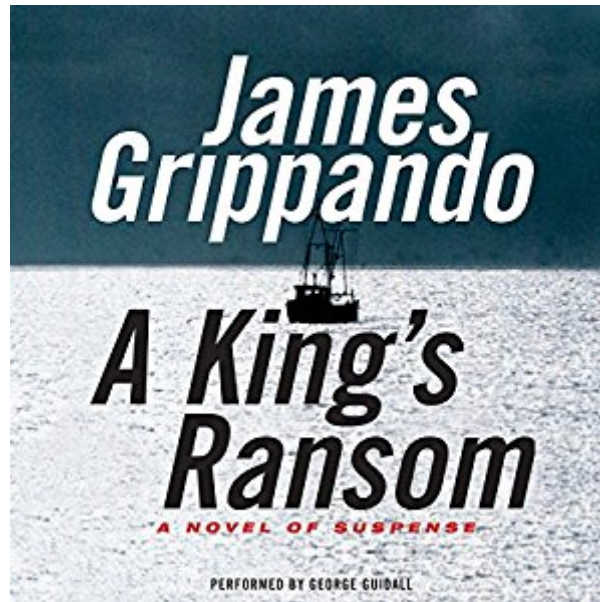




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Synopsis

Two years out of law school, Nick Rey is already on the fast track at a hot Miami law firm. But his dreams of success are overshadowed when his father, Matthew, is abducted while on a business trip to Colombia. The guerillas demand an impossible \$3 million ransom - the exact sum Matthew's kidnap-and-ransom insurance policy covers. The insurance company suspects fraud, however, and refuses to pay. And, as Nick soon learns, it isn't the guerillas who hold the key to his father's survival. A group of faceless lawyers at a powerful firm has something to hide and will stop at nothing to keep Nick from discovering the truth.

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Customer Reviews

I really loved this book. I knew little about the South American big business of kidnapping for ransom from the perceived rich gringos up north and even less about how prolific it is, but by the end of this well crafted story I felt I had walked every step of the way with the main characters. Grippando gives them great humanity so that you relate so strongly to their emotions that it's very hard to put the book down. It's a thriller with a heart beat that at times leaves you breathless!

This is a well written book, full of twists, turns, and suspense which will keep you up a bit late and the pages turning. You will probably not be looking to take a vacation trip to Columbia anytime soon after reading this as kidnappings of tourists seems to be a local sport among some of the locals. In this instance Nick Ray's father has been kidnapped while on a trip to Columbia to buy some

additional fishing boats for his fleet. Not to worry, he has purchased kidnap insurance. 3,000,000 dollars worth, which just happens to be the amount of the ransom demand. Strange things start to happen to Nick as he attempts to overturn their decision and doors that used to be open to him keep closing. The story moves between the kidnapped father and the searching son until they are finally brought together in an ending which keeps the reader riveted until the last page.

Matthew Rey has been kidnapped. The guerillas want three million dollars to release him. Matthew had bought kidnap insurance and the amount of coverage was three million dollars. Somehow they knew that. How???? The insurance company refuses to pay, claiming fraud on Nick Rey's part but is that the real reason?? Matthew is held in the wilds of the jungle, he may or may not survive even if the ransom is paid. Nick meets blocks every way he turns. The insurance company, the FBI, all seem to be against him. The book will hold your attention. You won't want to put it down. It has many twist and turns, one at the very end that I did not see coming. If you like a good mystery that is full of suspense, you will like this book.

I really enjoy this author's books and this one is no exception. It is an easy and a fast read as it's hard to put down. It reminds me a bit of his novel "Found Money" in the fact that Nick Rey finds himself uncovering secrets about his father's life that had been kept from him. It explores the father-son relationship in a very similar way as did the other novel. It makes one wonder how much do we ever really know our parents? Mr. Grippando always seems to throw a bit of romance in and does a swell job of it too. To me the most amazing thing about this book though are the facts about Columbia. I will certainly never go there!! All in all I found the kidnap thing very effective. Great read!!

I loved the research that went into this book. It is why I love Grippando. It is very believable. I recommend this as a good read.

A great read based on a very real problem that's occurring daily in some politically torn countries. "It could happen to you" scenario makes it even more compelling. It was hard to put the book down.

Excellent story with a great deal of suspense, action and excitement. The ending was completely surprising along with each character coming to life.

A good book with very few lulls...I quite liked it....

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