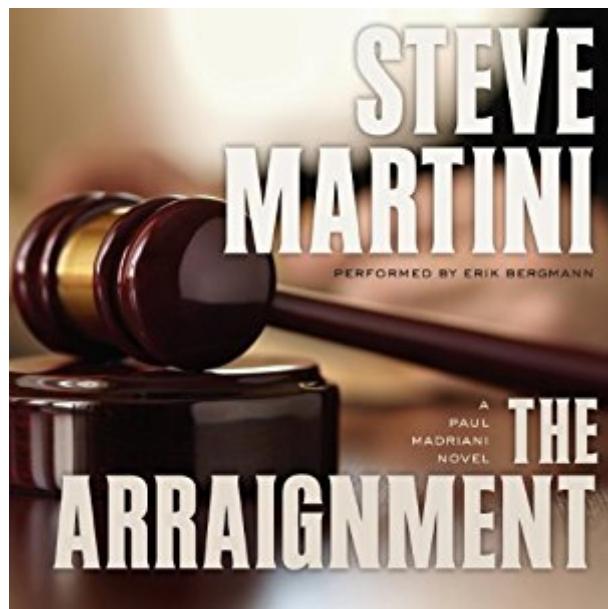


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I haven't read a Martini book that I haven't enjoyed. This is no exception.

Love this author! All of his books are great!!

Steve Martini tells a good story. Unlike Grisham, his hero is always Paul Madriani and I've followed him through years of adventures. They aren't the stuff of everyday lawyers, but they are a good read. I've got them all (sigh) and as with Grisham, I wish there were more.

Too long and not exciting enough. After all the twists and turns I couldn't keep the story straight anymore. I was very disappointed. ☹

Great characters and dialog as well as action and imagery. Steve a martini is one of the best!

Sooooooooo boring. Went on and on ,couldn't keep up with the plot throughout. Then he explains the plot at the end and I was still yawning.

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