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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Patterson's latest legal thriller?featuring many of the same characters as his previous *Degree of Guilt*?spent 10 weeks on PW's bestseller list.

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From Library Journal

Aiming for another big hit after *Degree of Guilt* (LJ 12/92), Patterson returns to the courtroom, where an attorney fights to clear himself of the accusation that he murdered his lover's estranged husband because of an ugly custody battle. A Literary Guild main selection.

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From [Booklist](#)

Patterson's *Degree of Guilt* (1992) was a runaway best-seller, so it's a good bet his latest will generate reader enthusiasm, big sales, and media hype, too. There's no doubt it's a page-turner. Despite the shallow morality and severe case of yuppie-itis affecting the main characters, the book has all the right stuff for commercial success: illicit affairs, sex and lust, murder, child molestation, a cute kid, and a gripping courtroom scene. Terri Peralta and Richie Arias have been married for six years, but the only good thing they have to show for the union is their daughter, Elena. Now Terri has left Richie and fallen in love with her lawyer-boss, Chris Paget; meanwhile, Richie, a manipulative slimeball capable of deceptive charm, convinces the judge he's a caring father who should have custody of Elena. Terri, devastated, goes off to Italy with Chris to decide if they really love each other. When they return, Richie is dead, supposedly a suicide. Of course, the police have doubts, and the ensuing trial, where Chris must defend himself against murder charges, is the book's main event. Wicked crossfire in the courtroom and a surprise ending make this one entertaining, but by no means great literature. Of course, with a 250,000-copy first printing and a national advertising campaign, who needs literature? *Emily Melton*

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Robert Rios:

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