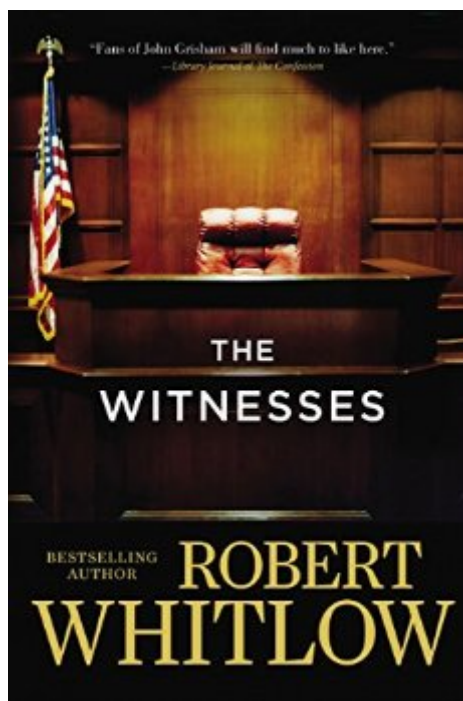


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# The Witnesses



## Synopsis

Young lawyer Parker House is on the riseâuntil his grandfatherâs mysterious past puts both of their lives in danger. Parker Houseâs secret inheritance is either his greatest blessing . . . or his deadliest curse. The fresh-faced North Carolina attorney shares his German grandfatherâs uncanny ability to see future events in his mindâa gift that has haunted 82-year-old Frank House through decades of trying to erase a murderous wartime past. While Parker navigates the intrigue and politics of small-town courtroom law, Frank is forced to face his darkest regrets. Then, a big career break for Parker collides with a new love he longs to nurture and the nightmares his grandfather can no longer escape. Sudden peril threatens to shatter not only Parkerâs legal prospects but also his life and the lives of those dearest to him. Two witnesses, two paths, an uncertain future.

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## Customer Reviews

My book club never passes up a chance to read a novel by Robert Whitlow. Although he has scored

a miss or two with us, he is a consistent favorite. His latest book, *The Witnesses*, is Whitlow at his best. We met last night to discuss the book. I have to admit that I finished it just minutes before walking out the door. Others in the group had not finished it, but had skimmed the ending so that they could join in on the discussion. (In our defense, we only had a 2 1/2 week turn around between meetings. We usually have at least a month.) The consensus was that we loved the book, and for those who had not completed it, that pleasure was on their agenda for the rest of the evening. Parker House and his grandfather, Frank, are gifted with hunches and premonitions. Frank's ability has led to some of his biggest regrets, while Parker, a young lawyer, has barely discovered the power and responsibility of his gift. The past, present and future collide as their need for a life lived with integrity is impacted by the expectations and demands of their world. There is much to love about *The Witnesses*. Well-developed characters are easy to love (or hate as the case may be). My book club especially liked Frank who could have easily been a difficult character to connect with. As a former officer in the German army in WWII, he participated in operations against the Allies. But his deep sense of right and wrong and his conscience made him real and relatable. His story was the most engaging, yet we were heavily invested in Parker's story, especially his relationship with Layla and her father/his boss, Tom Blocker. Elements of suspense, legal drama, and romance make this a story that will appeal to a wide audience. I had to take this book away from my husband so I could have it read by my meeting.

Robert Whitlow's latest release, *The Witnesses*, follows Parker House as he makes his mark as the newest lawyer in a small North Carolina law firm. As he attempts to navigate the politics of the office and his small town, Parker also begins to discover a surprising ability to see the future. Parker's grandfather, Frank, has struggled with the repercussions of this same gift over the course of his lifetime, particularly as a result of his wartime experiences in the German army. Together, Parker and Frank must discover the true source of their gift and overcome those who seek to use it for evil. Mr. Whitlow presents an intriguing legal drama that seamlessly integrates Christian themes and multiple time periods. Fans of both contemporary and historical fiction will find themselves fascinated by this unique work of Christian fiction. Overall, I rather enjoyed reading *The Witnesses*. Typically, most of my experiences reading Christian suspense novels with a legal emphasis have been those written by Don Brown. However, I found that Mr. Whitlow offered a detailed, yet approachable, story focused around legal characters and a small-town law office. *The Witnesses* stands out from among similar works due to its focus on the interplay between young lawyer, Parker, and his elderly grandfather, as they share a unique ability to see into the future.

While Parker uses it within a legal setting, his grandfather was forced to use it during World War II, resulting in the story switching between the two time periods on a regular basis. I actually enjoyed the grandfather's flashbacks as much or more than the contemporary plotline involving Parker. The weakest aspect of the storyline was a result of the long build-up to the main action near the end of the book.

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