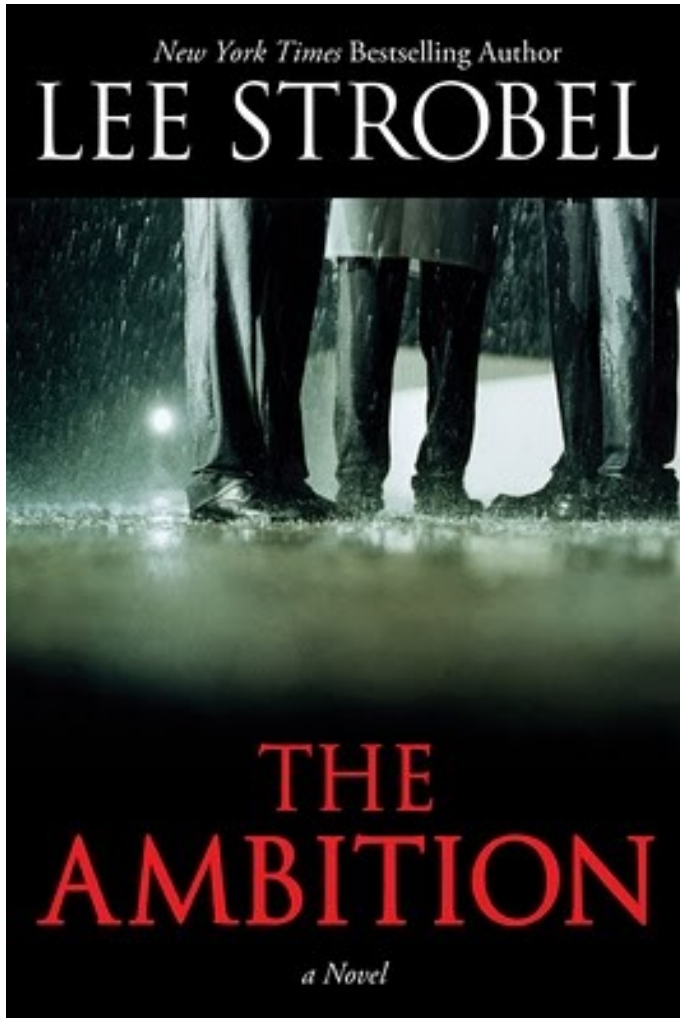

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The Ambition



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Description

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.

Insightful reviews

Cheryl Olson: A crooked judge, cynical newspaper reporter, and a big time pastor turning political candidate are just a few of the characters that you will find in Lee Strobel's debut fiction suspense novel [The Ambition: A Novel](#). The characters are woven into a fascinating story where the mob plays into the judicial corruption of a case. With a pay off to a certain judge the system was able to be manipulated so that cases could be steered toward a certain judge who would get them off. Also woven in to the storyline, is Eric Snow; a well off mega-church pastor who is feeling the draw of the political arena and truly believes he can use his influence for good in a Senatorial position opening up due to the current senator's scandal and Eric Snow is one of the possible candidates to take over. The other possible candidate is Chief Judge Reese McKelvie also vying for that senatorial position. Yes, you quickly see the character's "ambitions" all over the place. Some motives are pure others corrupt and the story just takes off from there, The Garry Strider character which is a Chicago new reporter looking to dig up any possible dirt that he can on Pastor Eric Snow gives the perfect cynical character particularly with regards to anything to do with God. Not having much use for God himself, Strobel paints a great picture of the path of cynicism and disbelief in God to a door cracking open just a little bit as the character faces different challenges. For instance he witnesses with his own eyes a true healing and miracle and faces challenges with his girlfriend Gina who is a new Christian. I like it that Garry is taking his time in really figuring out what he believes. One can't help but feel that this character is close to the author's own life experience, if you've followed Lee Strobel's non-fiction work *The Case for Christ*. With that being said, this character in particular, rings very true to me. The last fourth of the book is very exciting and moves very quickly. I would have to say that the end feels a little rushed but I was able to overlook it because it was clear to me that a sequel is to be written, so we will find out more about how these characters fair. My thoughts are that as a first run novel the story kept my attention and I felt the characters were interesting. There were a lot of characters to keep track of, but with all the people groups that the author melded together- judicial, political, mega-church, journalistic and also "the mob", it was necessary. In the final analysis I always ask myself- do I like these characters and do I care about what happens to them in the future which helps me gage the effectiveness of the story. The answer is yes, I did and I look forward to Lee Strobel's fiction offerings in the future.

Disclosure- A free Digital review copy of *The Ambition* by Lee Strobel was graciously provided for me by the publisher in exchange for a fair and honest review. All opinions expressed are my

own.

Juan Carlos Compres: 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.

