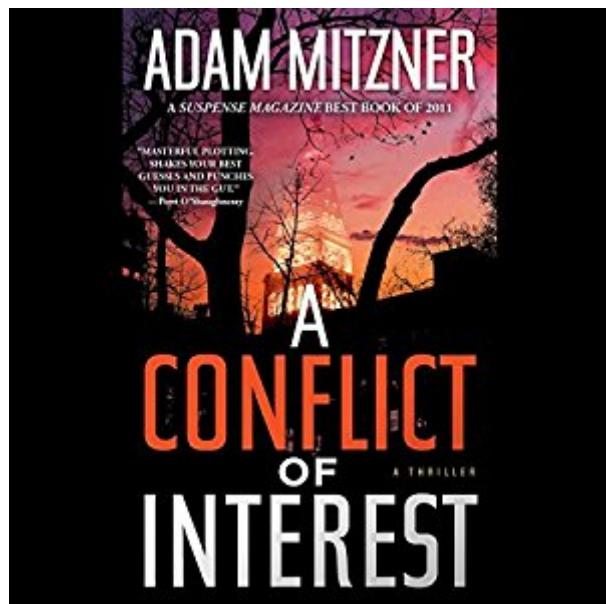


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# A Conflict Of Interest: A Novel



## **Synopsis**

A stunning debut thriller in the best-selling tradition of Scott Turow and John Grisham! Alex Miller is a criminal defense lawyer leading the life he always imagined. At thirty-five, he is the youngest partner at New York City's most prestigious law firm, with a beautiful wife and a perfect daughter. When Alex's father suddenly passes away, Alex is introduced to Michael Ohlig, a rich and powerful man who holds an almost mythical place in his family lore. But Alex is surprised when Ohlig admits that he's in serious legal trouble, accused of crimes involving hundreds of millions of dollars. Alex agrees to take on Ohlig's defense. Through the course of two trials, secrets are revealed that force Alex to question whether any of the people in his life are who they appear to be. Most importantly, he must decide whether the identity he projects to the world is the man he truly is or even wants to be. With its powerful voice, pause-resistant tension, and strong cast of characters, *A Conflict of Interest* will captivate listeners right up to its electrifying conclusion.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Our hero, Alex Miller, is the youngest ever partner at a very prestigious NYC law firm, working - seemingly all the time - as a criminal defense attorney. He's married to a wonderful, beautiful woman and has the perfect 5 year-old daughter. So of course we know his life is about to change drastically- for the worse - and it does. During his father's funeral he is approached by, and decides to represent, his father's "best" friend in a securities fraud case. What the reader learns - and Alex too, although not as quickly - is that everything is not as it seems - the case, Alex's marriage, his

client, his partners and peers - this phenomenon so prevalent that the "twists" become predictable very early on - which doesn't help in the thriller/suspense department. Without spoiling the plot/ twists, I found this book very muddled, much too predictable to be a thriller, yet not deep enough to be a character study. The characters are not very likeable, which is not a problem in and of itself - although I believe the reader is supposed to empathize with many of them. Mrs. Alex, an artist, is a shrew; happy with the financial perks of being married to a successful man, but unhappy with her life and blatantly passive/aggressive with her over-worked husband. Alex's client, portrayed as both mysterious and confident, is incredibly and predictably manipulative - keeping Alex in the dark every step of the way. Even Alex's mother, distraught after the sudden death of her husband, has an agenda of her own. And poor Alex, hard-working yet angst/guilt-ridden, is caught in the middle of all this - Pathetically making one bad decision after another - in his marriage, with his client and specifically with a co-worker - constantly paying the price, yet never learning from his mistakes.

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