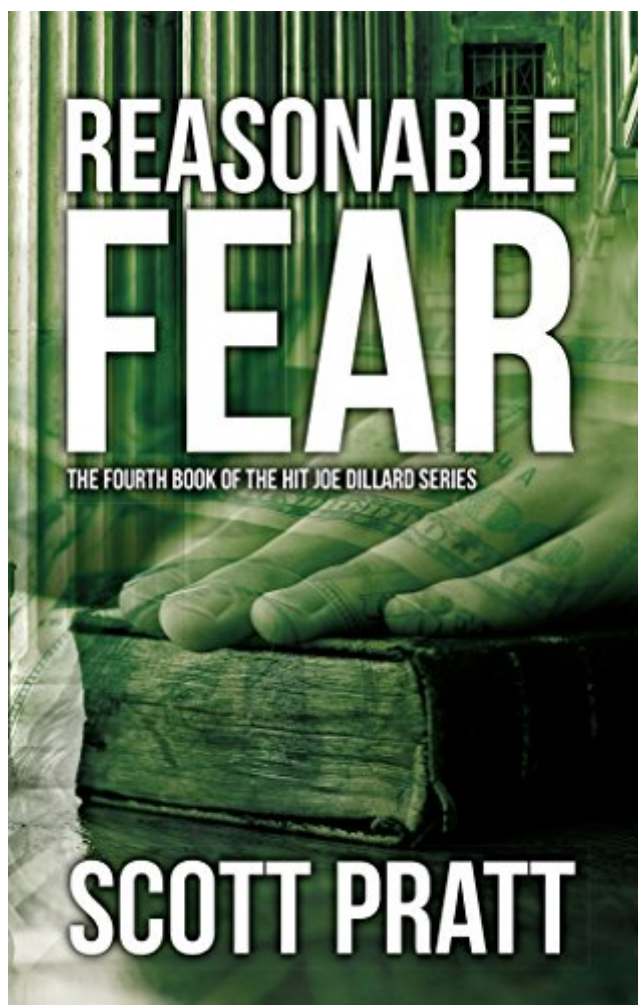


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Joe Dillard is a two million copy bestselling series. Three young women are found floating in a lake. The suspect is one of the richest and most powerful men in Tennessee. "Reasonable Fear" is the fourth of the bestselling Joe Dillard series offered by Scott Pratt. In this novel, Dillard has become the district attorney in Northeast Tennessee. He becomes heavily involved in the investigation with Sheriff Leon Bates and soon realizes that he is up against an enemy that he has never before encountered -- someone so rich and so powerful that the course of justice could be altered by money and political influence. But when bodies start showing up in his driveway and his family is threatened with termination, Dillard must ask himself a previously unthinkable question. His life, and the lives of his family, depend on the answer.

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Customer Reviews

This is my favorite of the series so far. I'm so glad Joe Dillard is keeping on the side of justice. The author thinks of clever ways to keep him on the right path. I love the re-entry of some of the characters from previous books in the series. This one was particularly suspenseful, especially

when he was in the cabin alone, waiting for the thugs. These books would make a great movie or TV series, especially because he is so different from other lawyers who seem to use too many under-handed tactics. His characters are always well-drawn and I liked meeting the new ones in this fourth book.

I just completed volume 4 of the Joe Dillard series, "Reasonable Fear". I reviewed his earlier books and gave them all five stars and submitted glowing reviews. Well, all good things must end, unfortunately. This never came close to matching the previous three. It started out as I expected, pretty riveting with the murder of three girls. Then it just went downhill. To say it became pretty unpalatable is to minimize it. Our intrepid DA being targeted? Why target a DA when there are other prosecutors ready to go? Then, the manner in which he handles the situation is really beyond belief. The head DA doing what he did against his enemies is almost comic book stuff. It seemed the author didn't know where to go so we got some convenient dreck. This intrepid reader is about to order volume 5 hoping to cleanse the taste of this one. Maybe it was just a hiccup and we can get back to some good reading. If not, then volume 6 is off my list.

I love the Joe Dillard stories. All the characters are developed with depth. Joe Dillard is a complex person with great love of his family and his country. He has flaws as do all humans but he is the type of person that all people should aspire to be. He is loyal, honest and has great respect for his wife, children and friends. He will do whatever it takes to protect his loved ones and his home. To top it all off he is a dog lover, it can't get any better. I hope Scott keeps writing this series as I will read them all and promote them to other book lovers!

I find each of the Joe Dillard series by Scott Pratt immensely satisfying reads. Stirring a mix of moral dilemmas, ethical considerations, and human foibles with the rather clumsy paddle of the legal system makes for an engrossing story. Couple that with realistic characters and Joe Dillard's own personal life story, each book is a good visit with a long time friend, plus there is always a bit of thrill and danger to stir up the case. Using the law in creative, sometimes devious ways, Joe Dillard drives towards moral justice often at risk to himself and his family. This series reawakened this reader to the power of crime fiction and series literature. I heartily recommend the entire series. After reading the first, I knew I wanted to follow Joe's personal story which is interwoven into the challenges of his legal case work.

I recently discovered Scott Pratt's Joe Dillard series and have thoroughly enjoyed the first four books in this series. I love a good legal thriller and have read quite a few through the years. While I would not say these are the best I have read, they are definitely entertaining and not nearly as predictable as some. In this book Joe ends up taking on Columbian drug lords. While that may seem pretty implausible given the fact that he is a district attorney in Tennessee, the way the story unfolds, it doesn't seem so impossible after all. Without giving away any details, the ending did leave me shaking my head a bit and thinking.... there is no way that could possibly happen. In spite of that, I did find it quite entertaining. I do think sometimes as a reader one needs to allow the story to simply be entertaining without really worrying about whether or not it could realistically happen. I just ordered book 5 in the series and am looking forward to Joe's next adventure!

District Attorney Joe Dillard is challenged in achieving justice for the deaths of three women. There are road blocks from the Governor, Judges, and dead witnesses. This book, unlike the prior three Dillard series, has only one rapidly flowing and intense case. There are a couple of 'flash back' chapters explaining how a few of the characters got to where they currently. Difficult to put down until the end.

I am so glad to have discovered Scott Pratt and his character Joe Dillard. These are books that I have been able to read for pleasure and when I have to lay the book down I am always anxious to return to it. I love the setting since I am from East Tennessee and am very familiar with all of the areas, roads, towns, that are mentioned. Scott does an excellent job of developing his characters - especially Joe. I love that Joe loves his family, even though they have faults as every family does. Scott is able to hold your attention throughout the book. There is nothing superficial about his characters. I am looking forward to reading the remainder of the Joe Dillard series and then whatever else Scott Pratt might write.

I'm a huge fan of lawyer/cop/bad guys books and have enjoyed reading novels by Scott Pratt. This book quite simply fell flat because despite massive obstacles, Joe Dillard is now able to leap tall buildings with a single bound and stop speeding bullets. The physical feats accomplished by him were simply not reasonable and his unwavering patience with his alcoholic sister is too saint-like for a mere mortal. This plot was disappointing to the point that I doubt I'll read any more of this series.

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