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## BOOK REVIEW | 'The Pinocchio Brief' by Abi Silver

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Hi guys, and happy Friday! Today I am really excited to be sharing a review with you of a book I read **aaaggeees** ago, but since I was part of the blog tour only last week I thought this was the perfect time to share my review with you!

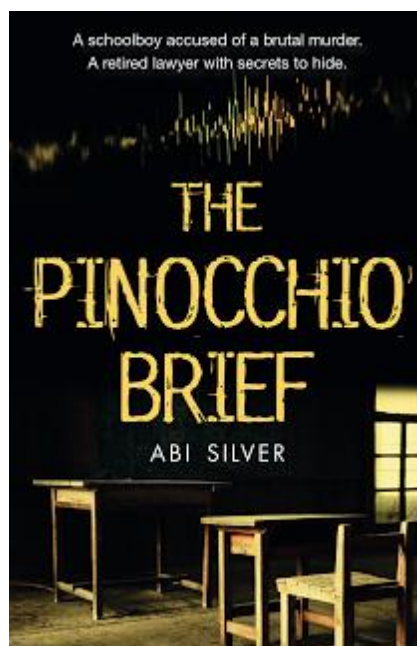
*The Pinocchio Brief* is a tense, gripping thriller following a murder investigation of a teacher, supposedly murdered by a fifteen-year-old student. Judith, an experienced and accomplished lawyer has come out of retirement, and she joins Constance, a solicitor new to the game, to try and fight Raymond's case. But this is no ordinary case, and boy is no ordinary boy. In a twisted story of secrets, lies and influential, powerful technology, *The Pinocchio Brief* explores a world where technology strives to solve the ultimate human problem - how do you know if someone is lying?

*A 15-year-old schoolboy is accused of the brutal murder of one of his teachers.*

*His lawyers - the guarded veteran, Judith, and the energetic young solicitor, Constance - begin a desperate pursuit of the truth, revealing uncomfortable secrets about the teacher and the school.*

*But Judith has her own secrets which she risks exposing when it is announced that a new lie-detecting device, nicknamed Pinocchio, will be used during the trial. And is the accused, a troubled boy who loves challenges, trying to help them or not?*

*The Pinocchio Brief is a gripping courtroom thriller which confronts our assumptions about truth and our increasing reliance on technology.*



I loved this book; I haven't read a thriller/murder mystery book in a while, and it was a very enjoyable read for me. I loved the character of Raymond and Judith - they were

so interesting to read about and intensely realistic. Obviously neither of them are perfect, but somehow this made them all the more likeable. I feel like their characters developed so much throughout the novel and this was really great to read.

*The Pinocchio Brief* is the kind of book that starts from a specific point, a simple narrative, and then spirals out of control into so many different directions. This is a reason I loved this book, it was an excitingly realistic portrayal of court room drama, and I was completely sucked in. The inclusion of a discussion about our interdependence of technology makes this a thoroughly topical and compelling read.

I loved how the narrative alternated between third person and Raymond - it created an amazing sense of suspense and was also so fascinating to get an insight into this highly sophisticated and intelligent mind. I found these sections to be particularly well-written, I felt like I got such a close understanding of Raymond.



The court scene was my favourite part of the book and I was on tenterhooks the whole way through! You can easily tell that Abi Silver is a lawyer - throughout the section the writing was so effortlessly accomplished and the dialogue flawless. I thought the ending of the book was fabulous and I loved the twist.

If you're looking for a book to grip you this summer, *The Pinocchio Brief* is the book to read this summer!

Check out my [post](#) by Abi Silver for the blog tour that took place last week all about her inspiration for writing *The Pinocchio Brief*!

Check out this video of Abi Silver talking about *The Pinocchio Brief*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xa8qAGUPHkM>

Buy *The Pinocchio Brief* here: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Pinocchio-Brief-Abigail-Silver/dp/178563044X>

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