

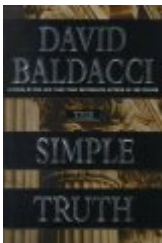
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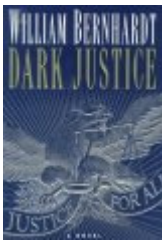
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[The Simple Truth](#) by David Baldacci



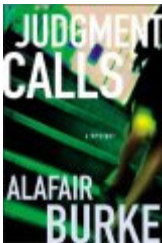
A man wrongly convicted of murder appeals to the Supreme Court, but the clerk who opens his appeal is murdered in an apparent cover-up. 1998

[Dark Justice](#) by William Bernhardt



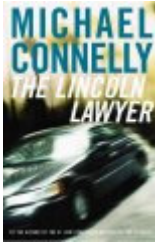
Lawyer Ben Kincaid matches wits with a woman district attorney during an eco-terrorism trial in the Pacific Northwest. Kincaid is defending an environmentalist accused of the murder of a logger. 1999

[Judgment Calls](#) by Alafair Burke



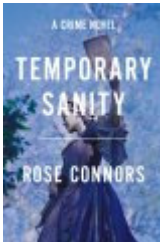
A seemingly simple, open-and-shut trial involving a brutal attack on a thirteen-year-old girl draws Deputy D.A. Samantha Kincaid into a complex and dangerous case that takes her on dark trail leading to a high-profile death penalty case, a prostitution ring of underage girls, and a potential serial killer. 2003

[The Lincoln Lawyer](#) by Michael Connelly



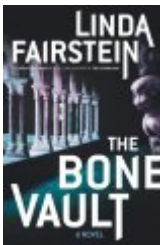
An attorney defending a man accused of a violent assault realizes there may be a connection to one of his previous cases that resulted in a client getting a life sentence. 2005

[Temporary Sanity](#) by Rose Connors



After leaving the District Attorney's office, Marty Nickerson tackles a difficult first case in her defense of a client who shot his son's presumed killer on television and refuses to enter in a plea of insanity, his only available means of defense. 2003

[The Bone Vault](#) by Linda A. Fairstein



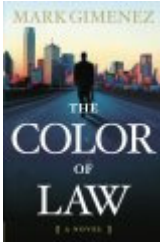
When a recently deceased body is discovered in an ancient Egyptian sarcophagus during a donor gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Assistant DA Alex Cooper must infiltrate New York's museum society to catch a killer. 2003

[High Crimes](#) by Joseph Finder



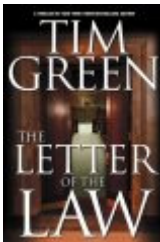
A lawyer learns her husband has been living under a false identity for 13 years when he's court-martialed for a massacre in an El Salvador village that he claims was the fault of his commanding officer. 1998

[The Color of Law](#) by Mark Gimenez



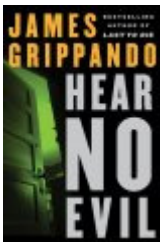
A partner at an elite Dallas law firm, Scott Fenney is forced to choose between his conscience and his wealthy, privileged lifestyle when he assigned to defend pro bono Shawanda Jones, a heroin-addicted prostitute. She is accused of murdering Clark McCall, the ne-er-do-well son of a millionaire Texas senator and presidential candidate. 2005

[The Letter of the Law](#) by Tim Green



After defense attorney Casey Jordan gets her client, a brilliant but arrogant professor, acquitted of the murder of a twenty-two-year-old law student, she discovers that not only is her client guilty but he may be responsible for a series of brutal crimes. She is forced to make a difficult choice between justice and the law. 2000

[Hear No Evil](#) by James Grippando



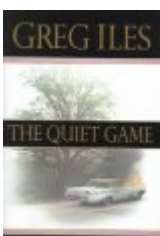
Jack Swyteck agrees to defend a woman accused of murdering her husband at Guantanamo Bay after she claims to be the adoptive mother of a son Jack never knew he had. 2004

[The King of Lies](#) by John Hart



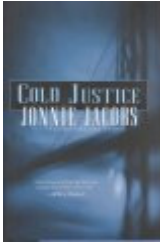
Jackson Workman's life and legal practice are in shambles. When his father Ezra is murdered, the large fortune he left behind makes Workman not only a grieving son, but, along with his sister, a suspect in his father's murder. He must fight to save his sister, clear his name, regain his wife's love, and above all, redeem himself. 2006

[The Quiet Game](#) by Greg Iles



A former prosecutor who quit his job to write novels returns to his hometown of Natchez, Mississippi, after his wife's death and becomes involved in investigating a 30-year-old unsolved murder. 1999

**Cold Justice** by Jonnie Jacobs



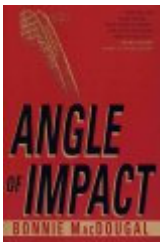
After the brutal murder of her best friend, which bears a startling resemblance to the victims of the Bayside Strangler, (who was recently executed), San Francisco lawyer Kali O'Brien fears that the wrong man was sentenced to death and must re-open a case thought to be solved in order to catch the real killer. 2002

