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Defense Attorney Mickey Haller has fallen on tough times. Despite his newfound celebrity after having a movie made about one of his cases, criminal defense in Los Angeles has virtually dried up in the down economy. Since paying criminal clients are few and far between, Haller must expand his business into foreclosure defense.

But just when he thinks criminal court is in his rearview mirror, one of his new clients is accused of killing the banker she blames for trying to take away her home. Mickey puts his team into high gear to exonerate Lisa Trammel, despite what seems to be a mountain of circumstantial evidence against her, a take-no-prisoners prosecutor, and Haller's own suspicions that his client may be guilty.

The more Mickey digs, the more he finds signs that the victim was involved in dirty dealings of his own and in a black market that feeds off the huge sums of money changing hands in the nation's mortgage crisis. After two professional thugs put Mickey in the hospital, he knows he on the right trail. Despite the danger, he mounts the best defense of his career in a trial with as many switchbacks as there are seats on the jury, with the last surprise coming after the verdict is in.

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