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## Editorial Review

### Amazon.com Review

After four years on the run, hiding 90 million dollars, it was only a matter of time before Patrick Lanigan's past caught up with him. John Grisham's *The Partner* is the gripping tale of a young, ambitious lawyer who turns crooked. He fakes his own death, grabs a fortune from his ex-firm, and heads for Brazil. But despite plastic surgery, a new identity, and a resourceful way to hide the money, Lanigan's perfect crime unravels. And once the chips fall, this "promising partner" lands himself in the middle of legal mayhem.

Critically acclaimed narrator Frank Muller reads this unabridged audiocassette with passion and wit, bringing energy and quick-paced dialogue to the story. He accurately portrays a number of characters and accents ranging from thick Southern drawls to a harsh New York dialect. Muller's calm voice carries listeners into this grotesque world of greed and deceit, where subplots and sleazeballs abound. (Running time: 12 hours, 12 cassettes) --*Gina Kaysen*

### From [Booklist](#)

Grisham tries his hand at the fake-your-death-and-change-your-identity theme.

### From Kirkus Reviews

Grisham (*The Client*, 1993, etc.) justifies a colossal first printing of 2.8 million copies with his best-plotted novel yet, gripping the reader mightily and not letting go. Nor is there the dispersal of belief that often follows his knockout openings. Patrick Lanigan is tracked down to his hideout in Brazil, where he lives modestly near the Paraguayan border. Surely, Jack Stephano thinks, Patrick could not have spent the \$90 million he ran off with four years ago. Jack has spent \$3 million tracking Patrick down, and he wants that money. He wants it so much that he's blithely torturing Patrick to discover its location. The problem is that Patrick doesn't really know. He's given power of attorney to his lover, the brilliant Brazilian lawyer Eva Miranda, and she has been shuttling the money from bank to bank around the world, keeping it untraceable. When Patrick fails to call her at four in the afternoon, per usual, she skips out, as they've planned, and goes into hiding. And as planned, she phones the FBI office in Biloxi, Mississippi, and tells them that one Jack Stephano has very likely captured Patrick and is holding him in Brazil. The FBI puts pressure on Stephano to bring Patrick back to Biloxi, where the embezzlement took place and where Patrick's cremated remains were buried after his car went over an embankment. Patrick even attended his own funeral, watching through binoculars. As it turns out, the \$90 million he ran off with was dirty money his law firm had helped collect in a criminal conspiracy to rob the government. Will the money be returned? Will Patrick escape trial for the murder of whoever it was that died in that accident? And what of Eva, now hiding in the States and helping Patrick orchestrate his defense? Grisham comes up with a masterfully bittersweet end (with his title taking on a sly double edge) that may be his most satisfying ever. (First printing of 2,800,000; Literary Guild main selection) -- *Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

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