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“A masterful, high-stakes thriller.”—Lisa Turner, bestselling author of *A Little Death in Dixie*

Practicing law has never been so deadly.

Hotshot Stanford law professor Jack Strider is on the fast track to serve on the Supreme Court until a bullet and a nasty, front-page family scandal shatter that ambition.

After he's unjustly fired from the law school faculty, a powerhouse law firm run by a former Secretary of State offers Jack a job and a chance for redemption. His first assignment: do whatever it takes to defend a sleazy corporate client in Juarez, Mexico, the Murder Capital of the World. Soon, Jack realizes that if he can't stop his client, millions of people on both sides of the border will be poisoned.

Plunged into the violence of the Texas-Mexican borderlands, Jack discovers that he can trust no one, not even the law firm he works for, so when attorney Debra Vanderberg is sent to assist Jack, he doesn't know whether she's an ally or a spy. He has no choice but to trust her and pray he isn't wrong.

Racing against the clock and dodging bullets, Jack and Debra uncover corporate greed and political corruption that lead all the way from a sacred cave in the Mexican mountains to the Oval Office. When the President of the United States refuses to stop the impending catastrophes, Jack risks everything, including his life. But can he learn the “ground truth” fast enough to save the millions destined to die?

Rob Sangster's first Jack Strider novel, *GROUND TRUTH*, was #1 on Amazon Kindle. His second, *DEEP TIME*, won the 2017 EPIC Award for best suspense/thriller of the year. A Stanford lawyer with experience in finance, politics, and public service, he's an avid sailor who has travelled to more than 100 countries. Rob and his mystery writer wife divide their time between their homes in Tennessee and on the wild coast of Nova Scotia.

## Ground Truth (A Jack Strider Thriller) Details

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## **From Reader Review Ground Truth (A Jack Strider Thriller) for online ebook**

### **Shari Morehouse says**

Ground Truth was requested through netgalley.com to review. I requested it because it was a mystery/thriller and because it is Sangster's first novel although not the first book that he's had published.

The main character is Jack Strider, a corporate lawyer with aspirations to the Supreme Court. His world is turned upside down when his father commits suicide and ugly truths are revealed about what he was involved in. Jack is immediately tainted by this even though he and his father were not close or working together. As a result he is thrust into a new company with a new mandate which almost immediately starts getting him into trouble.

This novel is a fast-paced thriller that was only slowed down for me by some of the awkward formatting on my Kindle. I felt some of the scene changes were a bit sloppy and I sometimes had to read a few pages back to figure out how the transition had happened. This could just be an editing issue rather than a flaw in the writing.

The plot centers on hazardous waste and water issues in Mexico. It turns out that Sangster has the background to write this type of novel since he was a lawyer, has done a lot of travelling and is involved in bringing clean water to Mexico.

The story is interesting and the characters are well-developed. It seems a bit preachy at times but clearly the author is passionate about his subject so that the novel not only entertains but informs.

I would highly recommend this book and look forward to more from this author.

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### **Rodney says**

Absolutely loved this story. Very gripping and fast paced. A look into how corrupt people really are.

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### **Kevin Reed says**

"Ground Truth" (2017) by Rob Sangster is not a courtroom drama, as I had thought. Still, the story about law professor Jack Strider fighting corruption at every turn as he fights to stop a huge American company from illegally dumping tons of toxic waste in Mexico has its moments of entertaining intrigue and action. Recommended.

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### **Peggy Tree says**

The beginning of the book seemed dull. Then it took off running like the "Jaws" white shark. It's a great story and is based on actual problems with the problems of treating and storing high and low nuclear waste. It's a terrific page turner and I'm glad that I kept reading. Secrets, bribery, murder, intrigue, spying, high stakes in protecting the environment in Mexico and the USA makes for a darned good book you won't want to put down.

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### **Carin Rafferty says**

I love a good thriller. The only thing I love more is a good thriller that teaches me something new about our world. *Ground Truth* is both a timely environmental thriller that shows just how important it is to protect our water supplies, but it's also a great thriller with an intrepid hero with some interesting and fun sidekicks. I look forward to more books from this author.

