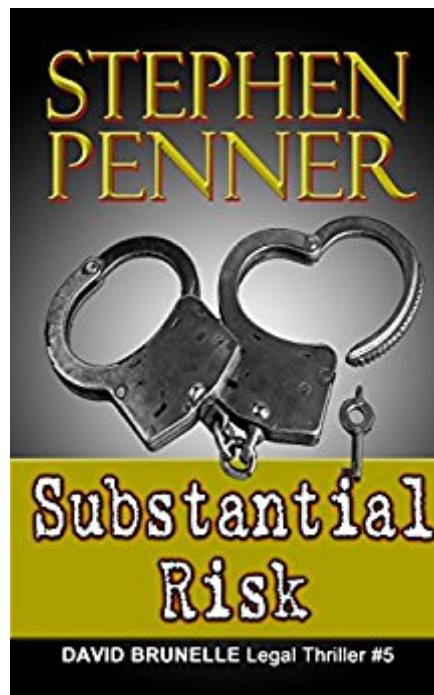




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Substantial Risk: David Brunelle Legal Thriller #5 (David Brunelle Legal Thriller Series)



Synopsis

A sex club. A dead “submissive.” A “dominant” in custody. Homicide D.A. Dave Brunelle barely understands the terms. How can he ever hope to understand the bondage subculture well enough to hold a killer responsible for the apparently accidental death of his own girlfriend? Brunelle embarks on a voyage of discovery, both of himself and things he never even knew existed. In so doing, however, he risks losing not only his case, but everything--and everyone--dear to him.

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Customer Reviews

Love the series.....Loved this book. It opens to a shocking crime. A dead woman in a sex club, dressed in leather, bound, and asphyxiated. Her boyfriend admits to being responsible. Lots of tension in the story...sexual, emotional, etc. Great courtroom thriller as always but lots of chaos in the main characters life. My only complaint....It's gets a bit wimpy to have a 40 yo man blush constantly when he talks to an attractive woman or says something foolish. I feel like Brunelle isn't confident on many levels and I want a more self assured leading man in a book....not someone who

gets all tongue tied and drools every time he sees a pretty face or a nice figure. He's not 18. Maybe he'll get his act together in the next book.

David Brunelle is a better than average prosecutor. But when it comes to personal relationships, he is definitely Clueless in Seattle. When it comes to understanding the Law and applying it in a court environment, he is top notch. When it comes to really connecting with members of the opposite sex, he is just as confused and bewildered as any law-abiding citizen would be if they were caught up in legal proceedings. Brunelle's character comes off as somewhat of a narcissist, but I think he is more just confused about what he actually wants when it comes to a relationship with a woman. The other recurring characters in this series are strongly drawn and well developed. I particularly like the character of Dr. Kat Anderson, David's quondam "girlfriend." One hopes that in future novels David Brunelle will be able to figure out just what he wants in time to mend his broken relationship with her. But in any event, we can look forward to fast-paced legal action and some very good in-depth examination of just what makes people tick. This particular book deals with a case of manslaughter, which revolves around the question of when is an accident death a crime. It also explores the world of abnormal sexual relationships. The interweaving of the character's personal relationships highlight the dilemma that the Law presents in the case of a Master whose Sub dies during one of their "acting out" their love and devotion to each other. The turns and twists are fascinating to behold and David's relationships with Kat and another woman demonstrate that while David may be a wizard at understanding how judges and juries will respond to his conduct, he is at a total loss as to how he should react to the women in his life. It is a truly tragic telling of an all-too-sad and familiar failure to create a true bond with the woman who obviously cares very deeply for him. Stephen Penner has crafted a fascinating character from his years of experience in the legal profession. His ability to explain legal minutiae without making for a dull story is marvelous to behold. It obviously helps that he has been writing for quite some time before even becoming a lawyer. It shows. Penner is also a shrewd observer of how men and women relate to each other. The back and forth, lighthearted banter between Kat and David are perfectly scripted. We also get to wince at David's obtuseness as to what is really important in their relationship. The other regular cast members have been fleshed out as this series progresses. The defendants aren't usually given such detailed care. The main focus is on the attorney's and the judges and the case matter at hand. This is, in my opinion, best developed book of the series. But the other 4 novels and the two short stories are worthy of your attention. Just a quick remark about e-books and Kindle mobi format, in particular. I am not an expert in how the conversion from a printed version to an electronic version takes place.

Since there are paperback versions of these novels available I don't know how well edited they are as far as spelling and grammar are concerned. My experience with e-books has led me not to be surprised at the occasional misspelling or incorrect word usage that slips in. I have had few e-books which did not have such errors. So it seems to be par for the course. Yet I did not find the occasional errors in this electronic series as distracting as others have stated they found them to be. My experience has been that an e-book usually has more of these types of errors than a printed one. Why that is, I don't know, but I do not feel that those types of errors in this series were more prevalent than in other e-books I have read, including technical works, such as those of Microsoft Press, for example. So if court room drama is your cup of tea, you could do far worse than to pick up Stephen Penner's David Brunelle Legal Thriller Series. Enjoy!

A "Submissive" dies at a sex club. Her "Master" is arrested. Homicide D.A. David Brunelle is assigned the case. This was a highly controversial case and David Brunelle's job is on the line if he loses the case. Exploring the sex club and entering the world of BDSM, David Brunelle tries to gain knowledge to win his case. His relationship with Kat is rocky. He is drawn to Robyn, a Defense Attorney. Can David win the case?

I really enjoyed this book. I wish Stephen Penner would write MORE of these David Brunelle books that are full length. They are Very Well written, full of suspense, the whole of his books are wonderful captivating reading. I love his books. I am not into the supernatural as I am a Christian woman. Thanks for these wonderful suspense filling books. I also very much enjoy the court room drama. Oh, an added bonus is that I lived in King County Wa. Love it.

Penner's "Substantial Risk" is a simplistic, easy to read and somewhat misogynistic fantasy. It is interesting enough to hold the reader's attention, but offers no philosophical meaning at all. Protagonist Brunelle could be called a prosecutor in a man's body with the mind of a teen aged pubescent boy just awakened to his sexuality. Because I prepaid for this and others in his series and stored them all on my Kindle, I will likely read them, too. Thankfully, this was a quick read.

Nice read

Kept me on the edge of my seat.

Trust was the key word of this story. The main theme of the case was the trust that one person relinquished to her partner in the actions within the story and the out come of the of the decision of the court case. The main character also gave evidence of a lack of trust with his romance. Two good examples of the story key.

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