In Terry Lewis’s successful debut novel, Conflict of Interest, attorney Ted Stevens concealed evidence in a murder case that might have freed his client. Why? Because that same evidence would have made Ted a suspect too. Privileged Information, Lewis’s eagerly awaited second legal mystery, features Ted’s partner, Paul Morganstein. While defending his late brother’s best friend on a murder charge, Paul obtains privileged information (which he is ethically bound not to disclose) leading him to conclude that his client committed another murder thirty years ago. The victim? Paul’s brother. Ted, trying hard to stay off the booze and keep his marriage together, has been suspended from the practice of law and relegated to investigative duties. Paul, the stable, responsible partner of their Tallahassee firm, is beginning to feel the stress of that responsibility. His Jewish mother is on his case for working too much and neglecting his family. There is a cash flow problem at the firm, a rebellious teenager at home, cracks in an otherwise strong marriage, and those extra pounds that seem to come with the extra worries. He is, as his doctor tells him, a heart attack waiting to happen. And now he has to take on the biggest company, with the deepest pockets, in the Panhandle, defending a client who, incredibly, seems less concerned than his attorney that he’s facing murder one. The deeper Paul digs, the more likely it seems that his client not only killed the vice president of Pinnacle Paper Company but knows a lot more than he’ll say about the death of Paul’s brother David. Investigation into the Pinnacle case is turning up new evidence that reveals more about his brother’s life—and death—than Paul can deny. Does Paul honor the sacred oath of confidentiality and allow his brother’s murderer to go free, or does he breach that duty in the interest of a higher morality, a greater justice? Moreover, will his client decide that there is really only one way to be sure that Paul does not disclose this privileged information?

My Personal Review:
Judge Lewis's new book is on par with some of the nation's bestselling legal authors' work. Privileged Information is not only a legal drama, but a
legal thriller. Lewis's second book centers on Paul Morgenstien, whose parter, Ted was featured in Conflict of Interest. I enjoyed revisiting many of the same cast of characters. His wonderful descriptions of the people and landscape of North Florida are rich and multi-sensory. What makes Privileged Information a page turner is the multi-faceted plot and many subplots. I was kept in suspense until the end, and loved the many twists and turns in determining the guilty character. I was intrigued by the ever growing connection between a current murder case and one from thirty years ago. Lewis give us much insight into the court system and how a legal business is run. His main character, Paul Morgenstein, is also very real. I especially enjoyed "getting inside the character's head" when faced with several sticky situations. I think those who have read Conflict of Interest will enjoy this new title, and those who have not will find a great author in this genre of legal thrillers.

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