rather boring yet he writes these agents like rogue local city cops out of 1940s pulp fiction, beating confessions out of people with saps, threatening defense lawyers. Ridiculous! And he has a client who is accused of insider trading who is the CEO of a company. He thinks he explains insider trading by saying that this CEO had a lot of stock in the company and an upcoming merger was going to quadruple that stock's value. That's NOT what insider trading is, it's exactly what a CEO is supposed to do for the shareholders. BUYING a ton of stock before the merger has been announced would be insider trading but in the story, as written, the guy already owned it. I could go on and on. Ham-Handed: He thinks his character sounds hip because he has a black cook who is a PhD candidate, cooks soul food for him and speaks in an embarrassingly pidgeon style of the author's impression of how a black person in Chicago speaks. I was embarrassed for him as I read that. Then he has an Indian woman as the Federal ADA appearing in court in a saffron sarong!

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