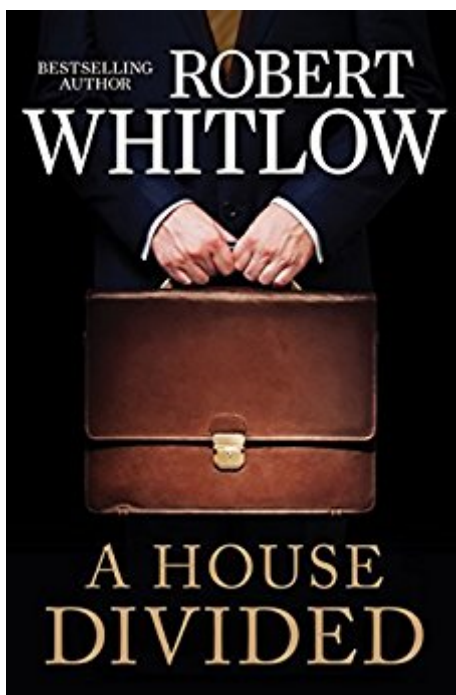


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# A House Divided



## Synopsis

Corbin Gage can stand up to anyone . . . But his own divided house will bring him to his knees. Corbin, a longtime legal champion for the downtrodden, is slowly drinking himself into the grave. His love for “mountain water” has cost him his marriage to the godliest woman he knows, ruined his relationship with his daughter, Roxy, and reduced the business at his small Georgia law firm to a level where he can barely keep the bill collectors at bay. But it isn’t until his son, Ray, threatens to limit Corbin’s time with his grandson that Corbin begins to acknowledge he might have a problem. Despite the mess that surrounds his personal life and against the advice of everyone he knows, Corbin takes on a high-stakes tort case on behalf of two boys who have contracted non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma due to an alleged chemical exposure. The defendant, a fertilizer company, is the largest employer in the area. The lawsuit becomes a tornado that sucks Corbin, Ray, and Roxy into an increasingly deadly vortex. Equally intense pressure within the family threatens to destroy, once and for all, the thin threads that connect them. Corbin must find the strength to stand up to his personal demons. Justice for two dying boys depends on it . . . his family depends on it. “Fans of John Grisham will find much to like here.” Library Journal of The Confession

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## Customer Reviews

I am not going to recap the story in this book, but it is one of the best I have read recently. Robert Whitlow is a master storyteller and his characters are genuine. This is a great story of a broken family torn apart by alcoholism. Only the love of God can restore broken people and broken relationships, and this book paints a picture of restoration. I am a voracious reader, and highly recommend this book.

The description of this book made it sound "Grisham-esque", meaning this would be a legal thriller with a young or solo-practice lawyer going against the big guys. There would be some personal love life or related issues included. Although this is an enjoyable read, the legal elements are mostly a side-story; the major focus is on family angst. In fact, the characters did not even need to be lawyers; substitute a group of doctors, or accountants, or grocery store clerks and you have the same basic story. In terms of the legal elements of this book, the developments (few as they are) are highly predictable and shallow. Grisham this is not. This is a well-paced book and fairly easy to read. I might still have purchased it if it were marketed as what it is. But as a legal thriller, this is a major disappointment.

I've started this review several times and something has interrupted each attempt and the partially written review disappeared. So here it is in the short and sweet version. In Georgia there is something called branch water or mountain water. It's better known as moonshine. Corbin Gage has a hankering for this elixir and has a forty year acquaintance with it. It's corrupted every relationship of Corbin's. Now he is facing a DUI. To his chagrin, his daughter-in-law is threatening to deprive him of contact with his grandson who he treasures. The other part of the story is about the evil big company poisoning children due to dumping toxic chemicals. That's it in a nutshell. It's a good story that you're sure to enjoy. I gave it four stars. Now it's your turn to read the book and give your opinion.

I almost stopped reading after the first 50 pages because the book had a fairly slow start. Once the pace picked up, it kept my interest. It is difficult to relate to the struggles of an alcoholic. However,

Mr. Whitlow made the issues leap off the page. There was a great deal of time spent on the twelve steps of AA but it was artfully woven into the story. The legal portrayal seemed realistic. Faith struggles surrounding the characters were well presented. The multidimensional characters were well developed and appreciated due to the lack of offensive language. I didn't particularly like the ending, although it did provide a resolution. I will likely try additional books by this author.

I am totally a fan of Robert Whitlow. This is the third or fourth book of his I have read. Each one is a story of real characters with feelings, thoughts and families. With each page, you are drawn into the characters' life. This book is about Corbin, a grandfather, an absent father, a lawyer and an alcoholic. Billy is the grandson who worships his Pops. There is so much more going on in this book but I don't want to give anything away. This book/this author is appropriate for everyone. It will make you think about your values, it will make you smile and even bring a tear or two to your eyes. It has some mystery and some drama in it. My dilemma is...do I read another Whitlow book or settle for something else.

A House Divided No More is an awesome, tear-jerker in places but always fascinating. Dr. Whitlow is such a great author who always introduces suspense, love and guidance to the reader. I've read ALL of his books and love it when a new one is published. Don't miss this if you like John Grisham, Whitlow is better.

I loved reading this book but was disappointed at the ending. It took me awhile to figure out where it was going. I would give it a 4 1/2 star rating, but didn't know how to do it. I like this author and the other book I read I gave a 5 star rating. I just thought the ending wasn't complete, I wanted to know more about it. Perhaps a sequel would help.

I grew up in an alcoholic home so this book was a personal story to me! Robert Whitlow dealt with the hard issues in a way that was real, raw, honest, hard & hopeful at the same time! The case of contaminated water & how difficult those cases are to get truth out is real and not an easy subject as well! These are some of the things people battle in this world we live in. The mom, grandmother & ex-wife was a prayer warrior for her family & we are left with our hope is in prayer, in God, in Jesus Christ! Excellent book! Excited to read more of his books!

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