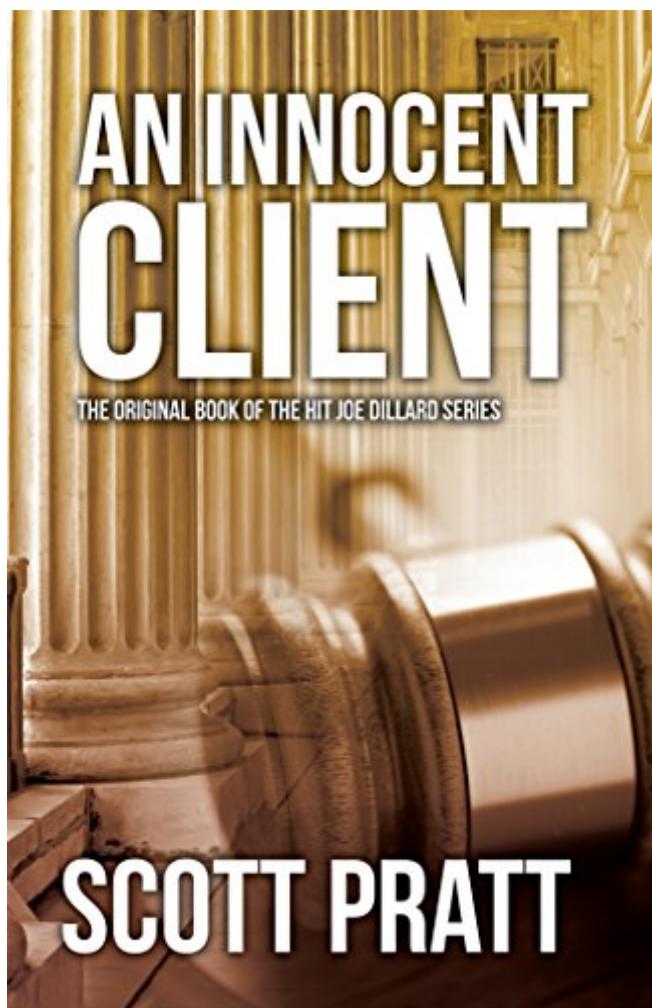


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# An Innocent Client (Joe Dillard Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

An Innocent Client was a top 100 book in the Kindle Store for all of 2016. The novel has been translated into 10 languages. Joe Dillard is an two million copy bestselling series. A preacher is found brutally murdered in a Tennessee motel room. A beautiful, mysterious young girl is accused. In this bestselling debut, criminal defense lawyer Joe Dillard has become jaded over the years as he's tried to balance his career against his conscience. Savvy but cynical, Dillard wants to quit doing criminal defense, but he can't resist the chance to represent someone who might actually be innocent. His drug-addicted sister has just been released from prison and his mother is succumbing to Alzheimer's, but Dillard's commitment to the case never wavers despite the personal troubles and professional demands that threaten to destroy him. "Pratt's richly developed characters are vivid and believable, especially the strong Southern women who fight their male-dominated culture from behind a facade of vulnerability in this brilliantly executed debut." -- Publisher's Weekly "It's Scott Turow and Grisham... The opening chapter is maybe the most compelling I've read in a decade." - Ken Bruen Smart and sophisticated, with a plot twist that will leave you shaking your head in wonder, "An Innocent Client" -- the first in the acclaimed Joe Dillard series -- will also leave you begging for more.

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## Customer Reviews

Publisher's Weekly Starred Review. Former attorney Pratt delves into rural Tennessee law and politics in this brilliantly executed debut. When a preacher is murdered after visiting an infamous strip club, the club's owner hires jaded attorney Joe Dillard to defend Angel Christian, a beautiful waitress accused of the crime. Dillard, savvy but cynical, wants to quit doing criminal defense, but he can't resist the chance to represent someone who might actually be innocent. His drug-addicted sister has just been released from prison and his mother is succumbing to Alzheimer's, but Dillard's commitment to the case never wavers despite the personal troubles and professional demands that threaten to destroy him. Pratt's richly developed characters are vivid and believable, especially the strong Southern women who fight their male-dominated culture from behind a facade of vulnerability. Readers will eagerly anticipate Dillard's further adventures. (Nov.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

