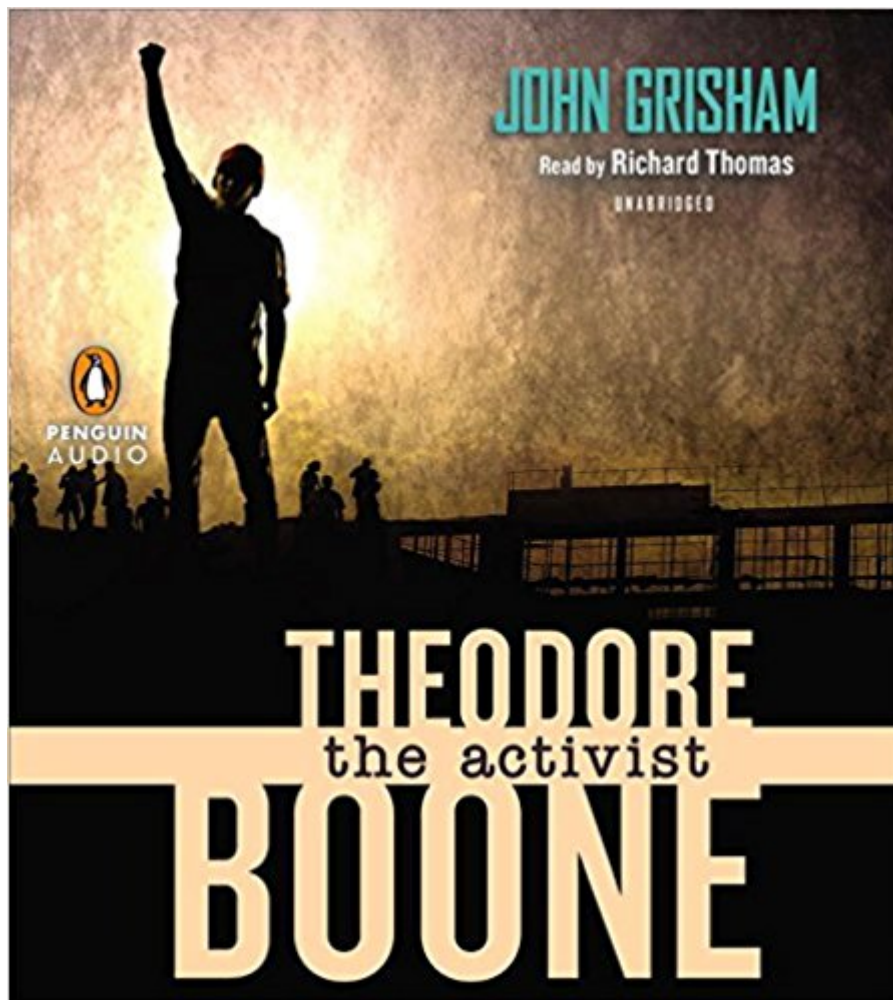




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Theodore Boone: The Activist



Synopsis

Theodore Boone is back in action! As all of Strattenburg sits divided over a hot political and environmental issue, Theo finds himself right in the thick of it. The county commission is fighting hard to change the landscape of the town, and Theo is strongly opposed to the plans. But when he uncovers corruption beneath the surface, no one – not even Theo – is prepared for the risks and potential harm at stake. Torn between his conscience and the law, Theo will do whatever it takes to stand up for what is right.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 6 – 8 Theodore Boone isn't your typical 13-year-old – he's a kid lawyer extraordinaire. The only son of two lawyers, Theo has a knack for getting to the bottom of things, which consequently leads to some sticky situations. There's courtroom drama and legalities, all explained in detail that is not only educational, but also downright entertaining. In typical Grisham style, this novel about eminent domain will keep middle graders hooked. As Theo finds himself in the center of a hot political battle over a proposed highway bypass through his town, he discovers corruption that has him questioning the ethics and motivations of everyone involved, including his father. When his beloved canine sidekick, Judge, is badly injured in a confrontation with surveyors, Theo discovers that a dog is not only a boy's best friend, but also his

star witness. Richard Thomas is the perfect narrator, giving Theo's voice the same earnestness and innocence that he brought to his character of John-Boy on the iconic TV series, *The Waltons*. A great choice for libraries where the series is popular and also a strong stand-alone that can be enjoyed on its own.

