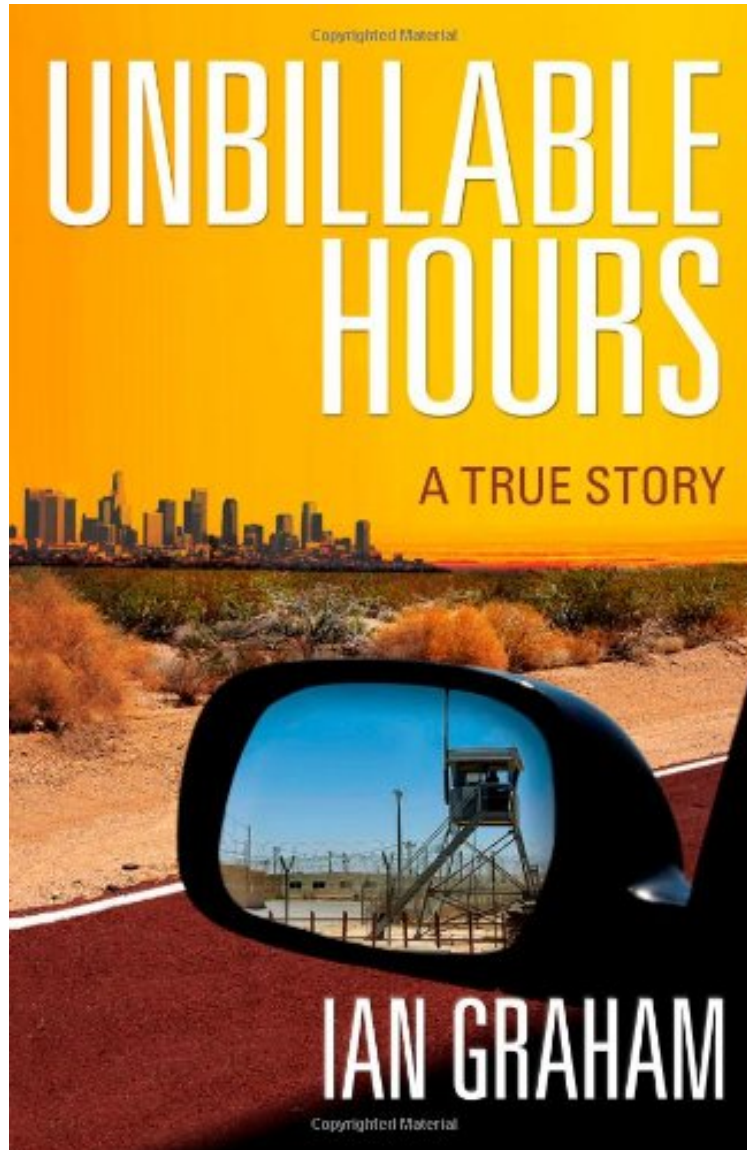


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him, despite the odds against him. This book shines a light on how very racist, biased and unjust our legal process has become. Low income, minority individuals are lumped together as one group of gangs and thugs. Prosecutors have become immune to them as individuals and will try to convict, despite the fact there was no evidence in this case. This is a very sad story about our justice system. The fact is there are many more Mario's sitting in prison now, who are innocent. The book was very well written, honest and a story that needed to be told. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Eye Opener By Sue J About how a college student got into law, and as a first year attorney became involved in the pro-bono case of a 16 year old Latino who was given life without parole for a gang murder he didn't commit (nor was he a gang member.) Great insight into the workings of a high-profile law office and the court system, not to mention the frustrations and faith of the attorney and the young man's family. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A gripping true story of the struggle for justice By MD From the first sentence, this book grabbed my attention! The story was compelling and the writing engages the reader. We are immediately taken in by the parallel stories of two young men, one from the bario, one from privileged upbringing. The fate of one is, for the most part, in the hands of the other.

The story part memoir, part hard-hitting expose of a first-year law associate negotiating the arduous path through a system designed to break those who enter it before it makes them. Landing a job at a prestigious L.A. law firm, complete with a six figure income, signaled the beginning of the good life for Ian Graham. But the harsh reality of life as an associate quickly became evident. The work was grueling and boring, the days were impossibly long, and Graham's sole purpose was to rack up billable hours. But when he took an unpaid pro bono case to escape the drudgery, Graham found the meaning in his work that he'd been looking for. As he worked to free Mario Rocha, a gifted young Latino who had been wrongly convicted at 16 and sentenced to life without parole, the shocking contrast between the greed and hypocrisy of law firm life and Mario's desperate struggle for freedom led Graham to look long and hard at his future as a corporate lawyer. Clear-eyed and moving, written with the drama and speed of a John Grisham novel and the personal appeal of Scott Turows account of his law school years, *Unbillable Hours* is an arresting personal story with implications for all of us.

About the Author Ian Graham is a lawyer living in Los Angeles, California. After graduating from Rice University in 1997 and the University of Texas Law School in 2001, he joined the law firm of Latham Watkins in Los Angeles where he worked as an associate from 2001 to 2006. While at Latham his pro bono work on behalf of Mario Rocha, a young Latino man then serving a double life sentence for a murder he did not commit, was featured in the award-winning documentary film *Mario's Story*, currently airing on Showtime. He continues to represent Mr. Rocha, and worked as the Associate Producer of *Kicking It*, a documentary on the Homeless World Cup soccer tournament in Johannesburg, South Africa, that premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2007 and airs on ESPN.