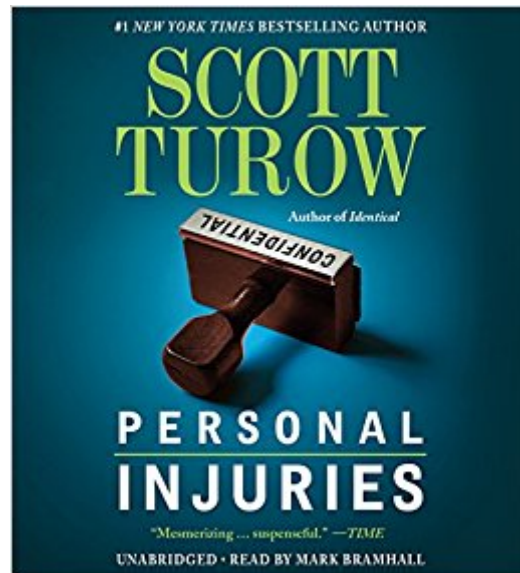




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To Robbie Feaver the law is all about making a play-to a client, a jury, or a judge. But when the flashy, womanizing, multimillion-dollar personal injury lawyer is caught offering bribes, he's forced to wear a wire. Even as the besieged attorney looks after his ailing wife, Feaver must also make tapes that will hurl his friends, his enemies, his city, and a particular FBI undercover agent into a crisis of conscience and law. Now Robbie Feaver is making the play of his life.

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Customer Reviews

Veteran actor Ken Howard gives a solid performance narrating this exceptional legal thriller by genre master Scott Turow. Howard handles the complex plot deftly, easily relating the story of a defense attorney caught up in a sting operation targeting crooked judges. "Rumors of funny business had lingered ... in my more innocent moments I liked to discount them, believing that cronyism, not cash, explained the obvious favoritism." The story offers intriguing legal and moral ambiguities and surprising twists, but the strength of the characters is what sets this thriller apart. Howard underscores these well-evolved personalities without calling attention to himself. Turow has taken his writing to a higher level, and the sturdy narration supports his efforts admirably. (Running time: 15 hours, 9 cassettes) --George Laney --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Unlike most of his fellow lawyer-novelists, Turow has always been more interested in character than plot, and in Robbie Feaver, a lawyer on the make who ends up fighting for his life, he has created

his richest and most compelling figure yet. For years, Robbie has been paying off judges and squirreling away part of the riches he earns as a highly successful trial lawyer. When the IRS happens upon the money trail, and a top prosecutor leans on him to turn state's evidence and finger some of the corrupt justices, Robbie calls on George Mason, veteran Kindle County lawyer, to represent him and win the best deal he can. A complicating element in the case is Evon Miller, Mormon-born FBI agent in deep undercover, who is assigned to watch Feaver and finds herself, against her better inclinations, drawn to him. For Feaver is a character of almost Shakespearean contradictions. A charming, brash womanizer who nevertheless shows superhuman reserves of love and patience to his dying wife at home, he is always several jumps ahead of the prosecutors, the FBI and the reader, winning sympathy, even admiration, where there should be none. This patient account is fascinatingly detailed in the ways of the law and the justice system, of how Robbie zeroes in on the biggest target of all, only to be trumped at the last moment. It is also a deeply understanding look, in its portrait of Evon, of the motives that drive a solitary woman into police work (Thomas Harris's Clarice seems shallow by comparison). There are some remarkable narrative strategies. Turow deftly alternates a first-person and omniscient-author point of view, for example. But readers will not be concerned with technical details, only with the rare revelation of a paradoxical personality so compelling he makes the very adroit plot almost superfluous. 750,000 first printing; \$500,000 ad/promo; first serial to Playboy; BOMC main selection; QPB selection; 9-city author tour; paperback rights to Warner; simultaneous Random House audio. (Oct.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This book was not only enjoyable to read, I learned a lot about what ALS patients endure during the progression of the disease and the toll it takes on the family members and other caregivers. I learned a lot about the law also. I was surprised to find the extent of corruption that can be found between lawyers, judges, clerks, etc. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes to read and learn as the story unfolds. E Perrine Manteo, NC

It started interesting enough, but I got bored with it by the time I got half way though it and didn't finish it. Below par for Turow. His first two books, Presumed Innocent and The Burden of Proof, are classics but he hasn't been as good since. I don't think I'll bother reading any more of his works. I didn't like Pleading Guilty or Identical either even though Identical had a fascinating premise which I think the author wasted.

This book is up to the Turow high standard. However it is a little bit slow in pace and a little bit wordy and descriptive passages for me.

This is not the best book that Mr. Turow has written, but this is nonetheless a good book that will hold your interest until the end. As always, Mr. Turow provides an interesting and varied cast of characters with enough detail about needs and wants, strengths and weaknesses, physical appearances and mannerisms that the reader can relate to these characters within the reader's family, friends, associates, or acquaintances. The hero (?) of this book is doing the best that he can do while attempting to resolve what is the best that can be done for the situation that he finds himself in. The situation is devilishly complex. Like eating an artichoke, and just as delicious, the plot thickens and turns as more information about the hero (?) and his situation is revealed and the reader eagerly anticipates what the next layer will be and how it will be resolved. Mr. Turow does an excellent job of portraying the conflicts that the hero (?) must face, but seems to have run out of pages before resolving these conflicts. This book is better than the vast majority of legal thrillers in print, but Mr. Turow is quite a talented author and the ending of this novel is less than satisfying. Mr. Turow could have done better.

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