April: RATING:4.5)THE AMBITION by Lee Strobel is an intriguing suspense fiction set in Chicago. It is written with depth and details. It has deceit,danger,death,the mob,payoffs, power,politics,bribes,contract killing,secrets,Senate candidate's and their secrets.This story is full of political intrigue,a megachurch,a big city newspaper,all the while taking you into the corrupt world of payoffs,corruption,and betrayal. It will have you on the edge of your seat.This is a thriller that is not to be missed as newspaper reporter Garry Strider probes into the world of justice,and corruption all while struggling to survive. The author weaves an exciting thriller with edgy characters and a powerful climax that will leave you breathless. A must read. This book was received from the Nancy Berland Public Relations,Inc.for the purpose of review.Details can be found at Zondervan and My Book Addiction Reviews.

Gail Welborn: Lee Strobel, former atheist-turned-Christian, most sensibly identified for the chart-topping, nonfiction "Case" sequence on faith, trust and Christianity, strikes into the fiction area with "The Ambition," an edgy debut mystery. He attracts on years of real-life adventure as an investigative reporter for The Chicago Tribune to jot down an insider story of political greed, corruption, playing dependency and payola. The ebook opens with a mob hit on an unsuspecting bookie. When the naïve bookie pulled into the dim two-car garage, he was once thankful not anyone knew approximately his half-brother's condo at the outskirts of Chicago's "Cook County." He had simply realized the Bugatti brothers suspected he held cash out whilst he paid his "street tax." He needed to admit he'd stiffed them a little, yet he used to be yes they wouldn't become aware of or leave it out—however they had. Now he had to lie low lengthy adequate to determine his subsequent stream and he needed to remain out of sight until eventually he did. He walked towards the home looking forward to a "cold one" from his brother's refrigerator while he observed "out of the nook of his eye...a blur streaking towards him..." Seconds after the hollow-point bullet struck, his useless physique used to be flung "...sprawling into 3 plastic trash packing containers alongside the storage wall..."...Full Review: <http://tinyurl.com/9um4frq>

Viviane Crystal: A bookie meets his finish by the hands of the no-nonsense Mafia mobster, Nick Moretti. That occasion will foster a sequence of conversations and unlawful activities that concentrate on how to not get stuck and feature one's destiny ruined. a customary scenario? Well, this one's bought just a little a special twist to it. An Illinois Senator has been criminally convicted and is compelled to resign. it is as much as the Governor to nominate an meantime Senator. His offerings are a Chicago Judge, Reese McKelvie, or an evangelistic preacher, Eric Snow. the previous engages in a few manipulation so one can loose the murderer, Nick Moretti; and the plot unwinds with him telling the Bugatti family. because the violent outcomes follow, it kind of feels there isn't any solution to pull again the forces aiming to do away with all threats to the Judge's senatorial selection! At an analogous time, Eric Snow and his criminal adviser are doing every thing attainable to safe the placement as well. Meanwhile, miracles are occurring in

his former church, and he in simple terms desires to distance himself from acknowledging the distinctive solutions to faith-filled prayer. His as soon as faith-filled lifestyles turns into divided till encouraged phrases holiday throughout the challenging veneer he is been developing. Ambition has diverse desiring to these reaping its diverse consequences. The Ambition is a singular approximately reading offerings and searching round on the lives one impacts on all degrees of existence and death! Lee Strobel has crafted a realistic, conscious-raising tale that each reader will lengthy have in mind and ponder! Outstanding!

Crystal: The Ambition brings forth a really attention-grabbing premise, what if a really widespread preacher did step right into a political office. yet that isn't the in basic terms factor occurring during this novel. No, for a brief novel, there's a lot going on. there's a romance among an atheist and a budding Christian that is going to the church of the fashionable pastor. The atheist is a reporter who's attempting to get an incredible tale to save lots of his task and thinks this popular pastor can be that story. there's additionally a crooked judge, a crooked politician, the mob, a few impressive people, a few blameless bystanders and a few in-between. The e-book is stuffed with characters, yet all of them stand out and that i by no means fairly discovered them confusing. However there's a lot happening within the book. It made for a truly fascinating learn and that i could not support turning from web page to page. I got here to actually take care of the various characters just like the newspaper reporter Strider. i would like him to come back to phrases together with his lifestyles and locate his faith. I additionally sought after the simplest for Pastor Snow who I felt rather misplaced himself within the chase for political strength (and that was once the point). I cherished the characters and that i felt for them and that made the publication for me besides the fast moving plot. I imagine the single factor that i did not like used to be how speedy issues have been tied up - i actually imagine the booklet wanted approximately a hundred extra pages and i'm hoping this can be the start of a sequence (please, please, please). It used to be left accomplished on the end, yet a bit open so i will be able to hope. i'd like to see extra of those characters and spot the place existence after this publication takes them. but it is tied up sufficient that you're feeling just like the booklet is over. Great characters that you just come to think like are your mates and a fast paced plot make The Ambition a very-worthwhile first enterprise into fiction for Mr. Strobel. i glance ahead to his subsequent ebook as well.

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