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Judy Collins says

A special thank you to Thomas & Mercer and NetGalley for an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Victor Methos returns following *Neon Lawyer*, with **AN INVISIBLE CLIENT**, A high-powered personal injury attorney Noah Byron—a fight against a pharmaceutical giant, breaking his number one rule by making it personal—Noah is determined to fight for justice, for a twelve-year-old boy, putting his career and everything he has worked for, on the line.

"Justice will not come until those who are not injured are as outraged as those who are." --Solon, 560BC

A David versus Goliath ---Food manufacturers have a formula to determine where we should live or die. Every bite of food we eat is like rolling a pair of dice. And the pharmaceutical giants. *Do they protect or harm?*

Unfortunately, under the law, a consumer's value equaled the amount of money that person could have earned in a lifetime, had he or she lived. If the calculation of damages in all the wrongful death lawsuits was greater than the cost of a recall, the manufacturer would recall the product. If the settlements would cost the company less than the recall, then they just ignored the defect.

Noah Byron, a name he chose, after leaving his abusive alcoholic father behind, now a high powered attorney--the head of a growing firm of personal injury lawyers. In an office of twenty-three attorneys and a robust support staff-- Noah Byron started the firm, Bryon, Val, and Keller and in ten years they had become one of the top plaintiff's personal injury firms in the state of Utah. They had to pick winning cases and the second cardinal sin—do not get emotionally attached.

Under the law, a person was valued at exactly how much money that person could earn. Anyone who hadn't gone into an Ivy League school, pulled in at least six figures, or had a family business waiting for them was what PI lawyers called "**an invisible client**" —one who lived and breathed but didn't officially exist. They did not do invisible clients. The solo practitioners could fight over them.

His ex-wife calls to inform him she is remarrying and asks for a favor. Her cousin Rebecca's son is sick. Joel Whiting (Herba-Cough Max) victim. From the whole Pharma Killer thing, some psychopath had laced children's cough medicine with cyanide. Three kids in Salt Lake County had gotten extremely ill, but none had died. Again, Noah's first thought...the guy would have no money. It would not be worth it.

The boy, Joel was only twelve years old, and the mother was full of anger --she needed someone to talk to. His ex-wife counted on him and believed in him, even though his life was over with her...the kids, grandkids, birthdays and graduations were now a part of her next life with her new husband.

When meeting with Rebecca regarding the situation, she thinks there is something fishy about Pharma-K, and they are covering it up. She thinks this was company negligence, and a cover-up, not some psycho lacing the medicine.

He needed proof. Her boy had been one of the unfortunate ones to suffer because of some sick maniac and she needed to blame someone. She wants him to sue. Sue them so they could never hurt another child. The cops would have to be involved, employees, and investigative journalists? Her son was dying and in renal failure and on the transplant list. The cyanide was not enough to kill him but it did a lot of damage and they

would not give him a transplant, even after calling the governor.

She was asking him to take on a case that they would likely lose. He tries to tell her the firm cannot help. She begs him to just talk to them to see what they say. She pulled the family guilt card. He was her last resort and he agreed to talk to them.

His partner thought the case might be a good idea. Maybe a settlement if they were spooked. The most unique part of their company was what they termed their Pharma Future program, a division of the R&D department that hired the top minds graduating from pharmacy schools and chemistry programs around the world, and dumped money on them to come up with new drugs.

He meets the boy and learns his father died in Iraq. A dying boy, who's as American as apple pie. What jury couldn't resist him? Even if liability wasn't clear, if he could get Joel into the courtroom and put him in front of a jury to talk about the pain he'd gone through, to tell the jury about the needles they had to stick into him four times a week and the nightmares...the jury might go for it and give him whatever he asked for.

His kidneys were damaged beyond repair and his liver was damaged as well. Also damage to the heart and lungs that may not even manifest right away. The doctors are unsure of the time he has left. Stage V renal failure – the clock was ticking, and they had to worry about heart failure. He had to settle the case. Noah wanted to fight. He wanted to go to trial. His partners want to take him off the case. If they settled no one would be punished for what happened.

