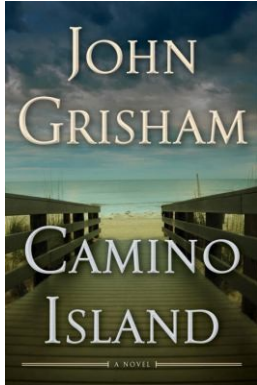


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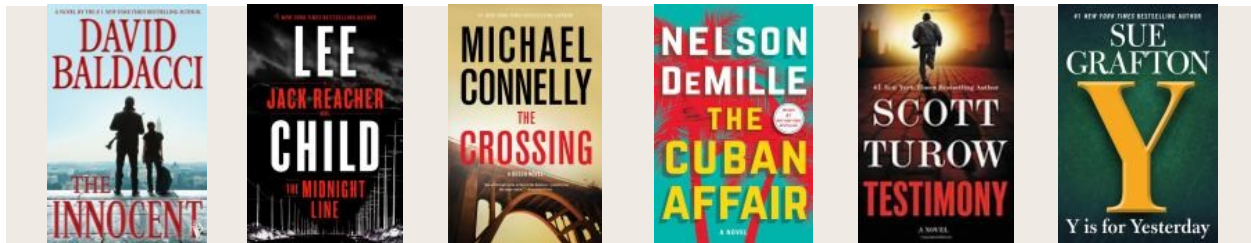
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Biography:



John Grisham was born in Jonesboro, Arkansas on February 8, 1955. He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Mississippi State University. He was admitted to the bar in Mississippi in 1981 after receiving a law degree from the University of Mississippi, specializing in criminal law. While a lawyer in private practice in Southaven, Mississippi, Grisham served as a Democrat in the Mississippi House of Representatives from 1983 until 1990. He left the law and politics to become a full-time author. His first novel was published in 1989 and several of his novels have been adapted into films. (Bowker Author Biography)

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Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the characters in Camino Island, both good and bad. Are they fully developed and emotionally complex or flat, one-dimensional heroes/villains?
2. Good crime writers embed hidden clues in plain sight, slipping them in casually, almost in passing. Did you pick them out, or were you...clueless?
3. Does the author throw you off track with a red herring? If so, where/when?
4. Does Grisham ratchet up the suspense? Did you find yourself anxious - quickly turning pages to learn what happened? Where?
5. A good ending is essential in any mystery or crime thriller: it should ease up on tension, answer questions, and tidy up loose ends. Does the ending accomplish those goals? Can you envision a different ending?
6. Overall, does Camino Island live up to the standards of a good crime story or suspense thriller? Why or why not? (*Source: Bookcompanion.com and LitLovers.com*)