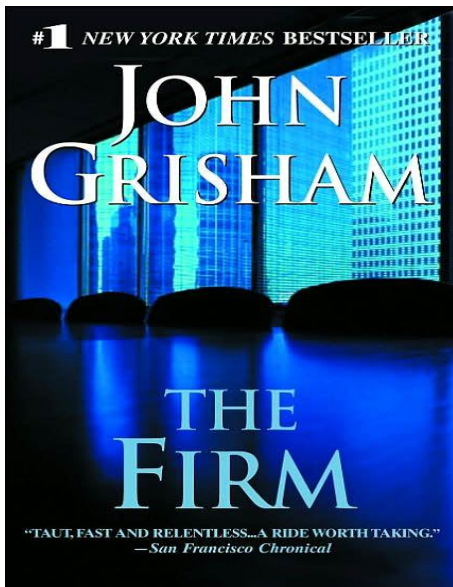


## THE FIRM

*By: John Grisham.*

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The Firm is a 1991 legal thriller and the second novel by John Grisham. It was his first widely recognized book in 1993, after it sold 1.5 million copies.

At the start of the book, a man called Mitch Mcdeere qualified with a good rank in his class at Harvard's, he had started getting offers from all over America, especially from wall street, and was being offered around \$64,000- \$70,000 for a year. His wife was named Abby. They belong to a poor family. Mitch's brother was in jail and his parents had died. He was soon summoned by Mr. Bendini from a tax firm in Memphis, where he was being offered a salary as high as \$80,000 per annum and was being given a house at a very low mortgage loan, along with a BMW car, on the day that he entered Memphis.

Mitch joins the tax firm from Memphis and as soon as he did, two of his colleagues were killed due to a bomb blast.

Everyone thought it was an accident, but in real, this was something done by the company itself. The company was involved in some conspiratorial activities which it did not want anyone to know; and if people came to know or even became remotely suspicious about it, they were killed.

The firm had bugged all their employees' houses and kept notes on everything that was happening around their employees.

Soon Mitch got suspicious about the firm too, and hired a private investigator Lomex (who was also the prison friend of his brother Ray.) Lomex disclosed and gave information about the firm to Mitch.

The company soon learned about what Mitch was up to and also came to know about the investigator, which resulted in Lomex being killed.

Mitch started giving information to the FBI about the firm and its illegal activities. This is how the FBI came to know that the firm was connected with a crime family.

Finally, when the company and the executives were apprehended and investigated by the FBI, Mitch stole \$10 million from the company and went underground in Coyomos. Whereas, all the other members of the full Morottro (crime family) were caught!

This twist in the ending is what really stands out about this book.

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