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Book Review

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In the book *The Street Lawyer*, as you read and see the transformation of Michael Brock throughout the story, you will transform with him. Page by page you will start to gain a new perspective and see things just a little bit different. The novel is a fast pace, easy to read kind of book. Recommendable to people of all ages or reading level. The beginning of the book hooks you until you realize it's one in the morning and you still refuse to put it down. The author John Grisham makes the story exciting and fast but at the same time sentimentally changes you.

Michael Brock is a corporate yuppie lawyer trying to make his way up the ladder. His dreams of big money and a partnership at Drake and Sweeny causes him to be over encumbered with work which leads to several turning off points in his life. After a sudden turn of events at the firm, Michael begins illegally investigating into the files and finds himself in the poverty-stricken area of Washington D.C. There he meets Mordecai Green, a street lawyer and advocate for the homeless. After working with the homeless for several days he drops everything and takes a job at the 14th Street Legal Clinic. With further investigation into the Drake and Sweeny law firm he finds that they wrongfully evicted a group of homeless people out of a warehouse. Michael wants justice for the families and he sues Drake and Sweeny. Several things happen with the court case but who wants to read a book when the end is already spoiled.

Grisham published this book in 1998. The year I was born. Yet almost eighteen years later and this book still has a modern look into homelessness. This book could very well change your entire perspective of homeless people. Through Grisham's writing you begin to realize

they are just like you and I. Some may be suffering from substance abuse and some may be mentally ill. Whether it's the case or not they are human beings and should be treated with the same respect as everybody else. Personally I have always had this perspective on the homeless, but after reading this book it actually made me want to do something about it. When you see Michael lose everything just so he can represent their cause, it makes you want to get up and go help. I have never been to a soup kitchen before, but when my mother suggested we go on christmas day, I was all for it.

I would absolutely recommend this book. As a person who doesn't read novels often I couldn't put the book down. It's a fast read at a little over four hundred pages. The book is aimed toward less intellectual readers and it is story driven. It's a New York Times number one bestseller and there's darn good reason for it. Go out and get this book now!