From confusion, vomiting, sleepiness, fatigue, inability to expend energy, migraines, blood in the stool or vomit. Each person had received the same reply, "please return the unused portion to us, and a full refund will be issued." That way it could not be tested. *A system set up to protect those giants.*

A little boy pulls on his heart's strings. His new relationship with Olivia—her haunted past, and his.. "The people are the power, not the money." Olivia begged him to help. He had worked his whole life to be in a place to help people like Rebecca and Joel. Illegal, corruption, cover-ups-- a gamble and he is willing to do whatever it takes.

Monsters: Noah soon learns his father may have been a monster; however, at least he was honest. He is finding there are worse monsters in the world, hiding in broad daylight. Those who put on smiles, shake your hand, and call you their friend. They care nothing about goodness, people or the future. The monsters are not under beds, they are out in the open pretending to be there to help.

Everyone warns him to detach and focus on the money. He is determined to win this case. They worked on contingency, and may not see the money back for eighteen months or more. He sees the Pharma-K guys as scumbags. They hurt children and do not care. People who were supposed to be watching out for consumers were actually the consumer's biggest threat.

The closer Noah becomes to Joel, the more personal the case becomes. Noah gets creative, and will stop at nothing to bring justice. He does not want this to happen again, he wants plants closed, a foundation, plus he wants to help the other sick kids, better evaluation of products, punitive damages, and to investigate consumer-protection laws. He wants Federal Court --**JUSTICE.**

Plus in the midst of the drama, Olivia, the new lawyer, and his new partner in crime and a possible new love interest, makes things more interesting.

Having enjoyed *Neon Lawyer*, Victor Methos delivers another dynamic legal thriller with a flawed main protagonist engulfed in a case-- and knows his way around a courtroom with enough personal and

professional mix to make for a compelling read. As a former whistleblower, a huge fan of the underdog--love bringing the big bad boys down!

Legal thriller fans of *Adam Mitzner*, *Scott Pratt*, and *John Grisham's Gray Mountain* will enjoy, as well as *Erin Brockovich*, and medical/science dramas.

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Rohit Enghakat says

Came across this book on Amazon deals and bought it for the heck of it, being a sucker for thrillers, especially legal ones. I don't regret it a bit. This was a fantastic book. A law firm takes on a pharmaceutical giant over wrongful death of a child. The lawyer with a one-point goal of being rich and working for money, starts turning over a new leaf when he gets emotionally attached to the victim, a 12 year old boy, risking his career and law firm in the process.

The book grips you from the start and is a definite page turner with a simple but stunning climax. The author being a lawyer himself, brings his experience and expertise in the book which makes it interesting.

Have read similar plots in Grisham's earlier novels. Ever since Grisham has ventured into non-legal stories, I feel a void in this genre. Victor Methos fills the gap. Will check out other Methos books soon.

Sean Peters says

Thank you to Net Galley, the publishers and the author Victor Methos for an ARC copy for a honest review.

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Let me say this, I have read Victor Methos book *Diary Of An Assassin*, an incredible that I loved. After finishing this book, these books could not be more different, but superb books.

An Invisible Client, gripped me from the start, kept at a great pace, and I just wanted to keep reading, I wanted to know how this was going to turn out.

This book has everything, tension, pace, great story, and great characters, and a nice touch of romance.

I cannot recommend this book enough, please dear friend, read this book. I maybe a little soft, but I still love the good v bad, this book has you guessing all the way.

A story that rings so close to the truth it is frightening.

This book is not only one of the best books read this year, but one of the best book read full stop !!

Five star plus. Thanks Victor Methos.

Please do come and do a Q & A for this book with my group " A Good Thriller" on goodreads.

Terri Lynn says

This was the first book I had read from this author but it won't be the last. Attorney Noah Byron grew up hungry, poor, and abused by his father. His abused mom abandoned him to his dad. He wanted to be rich and now he has it all as a personal injury lawyer in a firm he started with 2 friends. They take only cases where they feel sure to win big money.

Noah's ex-wife Tia calls to let him know she is getting remarried and to ask a favor. Her cousin's 12 year old son Joel is in the hospital dying from ingesting children's cough syrup that also sickened 2 other kids. Joel is in kidney and liver failure. The mom is convinced from a conversation with someone who worked in consumer affairs at the pharmaceutical company that it is due to chemicals being sealed into the medicine at the factory and not due to someone tampering with the medicine on the store shelves.

