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Testimony

By Anita Shreve

Little, Brown, \$25.99, 320 pages

Falling somewhat below her usual mark, Shreve gives us a somewhat contrived, albeit interestingly conceived, novel with *Testimony*. With quite the array of characters, her latest offering is concerned with a private school that has had its foundations rocked by a sex scandal – a videotape showing numerous members of the school engaged in carnal acts, among other things, has found its way into the hands of the headmaster. The ensuing drama is told through the perspectives of a dozen or so characters, and everything starts to fall into, and out of, place.

Though the story is somewhat muddled by the fact that so many people are involved and each has a unique view, *Testimony* is nonetheless packed with emotional turmoil and intrigue. If you can get through the non-casual and hardly approachable style, *Testimony* is packed with a interesting story, however doing so will be a challenge.

