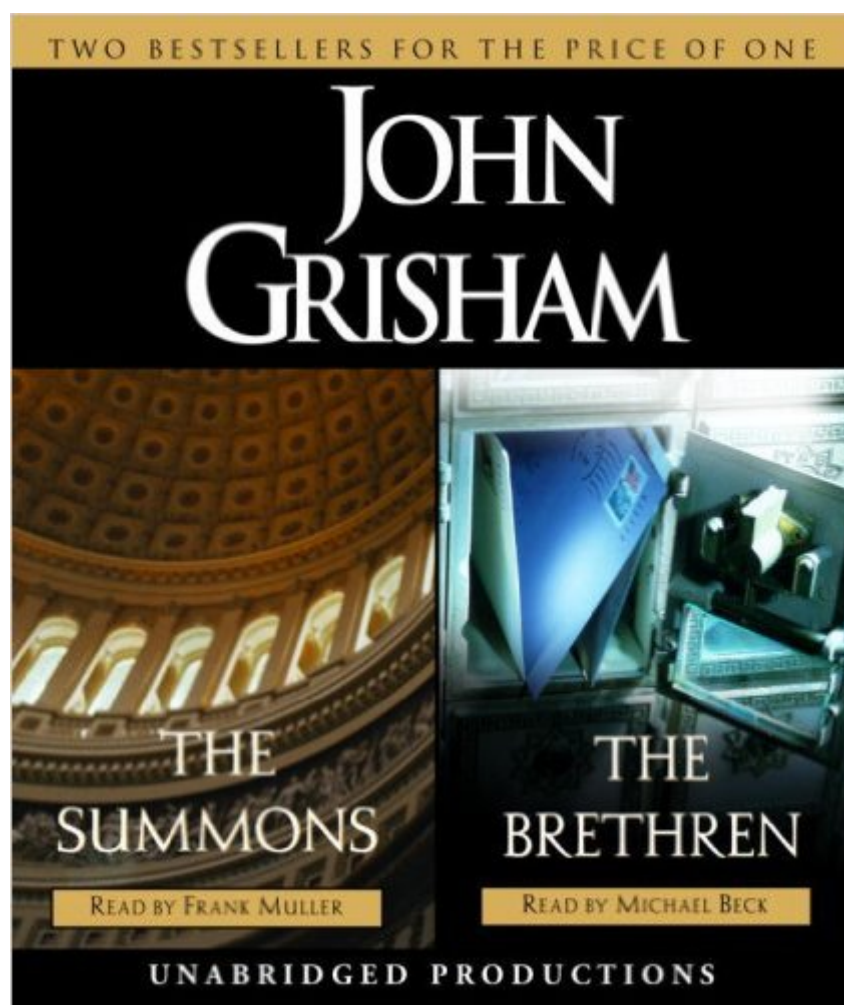


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# The Summons / The Brethren



## Synopsis

The Summons Once Judge Atlee was a powerful figure in Clanton, Mississippi—a “pillar of the community who towered over local law and politics for forty years. Now the judge is a shadow of his former self, a sick, lonely old man who has withdrawn to his sprawling ancestral home. Knowing the end is near, Judge Atlee has issued a summons for his two sons to return to Clanton to discuss his estate. The summons is typed by the judge himself, on his handsome old stationery, and gives the date and time for his sons Ray and Forrest to appear in his study. But the judge dies too soon, and in doing so leaves behind a shocking secret.

The Brethren They call themselves the Brethren: three disgraced former judges doing time in a Florida federal prison. Meeting daily in the prison law library, taking exercise walks in their boxer shorts, these judges-turned-felons can reminisce about old court cases, dispense a little jailhouse justice, and contemplate where their lives went wrong. Or they can use their time in prison to get very rich -- very fast. And so they sit, sprawled in the prison library, furiously writing letters, fine-tuning a wickedly brilliant extortion scam ... while events outside their prison walls begin to erupt.

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## Customer Reviews

I ordered this dual audiobook through Audible.com, which I highly recommend for its ease of use, excellent choices of books & good prices. Michael Beck is a fantastic reader; not so much Frank Muller. His reading style, with its breathy emphasis at the end of almost every word, is tedious; every sentence is not worthy of emphasis for crying out loud. The two titles are great Grisham story telling. In my opinion, Michael Beck should read for all Grisham's audiobooks.

Both books included with this CD are vintage John Grisham with lawyers in trouble or trying to get somebody out of trouble. I really enjoyed the writing. My only complaint is that I didn't notice upfront that Michael Beck reads "The Brethren". I recognized his breathy hyper-dramatic style from the first sentence. He voices text like "Joe finished her salad" as if he were actually reading "Joe strangled her with his belt". The silliness of it pulls the reader out of the story. I encountered his reading another book before but wasn't paying attention when I ordered this one. I will remember to avoid books read by him in the future.

This is classic John Grisham - lawyers trying to get their clients out of trouble or the lawyers, themselves in trouble. If you take long trips or commute to work - this is definitely a wonderful way to pass the time. Jeannie Walker - Award Winning Author of "Fighting the Devil" - A True Story of Consuming Passion, Deadly Poison, and Murder

Other reviews have me confused. Must have listened to a different book. Found the summons boring, ending horrible. Leaves a dozen unanswered questions.

Great listening on long distance drives. I don't absolutely love every single book Grisham writes - but these rank high on the list of true love.

Great item. I drive long distance, books are a lifesaver!!! I am an avid Grisham fan and enjoy the books when I get them. Thanks again.

We took a lengthy car trip and this book was an intriguing story that made time go fast

The ending was good but took too long to get there. The reader's voice could have been much more exciting.

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