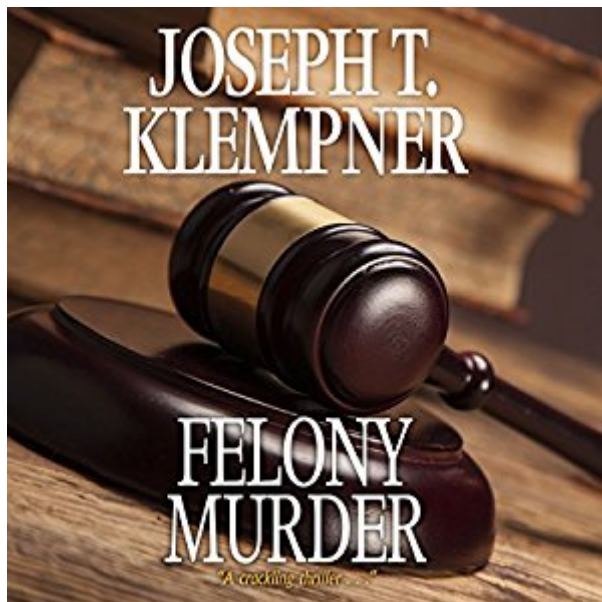


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Felony Murder



Synopsis

On the surface, the court-appointed case that lands on young Dean Abernathy's desk is a biggie; he is slated to defend a homeless man accused of the felony murder of the popular black New York City Police commissioner during an early-morning mugging attempt. But at second look, the case promises to be a routine conviction. The evidence is overwhelming. The police have come up with an eyewitness, they have physical evidence, and Joey Spadafino has given the arresting officers a signed confession. Dean's course seems obvious: Get Joe Spadafino, an ex-con, to plead guilty, bargain for the most lenient sentence possible, and figure you can't win 'em all. Before he can talk to his client about a plea bargain, however, he finds that the prosecutor has already offered one - which Joey refuses. Dean, not only a conscientious defense attorney but a former investigator, starts looking harder at the seemingly incontrovertible evidence. What he turns up changes a foregone conclusion into something very different. The district attorney, although outwardly cooperative, seems to be trying to keep Dean from interviewing the eyewitness - and the reason becomes apparent when Dean, challenged, digs deeper into her background. Anomalies and discrepancies in the government's case crop up. Dean realizes that he is drawing closer to a particularly nasty truth, one that not only puts his life and those of others in immediate peril but confronts him with a moral dilemma that is even more difficult to face.

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Customer Reviews

This is a story of murder. It's murder because the victim died during the commission of a felony...

doesn't matter whether you intended to kill him... he died anyway... hence the name, "Felony Murder". This is a dark tale of a punk with a long criminal record, corrupt police, and a defense attorney who doesn't realize what he has gotten himself into. This isn't a fast paced gripper... nevertheless it is hard to put down as the nature of the writing is that we see what is happening before the defense attorney does and it is a must to see if the attorney is going to get it right or wrong. The writing is mature, the characters developed, and the plot complex. It is absent the artifacts and gotchas found in some crime novels, the kind that make you say, "Why did I bother to read all this way when all he was going to do was make an unbelievable plot change". This one stays consistent.

Twisty plot that keeps you riveted! The writing is superb and the characters are well developed. The story starts with a hungry, cold homeless man robbing an apparent drunk. But the drunk is the police commissioner and he has a heart attack... but WHY he dies is part of the twist. The backbone that the homeless character develops is surprising... but then several things are as the story unfolds. Couldn't put it down and was sad when I finished, since there was no more...

Well written. Very believable, also somewhat scary to think this could actually happen, and probably has at sometime. Like the main characters.

I totally enjoyed this book. There were enough twists and turns which made this book readable and somewhat gripping. Beware of a few spots were a little draggy. (I just skimmed over these parts). A little disappointed in the end, but I got over that. Read and enjoy.

I loved this story. The fight to defend a person no matter his station in life is a wonderful thing. You are innocent until proven guilty. Sometimes those who protect and serve are the guilty ones. Lawyers who fight for truth and justice are our real heroes.

Fun to read and hard to put down until you get to the better than expected conclusion. Spend your money for this as it is well worth the price.

This story has a different plot to it that keeps changing and therefore makes you read more chapters. The characters are easy to enjoy because the author builds their profiles nicely. The small drawback I had was that there was a bit too much legal explanation in the book. Yes, read this book.

Many twists and turns, unusual plot! Exposing corruption! Unusual escape! Solid characters. Suspense. Highly recommended! A most enjoyable, satisfying read.

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