This begins a personal watershed for Noah as he befriends the child and his mother, enters a sweet romance with a newly minted lawyer who was once raped and believes in sex only in marriage, and fights against an evil company, its evil lawyers, and even his own partners who want him to settle since the evidence seems weak and the company has fired most witnesses. Watch and see what Noah does instead!

Gopal says

This is only the 2nd book that I am reading from Victor Methos. I got this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest and unbiased review. My thanks to the author and publisher for the opportunity.

In legal parlance *An Invisible Client* is a person who lives and breaths but does not legally exists, i.e. a person who is values at how much that person can earn. Anybody who's not gone to an Ivy League school, pulls in at least 6 figures or has a family business waiting for them are an invisible client. In short nobody gives a s**t about them. This legal terminology excludes 99% of the world population, but then who said law had to be fair, it just had to be effective.

Noah Bryce's story is that of a high-flying, personal injury lawyer who has made a life out of settling cases out of courts on behalf of his clients. He is wealthy, successful and at the top of his game. He has only one rule, he does not take Invisible Clients. His ordinary existence is put out of gear when his ex asks him to take the case of her cousin whose son is poisoned after taking a cough medicine promoted by a company called Pharma-K. Medicine which had acetonitrile which converts into cyanide when inside the body.

I will not summarize the book contents, coz it is good enough that people can pick up a copy and read it for themselves. Instead I will summarize what resonated with me. In court room scenes where the prosecution and the defense are squaring off against each other is electric. The arguments made by Noah Bryce are powerful and the are an indictment of how our society has progressed that it no longer even shows a semblance of pity towards the weak and under-privileged.

Our society has become openly and completely biased in favor of the rich and powerful who manipulate the system as they deem fit and the common man is left paying the price for their actions. The recent past is full of such instances, Enron, BP spill, the market crash of 2008 all of these resonates loudly and clearly, so may mistakes but not one culprit or punishment.

Where do we go from here, in the book the fictional Noah Bryce put aside his bias and championed an underdog to the peril of his own health, but where are the real life Noah Bryce's and when will the oppressed be championed??

I will recommend this all those who love legal thrillers, this is a great read and makes me want to pick more from Victor Methos in future.

In the end I will leave you all with a thought from Solon from 560 BC *Justice will not come until those who are not injured are as outraged as those who are*

Vera (GirlySunglasses) says

Great book.

According to the book, an invisible client is a term personal injury lawyers use to refer to people who "lived and breathed but didn't officially exist", who aren't productive members of the society, I believe.

Rich and powerful lawyer Noah Byron is a personal injury lawyer, and he and his firm doesn't take invisible clients. Well, not until his ex-wife (who's about to get remarried, by the way) asks him to talk to his cousin whose kid was ill due to an poisoned cough syrup.

That's how the book starts. What comes next is a fast flowing legal thriller with a touch of romance and a lot of self discovery.

This is a fast read. There are exciting moments that will leave you on edge and there are touching moments that will either hurt or warm your heart. There are a few clichés, too, but nothing that could compromise my enjoyment.

Warning! (Spoilers)

>> (view spoiler)<<

I had a lot of fun (and tiny heart attacks) reading this book. It's a fun ride, for sure.

I'd like to thank **NetGalley**, **Thomas & Mercer** and author Victor Methos for providing me with an ARC of An Invisible Client in exchange for an honest review.

Review also posted on my blog. [Link here.](#)

Winter Sophia Rose says

Inspiring, Emotional, Fascinating, Realistic, Captivating, Impressive & Gripping! A Beautifully Heartbreaking Read! I Loved It!

Annie Miller says

So emotional

I felt all ranges of emotions with this book. I cried, laughed and became angry at times. This law office would make for a good series.

Tracy T. says

Enjoyable and entertaining. Great Narration. by Alexander Cendense, (audible review).

I enjoyed this book a lot, It kept me interested and the writing was engaging, I really liked the characters and the character development.