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Raves for the Theodore Boone series- "Smartly written." --USA Today- "Edge-of-your-seat drama, sophisticated plotting, and plenty of spunk." --Chicago Sun-Times- "Classic Grisham." --The Los Angeles Times- "Not since Nancy Drew has a nosy, crime-obsessed kid been so hard to resist." --The New York Times- "Gripping . . . I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a good mystery. I think everyone will be enthralled by Theodore Boone." --Scholastic News

I chose the 5 stars cause John Grisham is one HECK of a writer and I have read alot of books he has written and there isn't a bad one in the many books he has written that I know of any way. I loved the first Theodore the kid lawyer is great so I had to read the series and I am glad I did. The characters in this book I felt I was in the neighborhood and community fighting the fight with them. Boy at one point I was so angry at grown men picking on kids because they thought there would be any consequences for their actions and they were fooled. The adults were something else in this book. I stayed up alot of nights to find out what would happen next. I always lose sleep when I read John's book that why I start in a Friday night. YOU WON'T be sorry. The young adults would love this series (no foul language or violence) I actually think this is for young adults. They would like Theodore and Judge, his dog.

This book is the fourth book of the Theodore Boone Series. The series is all about Theo who is the only child of two lawyers. His father is an estate lawyer and his mother is a divorce lawyer. Theo loves the law and plans to be a famous trial lawyer some day. He loves the law so much that he has his own small "law office" within his parents' offices. He gives advice and helps out friends as much as he can. In this fourth book of the series, Theo is faced with a problem that has something to do with budgets. He is very sad to learn that budget cuts are forcing his school to make certain changes. But, as there are cutbacks on one hand, the town council is considering voting on a project that will cost \$200 million dollars. To make things much more worrisome, Theo's friend Hardie asks him whether the government can simply take the land that has been in his family for almost a century just to build something. As he and his friends are spending some time fishing on

the property that Hardie's family calls their own, his dog Judge gets brutally attacked by men who claim to be surveyors. They even shoved one of the boys and was rough with Theo himself. Judge is lucky to be alive and Theo's parents take the men to Animal Court for cruelty. Theo has to explain about eminent domain and I have to admit that the explanation is clear and easy to understand especially for young children. The concept of acting on something that kids passionately care about is well presented. However, the story starts out rather slowly. It only picks-up after an incident at the Quinn property which is pretty far into the book.

I have read all of the books in this series, and most of the other Grisham books. I have seen several reviews that said this and the others in the series were unbelievable and kids don't talk and act like the kids in this book. Let me say, from not only having kids that were this age, to having been a middle school teacher, to having been involved in Scouting for many years, to having my children come to my office at times - I can say that kids are absolutely like the kids in the book. I will also say that I found myself slipping back to my own years of that age... and if nothing else, that is a good reason to read the book. All of the Grisham books don't have to be legal thrillers. It is just another avenue, but people do the same thing in his books.... they read to escape, to get a diversion, to see someone else's problems, etc. This book and the series will do that for you. In the end, How many can honestly say that at some point they haven't told one of those "back when I was in High School stories" or told their kids: " You don't know what it is really like to have to...." For that alone, read and enjoy and go back to your own childhood, and be reminded that it wasn't always as good as you remember now. Become a kid again for a bit, let things go and feel better.

This series is fantastically written for kids and adults to read together. Creative, you like the characters, the interactions between kids and adults, as well as middle school age kids with one another are positive without being boring. They are suspenseful enough to entertain adults without being overly-scary or inappropriate for upper-elementary or middle school-aged children... get this series on audible for your family's summer road trip!

I have enjoyed reading the Theodor Boone series. I am 67 and I have to say that the series is good for teaching both young and or anyone the true values that they should abide by and to cherish living by. What's right is right and what's wrong is wrong. The problem today is teaching what is right. It seems that now days everyone is all about doing the wrong things.

In the first place, I have read nearly every book John Grisham has written. If you have also, you know that not every single solitary book he has written is wonderful or enjoyable, etc., just Most of them. That said, the "Theodore Boone" series is delightful in every way. I can think of no one of any age that would be unable to enjoy any of the books in the series.

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