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A corrupt judge in a mob murder case. A disillusioned pastor, hungry for power. A cynical reporter, sniffing for a scandal. A gambling addict whose secret tape threatens the lives of everyone who hears it.

New York Times bestselling author Lee Strobel weaves these edgy characters into an intricate thriller set in a gleaming, suburban megachurch, a big-city newspaper struggling for survival, and the shadowy corridors of political intrigue. The unexpected climax is as gripping as the contract killing that punctuates the opening scene.

The Ambition Details

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Barry Shettel says

Suspense! Couldn't stop reading. Hope there's a 'next' book because I need more of an ending! Still loved the book.

Lou says

This book is about decisions, politics and relationship with God. It's a funny novel and easy to read. There are a lot of stuffs that make you think about your own life and I think that it's a kind of book of reflexions more than a novel.

Buddy Helms says

For a first attempt at fiction writing, Lee Strobel did a fantastic job. The characters are well developed and his knowledge of Chicago politics shines through. He writes about something he is very familiar with as he weaves a tale of deceit and corruption. He is a former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune with a journalism degree from the University of Missouri, and he has even taught First Amendment Law. Many people live under the delusion that they can control everything and manipulate the facts, people, or evidence to make things turn out the way they want. Some even lie to themselves as blind ambition keeps them from seeing what's happening all around them.

Lee weaves a tale that reminds one of the Godfather saga. If you don't mind overlooking a few sentence fragments, as he sometime writes the way people speak or think, you will come away with a renewed hope and assurance that Good will ultimately triumph over evil. There is also the idea that not every opportunity is something to be pursued. God moves in mysterious ways, and at times in the story, you can almost hear him talking and see him working. Priorities change, and lives are affected. I've said enough. This is a "must read" if you enjoy Christian fiction.

Michelle Woods says

If you know anything about Lee Strobel and his own testimony, then you are in for a treat. Not only is The Ambition loaded with suspense and mystery, but it is filled with spirituality. Everything from coming to Christ, to miracles of complete physical healing, to a Pastor moving to politics.

Knowing his background as a reporter, and how Lee sought the truth of Jesus and the Bible, having to have the Bible spelled out as factual for him to come to faith in Jesus, you see that through his characters and appreciate it all the more.

There were many leading, well rounded characters. It's a story of a church that makes a huge difference in Chicago where there are corrupted judges and politicians that are bought by the mob. The struggles of the church, judges and politicians collide and there are explosions.

The Ambition is a page turner that will leave you with deep thoughts of your own. It was an amazing story that I found very compelling.

Note: I received a complimentary copy for an honest review of this book. The opinions shared in this review are solely my responsibility. Other reviews can be read at <http://TMWoodsBooks.com/blog> . Also follow me on Twitter @TMWoodsBook, FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/TMWoodsBooks> .

Jan Norton says

It is a story of corruption of power, lost of direction, addiction, and many characters. In fact there really is no main character, was it the pastor, the reporter, who knows since many characters had major input. I enjoyed the way that the book integrated the multiple lives to tell the story.

Tom says

Picked at random from the library shelf as I work my way upwards from Updike to ... well, whatever starts with "A." Corruption and murder in real time with a dose of evangelical Christianity, and a little confusion as to how, or whether, to mix religion and politics. Reinforces my squeamishness about religionists.

Jennifer says

Tense, good characters, Christian truth

Juanita Kay McKellar says

Amazing Re a d

I had a hard time putting the book down. Hubby had to cook dinner so could finish reading the last few chapters.

Joan says

A complex thriller featuring the mob, a corrupt judge, a disillusioned megachurch pastor, and a cynical reporter. The story features political intrigue and ruthless killing and unfolds in what is mostly a predictable read. This narrative of faith and miracles, of greed and power, will not disappoint. Edgy characters, strong situations, and a twisty plot all combine to create this page-turner.

Recommended.

Brian Meadows says

This is an excellent novel. It has suspense, intrigue, and intertwined story lines. Lee Strobel's gift of writing makes it easy to read and follow but leaves the outcome in doubt as a good novel should. The descriptions and characters make it easy to form good mental images of what is taking place. It is hard to put down. I highly recommend it.

juan carlos compres says

This is a very interesting novel. It's a legal thriller written by an ex atheist. There's corruption, faith, ambition, legal issues and the author is not afraid to explore or entertain ideas related to faith.

Miranda Hunt says

I read this after reading Case For Christ. I grew up in the church so LOVE reading church-themed novels. This was a quick-paced, short read that tickles that “what goes on in the political-mega Church dark side” itch. The narrator feels “film noir” to me, which kind of cheapens the story, although doesn't ruin it. This was an entertaining read that Strobel has a knack for writing. Wouldn't mind a recommendation for another mega-church themed read.

JD Gilmore says

I not a huge fan of lawyer and/or reporter based books. But this one did keep me interested. You have a reporter looking for dirt on a church pastor who is in the running for an appointment to a political seat. Though the reason the reporter is looking for dirt isn't because of the possible appointment. Then there is the dirty lawyer who is also a possible for the political appointment. Of course, paths start crossing, people start dying and the story gets interesting.

mari says

Filled with scandal, corruption, murder and a couple of miracles, The Ambition is definitely a page-turner. Author Lee Strobel puts everything he's got into this first novel that won't disappoint his fans. He has taken his experience in law, journalism and religion to produce quite an entertaining tale. Strobel is a best selling author of Christian non-fiction. His Case books are very popular, though I have not read or heard of them before reading The Ambition. It seems he has quite a big following in the Evangelical Christian community who have found his non-fiction books helpful in their lives.

His strong Christian beliefs make there way into this novel as well, which is understandable since it is considered Christian fiction. His characters' beliefs are always shared and there is some preaching (amongst

the characters). Though prominent, it doesn't get in the way of the story. In fact, considering the subject matter- it fits. The Ambition is also a thriller. As mentioned previously, there are mob hits, corrupt judges and possible scandals within a large Church. Strobel does a good job of weaving together these two seemingly different genres.

I had a couple minor issues. One- there are many characters to keep track of- a pastor looking to leave his church to get into politics, a corrupt judge, a gambling addict who is a disbarred lawyer, and a journalist looking for a story to help keep his paper afloat. I managed to get confused with who was who quite a bit in the beginning. Once I got more into the story, and their importance to the story revealed itself, I no longer had any issues following along with each character.

[SPOILERS]

Second, I would have liked to see a little more bad in the good. What I mean is the characters that are supposed to be good guys were and the bad were bad. There wasn't much in the way of surprises in the end. The agnostic becomes a believer, the pastor returns to his flock, the gambler turns to God and the bad guys get caught.

[END SPOILERS]

All in all, it was an enjoyable read even for someone who doesn't normally read Christian fiction.

Sheri says

Eric Snow is pastor of a megachurch in Chicago. He and several followers have built up a good solid Christian church. In his former business, he has made millions of dollars and poured much of it into this church. One day he is approached to be a candidate for the US Senate and he is very interested. Soon, he is off the course and living his life with rising aspirations of being a senator than a man of God and what He wants for his life.

Amazing things start happening at the church. Miracles are happening and people are being healed. But his political advisors are recommending that he distance himself from the church. It's not good for his career. There are other things going on in this book, also. Corrupt judges, a man in the grips of gambling, heavy duty mafia undercurrents...very well done story that will certainly keep your interest. Written by former atheist and newspaper reporter, Lee Strobel, it's a winner!
