A Time To Kill

“Justice”

John Grisham novel by law/court/trials

Opening Scene: harassment of black neighborhood—showing racism, southern stereotypes: men in trucks

*4 min:* Attack on Tonya

**\*\*Start at 5:30**

*7:33-* Arrested in bar in Ozzie Walls—uses the shoe as evidence

Carl Lee Hailey is the father of the victim, Tonya (10 years old)

James Lewis Willar=perpetrator #1

*11:47*- Carl Lee references case last year (in office) when two-four white men got off for raping a black girl—insinuates vigilante justice

Jake Brigance: Atticus-like, but younger/less experience

-has a daughter that same age as Tonya

*14:20-*Carla Brigance tells Jake he should call Sheriff

Harry Rex Vonner: “hyenas, get what’s coming to them, an eye for an eye”

*18:20*-Carl Lee shoots them on the court house stairs—also shoots Dwayne Looney accidentally

-Jake comes home bloody

*20:50*-Arrest of Carl Lee—he knows he is going to be arrested and he goes peacefully

*23*-Carl discusses his future with Jake—refers to Jake defending his brother before. Jake leaves the court house and announces to the media that he will be defending Carl Lee

*25-* District Attorney (Rufus Buckley) discusses the case—he wants to keep the trial in town because there is a better chance of having an all white jury.

*26-* Jake and Lucian discuss justice: “If you win this case, justice will prevail, and if you lose, justice will also prevail. Now that is a strange case.”

*28*-Graveside of the dead boys—revival of the Klan

Jake and family watching the news: “Justice will be colorblind”—receives a phone call that if Carl Lee walks, he will die

*31-* DA will seek the death penalty—tells Jake if they plead guilty he will make sure Carl Lee only gets a life sentence

*32*-pleads “Not Guilty”—by reason of insanity—Ellen Roark hands Jake paper to get permission to move location of the trial—past cases

*36:30-* Carl Lee and Jake in Carl’s cell—only able to give him 900, 10,000 case

*37-* Meet Ellen Roark—offers to help Jake—brilliant, wealthy father, willing to do research to help him win the case

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*40*- Keefer goes to meet the Klan—“God’s Justice”

*42:45*—Carl Lee goes to see the injured cop to apologize—he tells him that he did know what he was doing

*44:11*- Klan applications

*46-* Carl Lee’s family is at the church and is escorted to the front.

NAACP visits the Reverend and wants to act as legal representation (corruption on

both sides)

*48:48-* Boys brought into Klan

Mickey Mouse warns Carla about the burning cross

-family is experiencing similar harassment as the Finches—Hannah

likened to a “nigger-lover”

-Jake admits that he never called the sheriff to warn him about Carl Lee’s

intention to kill the two boys.

*52-* visits at jail—collection at church —needed money for bills and groceries

*55*- secretary tells Jake that they’re getting threats at home too

*58-* NAACP seems like it has other motives—calls Jake a “cracker”—says he can use money for a lawyer of their choice

*1:03-* attacks intruder when he tries to bomb Jake’s house—“nothing’s more dangerous than a fool with a cause”

-Miss Maudie’s comment about a bible in the hand on one man is dangerous

*1:05*- family leaves for mother’s house—“I can’t quit now”—despite risks to himself and his family

*1:07-* Jake visits the judge—he is denied his request for a change of venue for the trial

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*1:10*- Klan gets Ethel’s husband

**\*\*Flip disk\*\***

*1:16*- Lucian meets Roark

*1:18-* Jury selection

*1:19*- Jury is going to be sequestered

KKK arrives

*1:20*- Riots in the street

*1:23*- KKK meeting

*1:26-* Burning cross at jail and on lawn again

*1:28-1:30-* House burns down

Calling for Max—symbol of hope

Harry Rex tells him to quit while he’s ahead—see his wife, save his marriage and

his career—walk away

-has to weigh convictions against his family/safety

*1:36-* Secretary’s husband dies

*1:40*- Roark is undercover

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*1:41-* Looney testifies—says that Carl Lee did what he would have done—“Turn him loose!”—similar to Link Deas’ outburst

***\*\*We will watch on “Day 5” Wednesday, 11/26: SPOILER ALERTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

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*1:50-*Keefer tries to kill Jake—hits cop instead

*1:52-* Roark is pulled over and kidnapped by KKK—tied to a tree, half naked

*1:56-*Roark freed

*1:59-* Defense’s psychiatrist’s credibility is questioned—old records brought up show that he was convicted of raping a woman (it was considered rape b/c of her age – it was consensual and they later married)

*2:00*-“You need to find justice no matter how well she may hide from you.”

*2:02-* Cross examination of Carl Lee—“They deserved to die!”

*203-* Roark is in the hospital

*2:07*- Wife comes to visit: “You took this case because if those boys hurt Hannah…you would have killed them yourself.”—Understands his motivation for taking the case

*2:11*-Lines divided

Carl Lee to Jake: “Our kids will never play together”

*2:12-* Closing arguments

--Jake retells the story to the jurors and at the end he asks them to imagine all of this happened to a white

girl—trying to make them see that the situation is terrible, regardless of who experiences it

*2:24*- Picnic at Carl Lee’s home—the kids are playing together.