**Nothing but the Truth** by John T. Lescroart



In an effort to save his wife Franny, lawyer Dismas Hardy investigates the murder of a woman thrown out of a window. The victim was his wife's friend and Franny has been jailed for refusing to reveal a secret which the other confided to her. 1999

**Angle of Impact** by Bonnie MacDougal



A Philadelphia lawyer learns that the helicopter crash that killed her client was no accident. 1998

**Sleeping Beauty** by Phillip Margolin



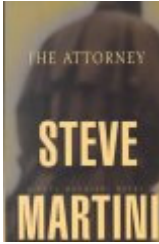
Author Miles Van Meter is on a book tour to promote his sensational bestseller, Sleeping Beauty, a true-crime account of the attack by a serial killer that left his twin sister, Casey, in a coma. Tonight the audience waits to hear Miles discuss recent developments in his sister's case -- unaware that pieces of this complex puzzle of violence, unknown even to the author, are about to be revealed. 2004

**Most Wanted** by Michelle Martinez



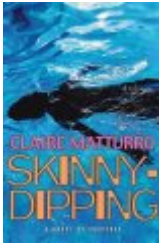
A federal prosecutor in New York happens upon a crime scene where a hotshot attorney was murdered and is determined to get the case. 2005

**The Attorney** by Steve Martini



A child-custody battle leads to murder in this mystery, starring lawyer Paul Madriani of San Diego. It happens when a woman demands a share of her parents' \$87-million lottery win, or she will remove her child from their custody. 2000

**Skinny-Dipping** by Claire Matturro



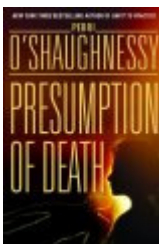
A junior partner at a Florida law firm tries to figure why she was attacked and why a client died of poisoning. First in a series. 2004

**The Zero Game** by Brad Meltzer



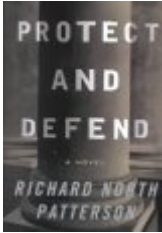
Bored and disillusioned with their jobs as senior staffers to a respected congressman, Matthew Mercer and Harris Sandler become involved in the clandestine Zero Game, but when someone close to them turns up dead, they discover the sinister intent of the "game" and realize that they are intended to become the game's next victims. 2004

**Presumption of Death** by Perri O'Shaughnessy



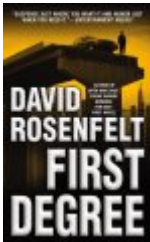
Returning home to Monterey County to put her life in order and move in with Paul van Wagoner, attorney Nina Reilly is called upon in the case of her former assistant's son, who has been accused of murder in a disturbing arson case. 2003

**Protect and Defend** by Richard North Patterson



A nominee for Supreme Court Justice is drawn into the case of a teenage girl whose parents want to stop her from aborting a child with a severe birth defect. 2000

**First Degree** by David Rosenfelt



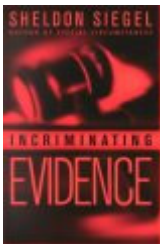
Irreverent lawyer Andy Carpenter must save the love of his life, lead P.I. Laurie Collins, when she's framed for the murder of a cop. 2003

**Courting Trouble** by Lisa Scottoline



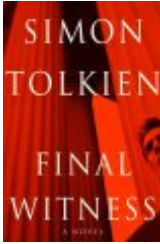
Lawyer Anne Murphy is smart, gorgeous, and young, the redheaded rookie at the Philadelphia law firm of Rosato & Associates. She leaves town for the Fourth of July weekend to prepare for a high-profile trial, but when she buys her morning newspaper, her own photo is plastered all over the front page. And the headline -- LAWYER MURDERED -- supposedly refers to her. Anne sets out to find her killer, playing dead in order to stay alive. 2002

**Incriminating Evidence** by Sheldon Siegel



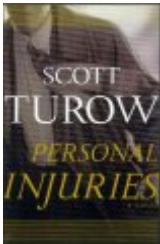
Defense lawyer Mike Daley reluctantly takes the case when Prentice Gates, the San Francisco district attorney and a leading candidate for California attorney general, wakes up in his hotel room after spending the night in an armchair and finds a dead male prostitute on the bed. Even though they despise each other, Daley begins to believe Gates may actually be innocent. Will he be able to clear his client? 2001

[Final Witness](#) by Simon Tolkien



A teenage boy witnesses his mother's murder and accuses his father's personal assistant of arranging the murder so she could marry his father. 2002

[Personal Injuries](#) by Scott Turow



A personal injury lawyer implicated for bribery agrees to help a determined U.S. Attorney follow a trail of corruption to the top. 1999

[A Wrongful Death](#) by Kate Wilhelm



Barbara Holloway becomes the prime suspect in a high-profile kidnapping case involving a young boy, the grandson of a wealthy family who accuses Barbara of aiding in his disappearance. 2007

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