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The crime is remarkably heinous: veteran police detective Joe McNaughton is found savagely slain, mutilated, and hung from a public fountain in downtown Tulsa. The accused is a tabloid reporter's dream: stunning, nineteen-year-old Keri Dalcanton, a stripper involved in a kinky affair with the married McNaughton. Crusading attorney Kincaid takes up her defense. But when a police raid on his office uncovers the bloodstained murder weapon, Ben himself is charged with conspiracy and murder. What follows is a breathlessly twisting battle of legal wits—and lethal surprises—in which no holds are barred, no secrets are left unexposed, and ultimately, nothing is what it seems. . . .

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Sharon Bayliss says

Another legal thriller that's very hard to put down!

I couldn't put this book down! It has so many twists and turns! Just when you think you've got it figured out, it turns again.

Thanks, William Bernhardt for another intelligent, legal page Turner.. I love the eccentric characters and the true-to-life sounding dialogues. And the legal scenes are also very true to life,too.

I've read all the Ben Kincaid books, starting with #1 and just finished #10. Can't wait to start #11!

Linda says

William Bernhardt rivals and sometimes surpasses John Grisham in the genre of legal thrillers. This is a prime example of a well-crafted story with Ben Kincaid serving as the young lawyer charged with defending an unlikely suspect with all the evidence stacked against her.

Fredrick Danysh says

Lawyer Ben Kincaid defends an exotic dancer accused of killing her policeman lover. He is able to get the case dismissed when it is revealed that the policeman never presented the search warrant requested but used a presigned warrant. The police get a warrant to search his office where the murder weapon is found and thus get an appeals court to reopen the murder trial without double jeopardy. Meanwhile the police arrest Ben and put the squeeze on him at the same time his client puts on her moves.

DaReil says

wow...this was actually my first legal thriller ive read and if all Mr. Bernhardt's are like this then count me into reading them all as much as i can (afford)! Christina was an absolute hound she took over the scene graduating fresh out of law school nearly knocking Ben off his throne: keyword nearly. Ben was also an impressive one too. a profoundly intelligent type of fellow meticulous in his doings and confident in his work (so was Christina). as it came down to th last 20 or so pages thats when things became climatically intense. i double took on the situation, right then as it was happening it was definitely a twist to a story you would never forget. i absolutely loved the graphic details he put in this book. from Kirk getting beat up by three little hoodlums (getting in a few licks hisself) to the rough sex scene with him and the hooker Chantelle. a classic. i would recommend this to anybody who is a fan of legal thrillers cause i know i am. im also going to give John Grisham a try.

Beth says

I liked the courtroom scenes in this book, but ultimately found the "who-dunnit" part of the story not very satisfying. I won't give away who the murderer is (I hate when people do that in their reviews) but I have to say except for this part of the story, I really enjoyed this book. There were several plot twists, and this kept the reader guessing about the outcome of the trial. For me, the best part about this book was the focus on the trial outcome, for as all readers of courtroom murder dramas know - just because a person is found guilty/not guilty of the crime, it doesn't necessarily mean that justice was done. A good story will ultimately tie up the ends after the verdict, and this story does just that - but I have to say that while I didn't like the answer of who the murderer was, I did enjoy the story as a whole and I will continue on with this author. The characters are good ones and the atmosphere created by them works well.

Rick Ludwig says

I am a fan of William Bernhardt's Ben Kincaid series, having read all the "Justice" and "Capital" titles. This is the first of his middle period books that I've read and I have to say it is the best of all those I've read. Seeing Christina in the courtroom is wonderful. Having to try the same case twice is wonderful. But the twists and turns and surprises in this book are so skillfully crafted that it is truly a writing tour de force. Bernhardt is at the top of his game in this one. When I finished reading it, I did something I never do. I said "All right!" out loud. My wife looked at me like I was crazy, but it was worth it. A great read.

Luann says

First time I've read this author - good, will pick up others. I was half right on how the crime actually went down, and was a bit surprised by the twist at the end, although not entirely. Quick, easy mystery.

Dale says

Not as good as the others in the series

William Bernhardt has a whole collection of books he has written concerning small-time lawyer Ben Kincaid and his (mis)adventures and legal maneuverings. Most of the books feature Ben and his ragtag office staff going against well-funded corporate lawyers or the District Attorney's office and somehow coming up with a win.

Murder One is no different, except that it is not as good a book as the others he has written. In fact, I would not have reviewed this book for this forum at all except for the review quote on the cover that says, "...You never see the end coming." In today's over-hyped marketplace I've seen a lot of quotes like this, but this time it was true. I did not see it coming and that (and the accurate quote) deserves recognition.

This book, however, only rates a "3 stars" from me - it did not stay true to the strong character development that was present in the other books and I thought Ben Kincaid strayed from the character that has been built throughout the rest of the books.

I do, however, recommend any of his very early books - they are fun and well-written.

<http://dwdsreviews.blogspot.com/>

Bob Davenport says

Easy read, full of suspense. The descriptions of the violence were rather graphic.

Clare says

I enjoyed all the Ben Kincaid series - they're exciting and fun. Over time they got more and more graphically violent, though, and I didn't think that was a touch the books, including this one, needed. Bernhardt's defense attorney main character is so gentle and mild that the shocking brutality of many of the crimes seems like it would be too much for him to handle effectively - we're talking about a guy who took about eight books before he got up the nerve to kiss his assistant.

Renu says

a page-turner and I never expected such an ending. It was full of suspense!

Gary E says

Another great installment

What is there to say after the 10th book in a series? The only think I can think of in this case is to say that this book was one of the faster paced books in the series. Other than that it was completely typical of the series.

I usually describe these as equal part detective stories and court room dramas. In the case of this book the balance was about 50/50. I find these to be good well written books which are very enjoyable and this is no exception.

Kathy kennedy says

convoluted plot. way too long. This is the only one of the series that was really a disappointment.

Carol Ann says

More summer reading, however this book featuring Ben Kinkaid was better written with a strong story. I liked it, I really liked it.

Joe O'Connor says

Very Good; Continuing character: Ben Kincaid and team; legal team defends woman accused of killing cop/lover, and it appears cops are trying to frame her.
