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JOHN GRISHAM'S FIRST ORIGINAL E-SHORT

In this standalone prequel to his #1 bestseller ROGUE LAWYER, John Grisham tells the story of how Sebastian Rudd finally found someone he could trust to be his driver, bodyguard, law clerk, and partner.

Sebastian Rudd, rogue lawyer, defends people other lawyers won't go near. It's controversial and dangerous work, which is why Sebastian needs his bodyguard/assistant/sidekick: Partner. So if Sebastian is just about the most unpopular lawyer in town, why is Partner so loyal to him? How did they meet? And what's the real story of this man of few words who's as good with a gun as he is with the law? The surprising answers are all in PARTNERS, John Grisham's first exclusively digital short story.

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Elly Wendy says

3* It's very seldom that I'm lukewarm about anything Grisham writes, but this one did not do as much for me. Hard to say why exactly, except that it lacked the usual Grisham magic. Not that this will prevent me from pouncing on the next book of his that I find. Mr. Grisham has earned that.

Selene says

This is a quickie story about a money-hungry lawyer and his unlucky client. While the story was intriguing with interesting characters, I was expecting some heavy suspense and a thrilling feel, but didn't actually get any of that.

Overall, this was an okay read, but the ending was not very realistic at all for a legal drama.

Agustín Szeinman says

Very short but entertaining read, it gives you another angle to the main character who is the protagonist of Rouge Lawyer! It took me less than a day to finish.

Jeff Yoak says

It's hard to know, but usually, when they right a prequel before you start the series later, it is right to read the prequel first. I'm guessing that's not true here. I suspect this sequel was written to explain how such a bizarre pair ever became legal partners, and it was written for people who already loved them and wanted that backstory. Not yet having experienced that, this was a partially disjointed story about two guys going through a rough experience and then, bizarrely, concluding by saying, "Hey! We should be legal partners. I mean, after I stop being a criminal and go to law school."

So... read this one after the later books. At least the first one. But Grisham's ability to tell a story and keep you turning pages made this pretty good even given that problem.

Jan says

This is advertised as a prequel to Rogue Lawyer, but it seemed more like a sequel to me. Lawyer Sebastian Rudd seems much more mature and nicer than he was in Rogue Lawyer even though this novella tells us the events happened prior to that story. What we get to find out here is how Sebastian and the man called Partner in Rogue Lawyer met. In that novel Partner is the only person that Sebastian can trust. He is his driver, bodyguard, law clerk, and well, partner. He wasn't always called Partner though. From this short novella we learn their back story. Back when Sebastian was Partner's attorney defending him on charges of murdering a

police officer, he was was known as Tee Ray. He was an out of work father struggling to survive and keep his 14 year old son from a life on the streets. The ending was a little too tied up nicely with a bow, but still a pretty darn good courtroom drama. I would have liked a lot more of the courtroom stuff, but like most of these prequels lately, things get resolved fairly quickly.

Cathy Cole says

A fast-paced story about a criminal defense lawyer who takes on the case of a man who's guilty-- but not guilty of the murder he's charged with. Showing the inner workings of putting a defense together from both the lawyer's side as well as the police. I enjoyed this so much I'm wondering why I ever stopped reading Grisham.

Donna says

3.5 stars

This was a short little novella for the Rogue Lawyer series by John Grisham. I usually don't like novellas because they usually leave me wanting more especially in character development. I liked this one, but I did want more character development and I wish the ending wasn't so perfect. I like a little more tension. But I did like the characters and where the story was going. So now I need to get the main novel in this series.

Judy Collins says

The "King" of legal thrillers, *James Grisham* delivers **PARTNERS**, a novella prequel to Rogue Lawyer, Sebastian Rudd---the background history of his dedicated driver, bodyguard, law clerk, and partner.

If you read Rogue Lawyer , (recommend) we met the street lawyer, who is not afraid to take on the unlikely of client, and actually go to trial.

In this standalone prequel to his #1 bestseller **ROGUE LAWYER**, John Grisham tells the story of how Sebastian Rudd met someone he could trust.

