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Hook

President Andrew Cochran's ultimate dream of working on his re-election campaign with his life-long friend and confidant, Nathan Whitaker, comes to fruition. Others seek to claim retribution for the two friends' past actions and deceptions. And, the President's perceived dream becomes the precursor for his worst nightmare.

Cover

The White House is the scene of chaos and confusion following the attempt on President Andrew Cochran's life. Old foes become new allies as Democrats lend support to the fallen Republican leader in a dramatic power shift. The President's life-long friend and confidant, Nathan Whitaker, demonstrates his love and devotion to his friend, and in the process, once again, becomes an influential player in the world of power politics. Meanwhile, Republican opponents seeking the party's nomination for President attempt to take advantage of the situation.

In New Orleans, Posy Branch, the magnetic successful owner of French Tips, Juleps & Jazz, suffers from stultifying depression following the vicious murder of her friend and business

partner, Chiffon LaBelle. Slowly, with the loving assistance of her mother and her friend Michael, Posy regains her life, and in the process finds love and the unquestioned support of a good man. Retired Judge Stanford Winchester also gladly embraces love and a second chance for happiness. However, his lack of direction and purpose after decades on the bench, causes issues of self-worth. An old foe intervenes and becomes a new friend as Stanford becomes a vital confidant and advisor to a Presidential candidate.

Clay Grover and Aaron Rose continue their good works for the citizens of New Orleans Ninth ward. However, after a year of marriage, they realize that relationships require patience, honesty, and dedication. An explosive secret and common cause allow the couple to regain their loving equilibrium.

Political campaigns for the Presidency, evolving personal relationships, and outlandish lies move the novel to a climactic conclusion. However, it's the pursuit of influence and power, and the overwhelming desire to seek personal justice for perceived past wrongs that entreat the requirement of RETRIBUTION.

Selling Points

- The Recusal Series: Book Three

Previous Titles

RECUSAL, RESTITUTION

About the Author

Mr. Catalano resides in Chicago, IL. He has obtained a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in Political Science. He has melded his life-long fascination and love of politics with numerous years of working in the legal profession, into his first love, that of writing fiction.

Praise



David O.

5.0 out of 5 stars Good political/legal suspense
Reviewed in the United States on March 17, 2021

This genre isn't what I usually read, but I enjoyed reading this book. It is a political/legal story, but written clearly enough that it and I never got lost in the legalese. The characters' motivations are understandable, and they feel like fleshed-out characters who are fully explained. The first chapter had me lost a bit, but after that things became clear. Well written overall. I am excited to see where the 2nd book in the series goes.



Francis A. Fullam

5.0 out of 5 stars Want more !
Reviewed in the United States on April 18, 2021

Really enjoy thrillers and when I used to travel a lot, the high point of air travel was stopping in an airport book store to pick up the latest for the flight. After a hiatus, I am back to flying and came across this new book. When I got off the flight in LA, I stayed in the lounge at LAX, just to finish this book. Interesting characters, Stanford Winchester - you know this is going to be made into a movie. Liked it because it was not overly "twisty" which I hate when it is overdone. The scenes in New Orleans just made we want to get back there soon. Now I have to wait around for the next installment of this series.



Nick D

5.0 out of 5 stars Auspicious Start to the Recusal Series
Reviewed in the United States on April 21, 2021

This is a very well-written book that grabs your attention and is hard to put down. Recusal has a little bit of everything: it's a murder-mystery, political thriller, and a love letter to the great city of New Orleans. The descriptions of The Crescent City, with its wonderful food, music and culture is worth the cost of admission alone. The book also has really interesting characters, and the plot will keep you guessing as the story unfolds. The only downside is that Recusal is the first book in a series, and now we have to wait for the next installment. Judging by the quality of the first book, it'll be well worth the wait!



tracey simon

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Perfect Page Turner!

Reviewed in the United States on September 6, 2021

Great political thriller that interweaves creative storyline and vivid characters. The evolving plot twists and realistic location descriptions make this a classic page turner. I can't wait for the next installment in the series!



Molly K Johnson

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Perfect Beach Read!

Reviewed in the United States on June 26, 2021

I love a political thriller that makes me want to finish reading the book in a day! This story had me hooked and was the perfect choice for a day at the beach. Can't wait to read the next one in the series!



Whitney

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Awesome vacation read!

Reviewed in the United States on June 6, 2021

Great characters, great story! Perfect for a summer read on vacation.



Sarah Eberhard

[5.0 out of 5 stars](#) Great book!

Reviewed in the United States on August 6, 2021

Interesting plot with great pacing and even better characters. Highly recommend!



Joshua Schukas

5.0 out of 5 stars Great Thriller!

Reviewed in the United States on March 29, 2021

My first top book of 2021! The story had everything I like in a political thriller: shady characters that turned out good and good characters that turned out shady, a contemporary plot that taught me a few things about our system while making me reflect on it, and an exciting ending I didn't see coming. I would highly recommend and look forward to the next book in the series.



bradley

5.0 out of 5 stars Perfect Summer Read

Reviewed in the United States on June 15, 2021

Great political story, you could tell the author has a solid background in law. The characters' backgrounds and motivations were all presented well, and the author did a great job incorporating everyday life in New Orleans. Looking forward to more books in this series.



Michael Santoro

5.0 out of 5 stars Exciting Thriller Keep You Turning Pages to the End

Reviewed in the United States on July 10, 2021

As others have mentioned this is a great beach/vacation read. It's a slow burn and builds and builds until a frenetic finish. Highly recommend!

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