

The Ambition

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A name

well-known in Christian publishing, Lee Strobel crafts a gripping legal

thriller in his debut novel, *The Ambition*. In it, the former *Chicago*

Tribune legal reporter demonstrates his intimate knowledge of the inner

workings of the justice system.

When the Illinois governor

needs to fill a vacant Senate seat, Chicago megachurch pastor Eric Snow sees a

new arena for his ministry. Viewing his evangelical image as a political

liability, Snow's advisers push him to resign from the church as atheist

investigative journalist Garry Strider plumbs the church for Pulitzer-grade

scandal. Strider finds nothing to report besides a series of miraculous

healings during intercessory prayer. Meanwhile, a disgraced mob lawyer with a

secret that could devastate Snow's main opponent seeks absolution at the church

and inadvertently embroils both Strider and Snow in a murderous plot.

Strobel's

multiple viewpoints can be disorienting, and some of the myriad subplots do not

resolve. Still, the plot is engaging and exciting while staying grounded in the

Christian faith.

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