



Book Review: Ford Country Stories

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John Grisham has done it again! His latest book was so captivating that I read it in one sitting!

Clanton Mississippi is the scene for seven separate stories that each deal with topics that are often difficult for individuals to think about.

The first deals with young men who make immature choices on their journey to give blood for a resident who has had a work-related injury.

Chapter two describes the horrible situation that a family faces when they take their mother to prison where their brother is scheduled for execution.

"Fish Files" involves lawyers who plan a settlement for men who have had accidents due to a corporate liability situation. One of the lawyers uses greed and his feelings of disgust for his life to make selfish choices.

Chapter Four also involves greed and the manipulation of a man who decides to claim Indian status in order to build a casino which will bring him wealth.

"Michael's Room" again involves a lawyer who had defended and won a litigation case against a family who were suing for unprofessional conduct and malpractice by the doctor who was incompetent when delivering their baby.

"Quiet Haven" takes the reader into the sad and lonely lives of seniors who are institutionalized in a nursing home.

The final chapter spins a tale that involves a man who is rejected by his rich family because of his homosexuality and the bond that he forms with a single older black woman who takes him in when he needs caring the most.

Each of the stories reveals how humanity deals things in strange and selfish ways.

Of all the books that John Grisham has written this is definitely one of my favourites.