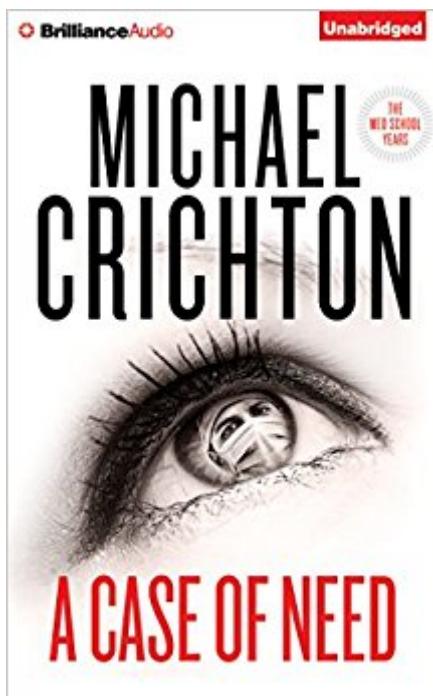


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# A Case Of Need: A Novel



## Synopsis

Boston 1968 When one doctor is accused of murder, it takes another to set him free. In the tightly knit world of Boston medicine, the Randall family reigns supreme. When heart surgeon J. D. Randall's teenage daughter dies during a botched abortion, the medical community threatens to explode. Was it malpractice? A violation of the Hippocratic Oath? Or was Karen Randall murdered in cold blood? The natural suspect is Arthur Lee, a brilliant surgeon and known abortionist, who has been carrying out the illegal procedure with the help of pathologist John Berry. After Karen dies, Lee is thrown in jail on a murder charge, and only Berry can prove his friend wasn't the one who wielded the scalpel. Behind this gruesome death, Berry will uncover a secret that would shock even the most hardened pathologist. *A Case of Need* was adapted to the screen as *The Carey Treatment*, directed by Blake Edwards and starring James Coburn.

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## Customer Reviews

"Fantastic...I loved it!" \* Stephen King \* "Superb!" \* Los Angeles Times \* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Michael Crichton was a writer and filmmaker, best known as the author of *Jurassic Park* and the creator of *ER*. One of the most popular entertainers in the world, Crichton sold more than 200 million copies of his books, which have been translated into 40 languages and adapted into 15 films. Long before the carefully researched techno-thrillers that ultimately brought him to fame, Crichton wrote high-octane suspense novels to support himself while studying at Harvard Medical School. A

Case of Need, written under the pseudonym Jeffery Hudson, won the Edgar Award for Best Mystery in 1969.

I really appreciated this novel. Even if this is not the topic he masters the most (tecno-thriller), and even if he was still growing as a writer, I've found his clean and vibrating style for thrillers in this book. The topic, which orbits around medicine, is also well documented and presented by the personages. I particularly love the way of dealing with a such a hot topic as abortion, making you think of it rather than adopting a position. Without any doubt I recommend it.

Too difficult to buy the pathologist playing detective - even once I found out his history. If that's the case he should have put more pieces together quicker then....

I like everything Crichton. He was such a prolific and excellent author gone way too soon. This is 'early' Crichton and a good story well written.

Dragged in parts but good reading, interesting medical stuff. I would recommended reading him again, if I could find another freebook

I would not rank it among his best, but it's an interesting read. The amount of medical information it provides is also a nice side benefit.

I really liked this book. Fun historical perspective of how things were in 1968 and how the real world worked before Roe Vs Wade.

A Crichton Medical who done-it, who would have thought? This is well written , great read and good twists. Highly recommended

I read this one pretty fast. Crichton knows how to keep your attention. He had a couple of good twists at the end.

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