Normally legal books bug me, basically because I work in the legal field and the court rooms are not like the movies or TV, LOL But this was good.

There was a lot of great dialogue throughout the entire book, which i really enjoyed. The story line and plot was good, It was a little Rainmakerish, but since that was a fantastic book I didn't care.

As for the narration, it was really good. Alexander Cedense did a great job on all the voices even the females. He has a great reading voice too.

I do wish this wasn't written in the first person though. All in all it was a good book and I do recommend it, I will look forward to more from this author.

Nenette says

I love legal fiction, and yes, as with any genre, there is more to discover out there, equally good or even better than the steeply priced works of bestselling authors. 'Invisible Client' is one of these treasures.

The story shows the humanness of lawyers. For Noah Byron, it has always been about the money; until the case of Joel Whiting. With the odds against him, Noah chose to fought to the end. Definitely, there was pride in play, but more than that, it was because the case became very personal to him. It is a cardinal rule for personal injury cases that lawyers should get personally detached from their cases. In the process, he made realizations that were necessary for him to find the value in what he does.

A great read. I'll definitely look for more books from Victor Methos.

Trish R. says

OMG! Look what I read..

So, I'm always complaining about books written in the FIRST PERSON and how I can't stand them but occasionally I have to try one. I did read the first book in this series, The Neon Lawyer, which WASN'T written in the first person so I had to read and listen to this, too. And I think the reason I enjoyed it so much was because the author didn't use "I" so much that it drove me crazy.

This was about the lawsuit against a pharmaceutical company that tried to hide the fact that they messed up and got someone killed and tried to hide it by saying a serial killer tampered with bottles and put arsenic in them. It was a great courtroom drama, with a 13 year old boy that brought the whole thing to an end. (And I will admit that I did cry when the only death happened in the story.)

I liked Noah and Olivia a lot. I liked his 'never give up' attitude and Olivia being right by his side when everyone wanted him to settle and he just wouldn't do it. I liked the partners, Marty and Raimi. As well as Rebecca and her son Joel.

There was no sex and the F-bomb was used 8 times.

As to the narration: I love Alexander Cendese as a narrator. His voices and emotions are great!

Princessdarcy says

This book is an easy read and somewhat entertaining but EXTREMELY predictable. I also found the character development sadly lacking... you could tell an undercurrent of the relationship between the main character and his 'love interest' but it was never developed... I guess we were just supposed to assume a lot...

Not a bad book... decent if predictable story...

Carolyn says

This is a good book if you're a Grisham fan. This is the same author as the Neon Lawyer, and I enjoyed that one as well, but I thought this one was better. A lawyer who is in it for the money takes on a pharmaceutical company for a cough medicine that is making children sick. It shows that this lawyer turns from a person thinking only about money, to one who wants to use law to help (a lawyer with a heart!). An engaging, quick read. 3.9stars from me.

Sarah Hough says

Unrealistic, preachy and the transformation of the main character was not believable.

Marleen says

Over the years, I've read a few books in the Stanton series, by Victor Methos, but I must admit none captivated, or moved me as much as this stand-alone legal thriller, featuring new characters.

Noah Byron and his 2 partners have built a successful legal practice defending only the winnable personal injury cases. Coming from a dirt poor background himself, he has learned to detach himself emotionally from potential clients. His drive is to get rich and taking cases that will bring a profit to his company. It is also clear that Noah is not a bad guy, whenever he wins a big case, he readily hands out bonuses to his entire staff of 70 employees.

The thing we need to understand is there's a lot of mathematics going on before lawyers take on a case. Calculating what a client is worth is a big factor in this type of litigation. What is referred to as an invisible client, is actually a client that will not generate a big payout in court. Isn't that sad?

That all changes when Noah is asked to look into the case of Joel Whiting, a 12 year old boy who took a cough medicine that was supposedly tampered with. The boy's kidneys and liver are failing and the odds aren't good. Little by little, Noah gets more involved in the case and he can't help himself but to help this invisible client, going against his self-imposed rules of detachment.

As always, Methos succeeds into painting sympathetic characters, without delving too deep into their souls. I really enjoyed this book. The legalese was very understandable and the court scenes were absolutely compelling.
