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Breach Of Trust: Joseph Antonelli #6



Synopsis

In *Breach of Trust* Antonelli is seduced into taking an old case that has dangerous implications for the upcoming United States presidential race, but also for a group of old friends who thought they had put the sudden death of a young woman years ago long behind them. When Antonelli attends a Harvard Law School reunion at Manhattan's Plaza Hotel, he doesn't suspect how disturbing his return will be - for it was at a party in this very hotel that a bright and lively young woman fell from a window to her death. The event was ruled an accident at the time, but the case is about to be reopened, and a potential witness is wary of its potential to ruin his political chances - a man with promise and ambition in equal measure - the vice president of the United States. When the trial begins, the nation's eyes turn to the accused, the downtrodden James Haviland, and to the unseen powers both within and without the White House who want to bury him. It's up to the shrewd and sharp Antonelli to uncover just where the secrets lie - and exactly who is playing whom.

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Customer Reviews

I started reading this book on my Kindle, a, 9% into it and so far there is no plot, no mystery, no case, court, motions - nothing but a dinner where the VP gave a speech, a drink in a bar with a friend, being summoned to meet with the VP and between all of these a lot of babble about the past which I really don't care about. I know that the VP is going to offer him a case. It better happen soon and a mystery needs to develop and start moving because if not this book will move to the archives on my kindle and lie unread. A disappointment so far. I will give it until 15% and come back and let you know whether it has become a winner or languishes in my archives already. I only spent a little

under \$6 so no great loss if a flop. Monday March 11 - now at 21% on my kindle. If you wanted this as a book about a legal case and court and investigating and mystery you would be very disappointed. The book would now make a good travel log on touring Washington DC. It is nothing like his past books, too much filler, background and not enough plot and mystery. Again very glad it was not expensive. You know it is a lousy book when at 21% on your kindle you are not bothered by sending it to the archives and not knowing how it ends ---- because there was no beginning to end. No mystery whatsoever. It is gone from my library.

Breach of Trust is my favorite of this author's books. It is a political drama so timely and realistic that I did find it difficult to put down. A brilliant Vice President chosen for political reasons needed to outfox his rivals in the same party. Is he able to do it? That is the question in a murder case just made for Joseph Antonelli. The character development is so good that one wonders if the author has known these people personally. I loved the book.

"Breach of Trust", Dudley W. Buffa, New York, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2004 ISBN 0-399-15190-7, HC, 371 pp. & 6.25" x 6.25" In this 6th. Joseph Antonelli novel, Buffa has the protagonist lawyer in NY at Harvard Law School class reunion, per request of classmate Thomas Browning, now Vice President. He's asked to be defense lawyer for expected indictment of their classmate James Haviland upon re-opening of accidental fall of Ann Malreaux, 2nd year law school classmate at Christmas Eve party several decades past. The story line involves mutiny in White House ranks of President Walker & VP Browning, the latter seeking his own nomination & who alludes to a conspiracy to oust him in a scandal related to Annie's death. Antonelli does his homework, contacts everyone associate with Annie & enjoys assistance & sizzling romance from Gisela Hoffman, a young reporter in midst of divorce. Demonstrated via idiosyncracies of prosecutor Caminetti & Judge Charles Scarborough, is the fierce trial Antonelli is told that must be won at all costs. We are shown the relationship of Joanna van Renaessler, Antonelli's old flame, but now wife of VP Browning -- she has kept secrets. The plot unfolds with momentum & just when you think its over, the underlying intrigues are at last revealed: -- Antonelli is affable & crackerjack as trial lawyer but he's unprepared to the like of young Gisela. In this novel, the protagonist Antonelli really shines -- likable, lovable & a man for all seasons. This book is not to be missed.

All the books I have read of D. W. Buff have been great. I enjoy reading his work. They are interesting and keeps my interest right to the end. Besides he went to my college, MSU

I enjoyed this book and would recommend it to those who enjoy legal novels. I will not go into details about the book. You will be pleased you purchased the book. That is why I gave it 5 stars.

I love suspense, especially involving court scenes. As a teenager I eagerly awaited the next Perry mason episode. I love his characters and he develops them well. He shows their weaknesses as well as their strengths. I could be friends with them.

Buffa's novels always have a twist although this one was obvious. Perhaps getting a bit predictable with his theme

I have read many of his books (11) and have yet to be disappointed. I have rated all to be excellent and I do not give that rating easily.

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