Rudd only has one employee: his driver, who's also his bodyguard, law clerk, confidant, and golf caddy. How they met:

A father. Trying to keep his kid off the street. A black Thomas Ray Cardell (T-Ray) defendant. A man accused of killing a cop. A man with convictions, no priors, no arrests. A man fighting for his life.

Crack, moving drugs, a flea market, a narcotics cop working single. A missing cop. Buck Lester, a cop—two men down. However, everything is not as it seems. There is a witness to the shooting. A jury trial. A witness in rehab, an addict.

Someone loves the law, and working diligently on the case, to help Sebastian. The new partner. Entertaining, A short audio, narrated by *Mark Deakins* (same as *Rogue Lawyer*). Love short stories!

Looking forward to *Thriller #24*, coming *Oct 26, 2016!*

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Joe says

"Partners" is a short story prequel to "Rogue Lawyer." It's the story of how said Rogue Lawyer met his partner named (wait for it) Partner. Well, he's not when the story begins. This story is entertaining and definitely does a good job of establishing why Partner has such loyalty to him. I suspect he wrote this for "Rogue Lawyer" but couldn't find anywhere in the story to place it.

All in all, if you liked "Rogue Lawyer", I recommend picking this one up.

Sandra says

Prequel to the *Rogue Lawyer*. Just an appetizer, probably for the next book in the series.

Rudd has matured in this short story, unlike his portrayal in *Rogue Lawyer*. Keep it up like this, Sebastian, and I'll forgive you for wanting to be like the *Lincoln Lawyer*.

Fred says

Easy read. Dictionary's definition of Rogue is "dishonest & scoundrel".

The *Rogue Lawyer* is Sebastian Rudd, criminal defense attorney, he can always prove people are innocent before guilty. Other Lawyers won't take on "Tee Ray" Cardell, accused of killing Officer Buck Lester. His clients pay "nice fees" - Tee Ray's is only \$75,000?

Typical dramatic court case - Judge Schofield, prosecutor Max Mancini & key witness - Officer Buck's partner, says Tee Ray killed Buck, but his \$100 quickies with a teenager & family problems make him a unwilling witness to come forward.

Jury finds Tee Ray innocent. Was \$75,000 worth it to being found innocent? Tee Ray is hired by someone you won't expect?

Teresa Crawford says

It was actually quite good for a short story, I just wanted more that's all. Hope there's more to the *Rogue*

Lawyer series.

Janet says

A short very fast-paced book. But a good one.
This book is a prequel to 'A Rogue Lawyer' which I read last year.

Siv30 says

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Matt says

Grisham makes his mark with this wonderful short story, riding the coat tails of his popular novel, Rogue Lawyer. Thomas Ray Cardell, aka Tee Ray, is having a hard time making ends meet. He takes a sketchy job as a drug mule for a local dealer and appears to be having much success. However, one night while walking through the projects, he is chastised by a cop, who draws his weapon and begins shooting. Only once Tee Ray has been injured and on his knees does he draw a weapon and shoot the officer, eventually killing him. The State pushes for capital murder and Tee Ray is in need of representation. Enter, Sebastian Rudd, whose legal skills are second to none, even though his clientele and antics may leave much to be desired. Rudd works to piece the story together, fighting a city prosecutor who has the officer's partner fabricating a story of his own. At trial, Rudd puts it all out there, in hopes of salvaging at least some of Tee Ray's life. With a defence strategy based on truth and honesty, Rudd must convince a jury that the prosecution is representing a police force bent on a vendetta as it is filled with guilt. A great read with succinct chapters and legalese only Grisham can bring to the table.

Grisham redeems himself with this story, after blundering through a pamphlet-style story approach to new tumor research earlier this year. His legal mind is crisp and the chapters offer the reader quick doses of the trials and tribulations of building a capital murder defence. While only a teaser of potential future Sebastian Rudd work, Grisham handles it effectively, offering advantages to both sides of the trial prep. However, Grisham finds a way to link Rudd and the previous Rogue Lawyer story in the end, which wraps the entire tale up and brings it home for anyone with an hour to spend reading this piece.

Kudos, Mr. Grisham for another legal success. While the stories need not always have the underdog winning, it is nice to see the world is not always stacked against the poor.

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