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### **Jerry Walch says**

This has to be one of the best, if not the best, legal thrillers that I have read in years. It's a page turner, you won't want to stop reading until you have read the very last word in the very last sentence. I can only hope that Rob has plans for writing another book featuring Jack and Debra. Get it, read it, you'll be glad that you did.

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### **Terric853 says**

I almost stopped reading this book because the first half was so slow and crappy. Jack Strider's world is thrown into chaos when his father, a well-respected judge, kills himself because it's about to be revealed that he was the owner of a cargo freighter that illegally kidnapped and transported Mexican girls aged 14 - 16 into the US for prostitution.

After getting fired from his job as a law professor at Stanford (because of the scandal associated with his father), he takes a job at the premier San Francisco law firm. They promptly send him to Mexico to defend an American company who's being charged with violating environmental law. Once there, he realizes that the company is not only violating environmental laws, but is also posing a threat to the local community.

Bring in nuclear threats, people with no morals who will stop at nothing short of assassinating Jack and his friends to prevent the "real" story from becoming public, the hopelessly bumbling President of the US, and the story picks up. The last half was better, but I still feel that this book was a waste of time and I will not bother with any of the sequels.

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### **Don Vert says**

### **Kept me interested**

I was sceptical in the beginning of the story, but was hooked by the second chapter. Well written, could not stop reading.

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### **Sandra Casile says**

#### **Unbelievable storyline.**

This is one of those stories you don't want to put down because you need to get to the end.

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### **Christi says**

#### **Truth**

I couldn't get into this. I kept putting it down, hoping that the next time I picked it up it would grab me. Sadly, it never did. There is so much filler and fluff that completely distracted me from the story. Trying to keep track of how water (and sludge) gets from point A to point B, what location we're in, which honcho is an immediate threat - there were just too many things going on. The random sex wasn't helpful either. If it carries along the story, fine -- I can overlook it. When it's simply inserted to add another layer to a story that's already toppling, it's just overkill. Too much filler, not enough substance.

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### **John says**

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by Rob Sangster (Goodreads Author)

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Was very interesting--well written

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### **Lisa Steiner says**

#### **Captivating**

Intrigue.....mystery.....action....bit of romance....perfect novel! Appeared to be well researched....sad to think greed is such a powerful motivator over concern for human life!

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**Pauline J says****Powerful!**

What a read!! My first time with this author, and a great experience! Fast moving and very informative. Looking forward to this author's next read.

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**Pat Morgan says**

Page turner, page turner, page turner! This book surprised me. I'd met the author, knew he was a lawyer and a world traveler with a strong interest in social justice (right down my alley) so I bought it. By the time I got to the third page I was hooked on the book and the pace picked up with every chapter as "hotshot Stanford law professor Jack Strider" gets fired from his job because his cold-hearted, highly successful father (who commits suicide in front of him on page 3) has been caught smuggling underage girls into the U.S. from Mexico and Jack is deemed guilty by association. Strider reluctantly accepts a position at a politically well-connected firm that sends him to Mexico to work with a sleazy client who is importing hazardous waste from the U.S. and has no problem with dumping it into the Rio Grande, knowing that it could poison thousands of Mexicans. How Strider and Gano, the tough, savvy, fearless and funny companion he enlists to help him keep this from happening kept me turning pages into the wee hours. The few passages about the composition of nuclear waste were above my pay grade but the passages about Strider's brief, rather steamy interactions with a Mexican woman he tries to rescue and with a former student now a beautiful lawyer in his new firm, more than make up for it. This action-packed book with a strong message about the shortage of potable water in Mexico and our problem with nuclear waste could easily be the first in a series--or a movie. I loved it.

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**Cndy says**

Nuclear waste and what does and doesn't happen to it. Intriguing story. And how is it we treat Mexico? Makes you wonder what's true and what's make believe.

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