I could be writing a 5 star review over and over for each of the Joe Dillard series of books, but I'll only write one for the first book. But, the same 5 star review applies to each of the 7 in the 8 book series I have read so far. Yes, there are 8 of them and I can only hope there are dozens more in the making. Scott Pratt has the kind of writing that I absolutely love. Each of the books are so attention grabbing from the very first lines to the last. The books are not very long, which is another reason I like them so much. He doesn't use a lot of verbiage to simply fill in to add length. So many authors use long descriptions of things that really have nothing to do with the plot to make a 250 page book into a 500 word book. Other writers will use long descriptions of what the landscaping is like as someone enters a driveway to a house, or a long paragraph describing what a woman is wearing and the scent of her perfume and the necklace she is wearing. WHO CARES...just get on with the story!! And that is exactly what Scott Pratt avoids and makes his books such a delight to read. Each of his books in this series has a great plot that makes them a such page turner. There is an excitement and drama mix along with humor in each. There is some violence, but only enough for descriptive purposes to advance the plot. If you want a true 5 star attorney/court room/ human

drama series, this is it. I can't rave enough to urge you to give these a try. And besides, I have to get back to bookk. I can hardly wait to get into the next chapter!

This is a good story, great characters, plot thick and, yes, even the second time I was in the grip of Mr Pratt. How often does anyone read a book twice and not realize it until the near end? Not often I would wager, however, I just finished this book, 'An Innocent Client' which I read I don't know how long ago and was so into this time as well it that I had no clue that this was reading two. I should have gotten a hint when Erlene frequently used the term, "well I swan". Not often does one use such colloquial phrases. That's not the point of my review. My point is this is a good story, great characters, plot thick and, yes, even the second time I was in the grip of Mr Pratt. Enjoy.

Scott Pratt's "An Innocent Client" is a typical Scott Pratt book! You just get so wrapped up in his writing that you just can't get enough! His hero Joe Dillard is tough as nails, but you just want to smother him in a big hug. All of his characters come alive and you really become attached to them. Either you love them or you hate them! I read my first Scott Pratt book and wondered why I had never read him before! I totally became obsessed with them, and couldn't wait to read the next one. Can't wait until he writes #9 Joe Dillard! An Innocent Client, will not disappoint you! Believe me!

I love this book obviously because of the well-written plot but also because it reminded me of Sheldon Siegel's Mike Daley series. Both involve husband and wife legal teams and have the usual cast of unlikely suspects. This book had a GREAT ending (no spoiler here!) and a true "justice served" outcome...looking forward to continuing with this series since I only have one more of Siegel's books left to read. Don't miss it!

Scott Pratt writes about the tough issues of law and those that break it. He writes about truly bizarre and interesting circumstances and those members of society that think they can live their lives without following the law or that they are above the law. I just finished his 6th book "Blood Money" and I am fascinated with the unique and quirky characters in his books. The main character, Joe Dillard, is truly a good man, he's not perfect, he has his faults, but in the end he will do the right thing, the moral thing, even if it may not be the legal thing. Joe is the modern day hero we all need. I love reading about the legal field, the dynamics of the practice of law, its loop holes and often times its unfairness. I have been a John Grisham and Greg Iles fan for years and now I've found a new favorite legal thriller author. Thank you Scott Pratt!

This is the second book I read by Scott Pratt. In my opinion, he has all the makings of a good mystery writer. This interested in Scott Pratt and his main character, attorney Joe Dillard, may as well start here. There is good background information which will help the reader get acquainted with Joe Dillard, his rough background which features a traumatic life-changing experience, his substance-abusing, dysfunctional sister, his service in Grenada, and his eventual marriage to his wonderful, loving wife, Caroline. Dillard is frustrated with the way his career as a defense attorney is going, having to spend time trying to defend some real sociopaths, many of whom are foisted on him by the courts as a court-appointed attorney. The book is well-detailed in this aspect of his career. He finally winds up trying to defend a young strip club waitress against a charge of murdering a corrupt preacher who's in town. He gets quite a princely sum to defend this waitress, from her devious strip club owner. The book takes its twists and turns, until the ending, which is, unfortunately, predictable. Most interesting in this book is the investigative portion. However, the corrupt law enforcement officers and unsympathetic judges do come off as cliches. Problematic is the preacher's son, who happens to be a deputy sheriff, and threatens Dillard and his family. Still, the book moves along at a great pace, and is tough to put down. It's worth a try.

It's hard to surprise me anymore and even harder to keep me engaged, I've read so many thrillers I'm rarely entertained. However, this read offered compelling characters with real life issues and repercussions that drew me in with plot surprises that were tremendously entertaining. Spending time with as many intelligent, strong, female characters as there were men was a bonus.

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