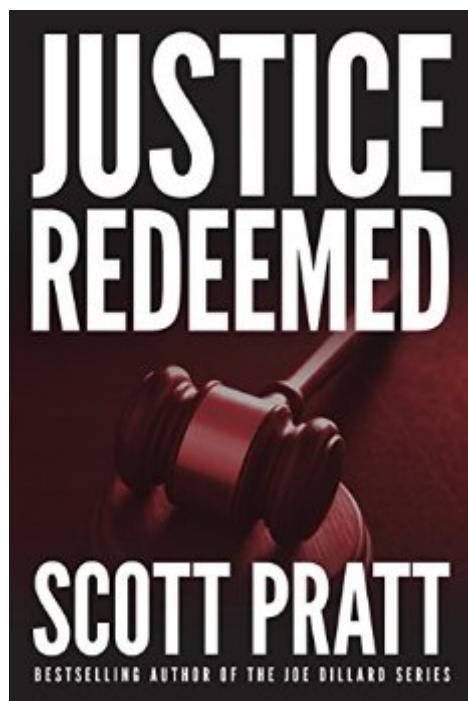


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Justice Redeemed



Synopsis

Two years ago, Darren Street made a name for himself as the man who rooted out corruption in the district attorney's office. Now the hotheaded young lawyer is in the public eye yet again—this time, accused of murder. Jalen Jordan retained Street for what seemed to be a minor traffic violation, but when evidence turned up linking Jordan to the death of two boys, Street wanted out of the case. To ensure his lawyer's cooperation and silence, Jordan threatened to make Street's son the next victim. Shortly after, Jordan's own body turned up with a bullet hole in his chest. Now Street is on trial for his life, and the enemy he made in the DA's office is clearly out for blood. It's one lawyer out to frame another. Can a desperate father escape punishment for a crime he didn't commit?

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Customer Reviews

*I was given an advance copy of this book to read and write a review. However, being provided a copy of the book for free doesn't influence my opinion since I would have been able to read it on Kindle Unlimited anyway.*This book is fantastic. I've read the 7 books in the Joe Dillard series, and I enjoyed all but one of them. This book blows all of those out of the water. The thing I love about

these books is how much of the legal process we get to see. This book goes into even more depth. As someone trained in the law I'm always watching out for an author to trip up or fail to explain something the right way. Pratt has his technique locked down. The reader gets an explanation of what's going on that's accurate but also without the reader feeling like they're being talked to like they're unintelligent. I also love the depth to which we get to know the characters. My favorite part of any story is the people involved. None of his characters are perfect either. They all have flaws and issues, which makes them infinitely more likable and understandable. We can relate to the decisions they make and their beliefs. The main character in this book, Darren Street, is no exception. He is eminently flawed and human. I also like how Pratt weaves the characters' histories throughout the book. I hate getting the background dumped on me in one fell swoop. This book definitely paints a disturbing and unfortunately realistic picture of the criminal justice system in the United States. If you have read and enjoyed the Joe Dillard series, you will absolutely love this book. If you're a fan of Robert Dugoni's books, you'll really enjoy this one.

A few reviewers have compared Scott Pratt's work to that of John Grisham. Doing so is misguided. Pratt's crafting of a thriller is consistently better than any by Grisham...and I like John Grisham. In "Justice Redeemed" Darren Street is a successful criminal defense attorney who, early in his career, successfully had the 19 year old conviction of his uncle overturned. He did this by proving the prosecutor, Ben Clancey, had fabricated evidence to railroad the uncle. Street then dedicated himself to ensuring the prosecutor lost his next bid for reelection. Street has gained the attention of Jalen Jordan who, we learn, is a serial sexual molester and killer of young boys. Accompanied by his mother, Jordan appears at Street's office, presenting him with \$50 thousand in cash as a retainer to defend him in a routine traffic stop he anticipates will develop into much more. He makes it clear to Street that he knows details about his personal life, including the name of his young son, where his son attends school, etc. Street tosses Jordan out of his office, refuses to take his case and vows to kill him if he comes near his son. Ultimately, Jordan is killed and Street charged. The killing occurred in a national park, making it a federal crime. The federal prosecutor? Yep, Ben Clancey. [While perhaps not quite as evil, I suspect the legal system has more than its share of prosecutors like Ben Clancey who, at minimum, cut corners to achieve convictions.] You must read the book to learn of the next twists and turns. You will not be disappointed. My greatest disappointment is I must now wait for Pratt to write another novel, be it in the Joe Dillard series or another stand alone. Whichever it is, I do hope he is working on it now. This is another outstanding book by an outstanding author!

I've read every book that Scott Pratt has written and this is by far the best. I have always loved legal novels and I have reading everything starting with Earl Stanley Gardner. I just love the legal process. Once, I started the book, I could not put it down. It is a fast-paced novel and it is the best legal novel that I have ever read. Darren Street is the main character, who of course, is an attorney. All of the characters come to life as real people, which Scott Pratt is so gifted at doing. I love the way Scott Pratt weaves the background and history of the characters into the plot as it develops. This book demonstrates the virtues and vulnerabilities of our legal and penal systems. Grace Alexander is my favorite character. She is perfect and principled. I don't want to spoil it for the reader, but Grace is the best. If you love the Joe Dillard series, you will love this masterpiece. The only fault Scott Pratt has is that he cannot write novels fast enough for me. I am addicted.

I guess I expected this to be another in the Joe Dillard series. When Dillard was clearly not going to be a part of the plot, I tried to buckle down and enjoy the book. I didn't particularly care for the blow-by-blow description of life in jail, and I found it difficult to get through. Although well-written and truthfully told about our justice system, I found the plot dragged a bit and lacked the quality to draw me in that I found so strongly present in the Dillard books. I imagine Scott Pratt felt it was time to move on from his Dillard character, and I can understand that, but I kept thinking how Joe Dillard would have handled the events that occurred in Justice Redeemed, either portrayed as the main character or his attorney, and that's when I came to the conclusion that I could not get involved with the personalities of these individuals as I did with Joe Dillard. For me, they weren't portrayed strongly enough. However, I would recommend this book to other readers, and I most certainly would read the author's next book.

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