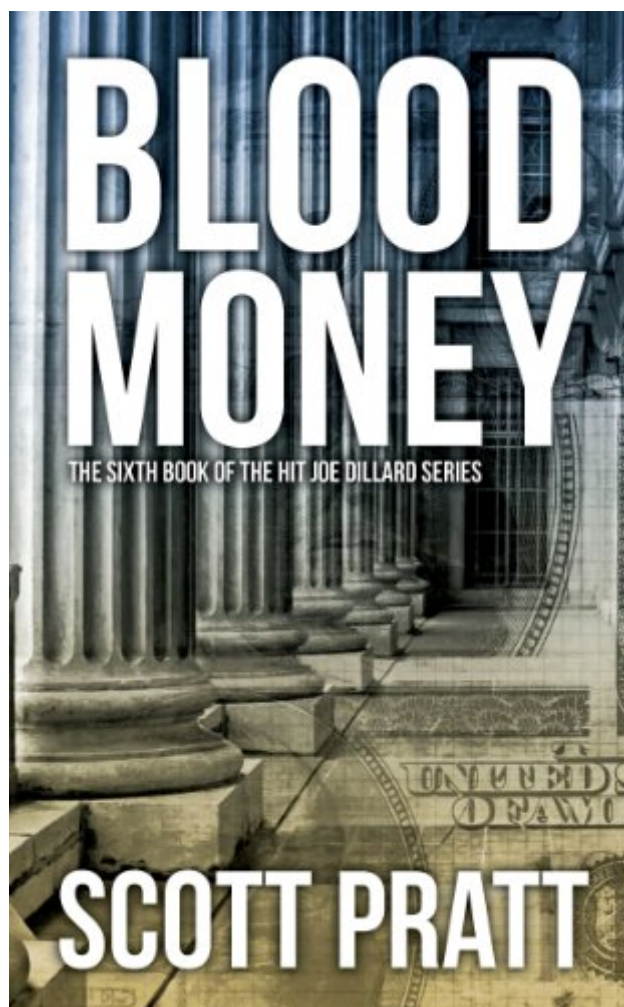


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Blood Money (Joe Dillard Series Book 6)



Synopsis

* * * NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR:"Blood Money" is an extensive rewrite of a book I wrote a few years ago called "Russo's Gold." While I was satisfied with most of "Russo's Gold," there were parts of it that I wanted to improve. I also wanted to incorporate it into the Joe Dillard series, and that is what I've done. I hope you enjoy it. -- Scott Pratt
In the sixth volume of the bestselling Joe Dillard series, Dillard does something he has never done before -- he hires a young associate. Her name is Charleston Story, she is bright and beautiful, and in her very first case, she winds up inheriting an item so valuable that it threatens to destroy her and everything she cares about. As Dillard tries to help and advise his young protege, he finds himself dragged into a web of danger and intrigue, a web so thick that he may never be able to extract himself.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a big Joe Dillard/Scott Pratt fan, so it was no surprise to me when by the second chapter of "Blood Money" I was completely hooked. I especially like the fact that Mr. Pratt--unlike most authors

who write a series--has his protagonist, Joe, mellow and mature over the course of time. The Joe Dillard of this novel is very different from the one in "An Innocent Client." The story concerns, among other things, an unexpected inheritance that could change one's life drastically. It involves something of great value that represents "blood money" from years earlier. I won't give the plot away (I hate spoilers) but will only say that this Joe Dillard tale spends less time in the courtroom and more in the environs of a small town in Tennessee. It's a taut, beautifully constructed novel with a compelling narrative drive. Joe, his son Jack, his wife Caroline, and a new character, Charlie Story along with her uncle Jasper, comprise a great cast of characters, and the novel moves at a great pace that never lags. I found myself worrying about the characters and feeling for them, which is the hallmark of a fine writer and a really good novel. Five solid stars and many kudos for Scott Pratt. Bravo!

Mark Rubinstein
Author of Mad Dog House and Love Gone Mad

I absolutely loved Books 1-5 in this series. I was so excited that I had Book 6 and 7 to follow. Joe is the kind of man both women and men can relate to and I couldn't wait to see what happened next in his career. The Dillard family has enough quirks to be both believable and lovable. Mr. Pratt skillfully created situations for his characters who responded as one would expect after reading Book 1 which helps the reader get a real sense of their character.*spoiler alert. stop reading now if you don't want me to ruin the story for you.Blood Money takes a sharp turn from Books 1-5. Charleston Storey is introduced as a new character and love interest for Joe's son. We are quickly led to believe she is a sweet little country girl with the highest ethics, and then expected to believe her reaction to finding millions of dollars in gold. Her overwhelming greed and disregard for the people she loved was not believable. The death toll mounts and she loses everyone in her life before finally following the advice of the people she respected. Although, I believe many people would also react to the prospect of sudden wealth the same way, it is out of character for Charley.Lastly, Book 6 seems to take a leap into making it more appealing for the blood and violence crowd. While Joe was fighting both physically and in courtroom in Books 1-5, the body count was much lower and the victims were more deserving. Joe takes more of a backseat in Book 6 and quality of the story suffers for it. I want to read stories of my hero fighting injustice and finding justice in unexpected ways. If I want gratuitous violence I'll watch TV.While, I was disturbed about the path the writer had taken, I still chose to purchase Book 7. Unfortunately, Book 7 was an even further disappointment and I have now decided not to purchase any possible future installments of this series. I wish I had said goodbye after Book 5 while the ride was still fun.

This was the least of my favorite books. I thought the hidden gold theme was trite. The segments about the crime families took up too much invalid print space. In addition the characters were stock stereotypical veneers of crime families. They simply weren't believable. The story would have been better to have fleshed out the Jordan case and the corruption in the legal system. The Uncle was way too bizarre. The 3 stars were for the well defined characters of Joe and Caroline. JEANNIE

WOW!!! Scott Pratt wrote another great story line to this series and I hate to see it end as each book has its own cases and very exciting with twist and turns that holds one interest. Although this series is done I see many other books that Pratt has written and I plan to venture out and buy more...well done! GAB

I love all the Joe Dillard series books, however, this book does not even come close to his other books and I'm not even sure why he threw it in the Dillard series. It is slow and really has nothing to do with the Joe Dillard books. It should be a book on it's on, but not a good book. I actually quit reading it half way through, which I never do. I will always dredge through if I don't like a book to finish it. I was afraid I might miss some valuable information going into the next book in the series by quitting, However though, when I started the next Dillard book in the series, it summed up Blood Money in like one paragraph... and nothing really happened that couldn't have been summed in that paragraph. My advise, skip this book and go on to the next.. which is Excellent ,

I have enjoyed some of the Dillard books, but I found this one asinine. Also I like courtroom thrillers and this most certainly was not. Although Scott Pratt writes fairly well, his stories need more realism and good legal drama. A story based on long-hidden gangster gold horde (\$500,000,000 no less) which obviously is wanted by some greedy "bad" folk just doesn't do it for me. There's more but it's all silly.

I love the Joe Dillard series. I find them to be very much addictive. But to be totally frank regarding this book in the series, it misses the mark. It isn't a book about Joe Dillard. He barely has supporting role, and it doesn't qualify as a leading role. This book was about Charlie Story. I'm sorry to say it just didn't keep my interest, or fit in with the rest of this series.

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