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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Michael Beck (*The Golden Seal*, *Xanadu*), who seems to be making a career out of reading books on audio (*A Time to Kill*, *The Runaway Jury*), has returned with John Grisham's *The Rainmaker*, bringing the backwoods of Tennessee's legal world to life. His sultry, southern drawl animates the world of Rudy Baylor, an out-of-luck, budding lawyer who has more things going against him than bedraggled, disaster-magnet Joe from *Lil' Abner*. The law firm that hired Baylor was gobbled up by a larger firm just three weeks before his graduation, and now he has no job and no chance of finding one. To make matters worse, when he gets home there's an eviction notice, a process server, and a lawsuit waiting for him. What's a bumbling baby-lawyer to do? Get a case and some cold hard cash--fast. Baylor stumbles upon two possible jackpots: A tight-lipped widow with millions squirreled away and a young man whose life is cut short by a negligent insurance company. Baylor gets in over his head and finds himself up against a pack of superpower attorneys; losing could cost him his life and winning would make him a rainmaker cum laude. Grisham's knack for making tedious legalities interesting, coupled with Beck's gift for shifting in and out character like a Mercedes roadster, makes for an exciting, entertaining listen. Running time: 360 minutes.

From Publishers Weekly

Grisham's intricate, spellbinding sixth novel differs from his last few?it's his only book with first-person narration and his first since his debut to be set in a courtroom?but the trademark Grisham touches are in place. Rookie attorney Rudy Baylor is the customary David fighting a legal Goliath (here a multibillion-dollar insurance company), and the suspense builds with impeccable pacing despite workaday prose. When the modestly sized law firm that contracted for his future services unexpectedly merges with a tony Ivy League firm, Rudy finds himself without a job and bankrupt. Filing a \$10 million lawsuit takes away some of the sting, as does a lonely elderly woman's offer of low rent on a small apartment in exchange for rewriting her will. To make a living, Rudy finds himself chasing ambulances for a racketeering shyster, leading to his becoming enthralled with a beautiful young woman hospitalized by her husband's murderous attack. When Rudy agrees to represent the parents of a dying 22-year-old denied insurance coverage for a bone-marrow transplant, he finds that he is up against the firm that broke contract with him. Melding the courtroom savvy of *A Time to Kill* with the psychological nuance of *The Chamber*, imbued with wry humor and rich characters, this bittersweet tale, the author's quietest and most thoughtful, shows that Grisham's imagination can hold its own in a courtroom as well as on the violent streets outside. Major ad/promo; large-print edition, ISBN 0-385-47512-8; audio rights to BDD Audio.

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From Library Journal

Narrator Frank Muller's voice is just right for conveying both lawyer Rudy Baylor's early cynicism and restoration in Grisham's crowd-pleasing 1995 title. The story pits Rudy against two Goliaths: a downtown Memphis law firm and a scandalously inhumane insurance company. Tension rises as Rudy builds the case of a poor family whose son, in need of a transplant they cannot afford, is dying because their claim, covered in their policy, has been denied by the insurance company. Things become ominous, as in all Grisham stories, but there is a humorous subplot and a romance. We begin to care for Rudy as he sheds a moral bankruptcy developed in pursuit of his law degree and regains his original interest in the law as a way to fight injustice. An excellent production; recommended.?Mark Pumphrey, Polk Cty P.L., Columbus, N.C. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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