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Judgment Cometh: And That Right Soon (Joe Dillard Series Book 8)



Synopsis

Joe Dillard is a two million copy bestselling series. A Supreme Court Justice is found cut into pieces in the back of a pick-up truck. Three other judges have already gone missing. In the eighth installment of Scott Pratt's bestselling Joe Dillard Series, Dillard is hired to represent the man driving the pick-up. As Dillard delves into the case, he comes to believe his client is not guilty. But who is? Who has been kidnapping and killing judges all over the state of Tennessee? The search for that answer leads Dillard and his friend, Sheriff Leon Bates, down a path so dark and so dangerous to a villain so evil, it will change both Joe and Leon forever -- if they manage to survive. "If you like Reacher, the Lincoln Lawyer, Jake Brigance and Paul Madriani, you'll be excited to meet Joe Dillard!" -- Five-Star Review "I predict it won't be long before you see Scott Pratt's name mentioned with Lee Child, Michael Connelly, John Grisham, and Steve Martini when critics talk about legal/crime fiction." -- Five-Star Review "Every bit as good as Grisham! Superb characterization, suspense, drama." -- Five-Star Review "I love the Dillard Series by Scott Pratt. As a retired attorney who practiced transactional law and not civil or criminal litigation, I appreciate the way Scott reveals the tension between defense attorneys and prosecutors, the prejudices of both toward each other, the Judge, and law enforcement." -- Five-Star Review

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Customer Reviews

I read Scott Pratt's Joe Dillard first book not too long ago. By the time I started reading the second book I knew every book in this series was going to be my auto buy. I would pre order now if there was a next book. This story, like the previous ones in the series will keep you at the edge of your seat through out the book. I would have given it five stars had it not at times in some episodes you have to suspend beliefs. It's hard to imagine a lawyer in real life finds himself taking part in law enforcement's covert operations. Also the motive for the killings of each the judges is not very clear and not explained at all. All we know is some of these judges were either perverts like the killer's mastermind or had written a judgment that saw other accused perverts escaped punishment. So readers may finish reading the book feeling there's something lacking in the story. But all in all it is a good thriller and Scott Pratt writes excellent legal mystery. Waiting anxiously for the next installment, and I truly hope Mr Pratt keeps Mrs Dillard safe and well because I want my hero, Joe Dillard, to be a very happy man doing what he does best ... in court. And less on vigilante works.

This is another four star entry in a five star series. I say that because each book falls slightly short of the superb mark but the series doesn't. The reason is that the series has many repeating characters which have developed, changed and grown over the many years the eight books cover. The best part of each book is us discovering how these various characters are faring, their accomplishments, failures and progress as they wade though this thing we call living. In this entry, we're again treated to less a courtroom adventure or mystery and more a rather static pursuit. After what starts out to be somewhat of an intriguing tale, the book loses its intrigue. We soon know who the bad guy is, and it's not really a surprise either. We know that he'll be brought down before the book ends because they always are brought down. We just need the book to fill in some details of how it's done. As it turns out, once more it's done through a person who acts like a deus ex machina after some of the regulars botch things up a bit. It's not really clear how the bad guy is so amazingly adept, but it's needed to add a bit of tension and I mean just a bit too because we know he isn't going to prevail. Meanwhile back at the Dillard Place, his wife is still gravely ill and her illness along with what she has to go through in this book and past books to try to survive cancer is among the most moving aspects of the series. I strongly suggest that if you have an interest in this book that you start

the series at volume one. A great deal of how much one may enjoy this entry depends on how much you have invested in the family and friends of Joe Dillard. In sum, another entertaining entry in a terrific series.

There are enough reviews that I need not rehash the storyline. But, I will say Pratt has an amazing mind in which he develops plots that will have you sitting on the edge of your seat. This was not my favorite Pratt novel as I much prefer courtroom drama instead of blood, guts and gore. While this is a genuinely intriguing read, it is not without its flaws. We can stretch our imaginations to fit the cruelty and sheer horror that permeates the bad guys. However, the likelihood of this type of deranged individual still operating with 2 personalities and having no one suspect him of evil is unlikely. Also, the finish was polished off much too easily and it is unlikely that our protagonist, Joe Dillard, an astute lawyer and ex-soldier would undertake the act of bringing a psycho-killer to justice alone is highly suspect. That he should succeed is even more unlikely. But for Pratt fans of this series, Joe is not perfect, and we have come to rely on Dillard to solve the puzzle and do away with the bad guys. This was an easy fast paced read--but beware there is a lot of dementia, heartache, lurid acts of sex and murder, and downright disturbing characters flitting throughout the pages of this novel. While somewhat suspenseful and certainly a mind bender, I don't think this is Pratt at his best. I like a more well thought out book full of courtroom suspense and more plot twists so evident in other Pratt novels. Few authors conquer courtroom drama because it's so much easier to write books like this one. As we lost other great suspense writers to easily thrown together plots without much depth, I hope Pratt will rethink his approach and go back to the well researched in-depth writing that drew to him so many loyal fans. Though we eagerly await his next novel I hope Scott Pratt will slow down and return to his former glory. Still, I remain a loyal reader and hope Pratt doesn't settle into a Grishamesque attitude expecting all readers to blindly follow him forth. I would wait a little longer for his next novel and have it well thought through and written. It will soon be time to retire Joe and I look forward to other protagonists with warts who nevertheless capture our hearts and souls. Keep em coming, Scott Pratt.....

Joe Dillard is a character that loves his family, is loyal to them and friends, and all around down to earth good guy. He is the type of attorney I would want in my corner. Now in saying that, I like that he fights for his clients rights but in the book sometimes he goes a bit far. He is out for justice and not afraid to get into the investigation and fight along side his good friend sheriff Leon Bates. This is a good story, well written, but for me the plot was predictable. I still enjoyed the story very much and

just love Joe. Most of all I like his tenderness with his family, especially his wife Caroline who has been fighting cancer since the beginning of the series. His son Jack and girlfriend Charlie are coming into his law practice and I see another story coming with them more involved. We have seen them in a couple of the books. I hope the author continues at least another book or two in the series and maybe a spinoff with Jack and Charlie. Thanks Scott for giving us more of Joe Dillard.

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