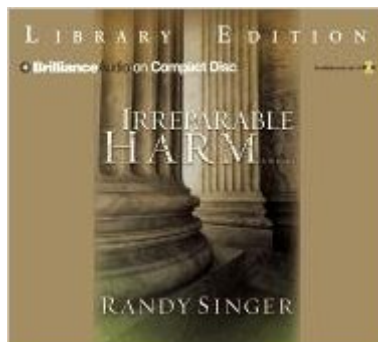


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Irreparable Harm: A Novel



Synopsis

Bright but inexperienced attorney Mitchell Taylor is torn between warring personal and professional interests. Can he help his Client – a young surrogate mother – and save the child she carries without sealing the fate of others? When Dr. Nathan Brown and his wife, Cameron, undergo a controversial method of in vitro fertilization, some of their cloned embryos are used to achieve a pregnancy in surrogate Maryna Sareth while the others are cryogenically preserved. Dr. Brown's premature death, however, and mounting evidence that the baby has Down's Syndrome unleash a legal, ethical, and moral firestorm. Dr. Brown's dying wish is that the remaining embryos be used for stem cell research. His wife wants to force the abortion of the baby Maryna carries in hopes that one of the remaining embryos can produce a "healthy" child. Meanwhile, Mitchell wrestles with an agonizing ethical dilemma: Can he protect the embryos, which requires that a federal legislative ban on cloning be overturned, while at the same time helping the beautiful young surrogate save the child she carries – possible only if the ban is upheld? With time running out, Mitchell and Maryna must run the gauntlet of bioethical nightmares, corporate treachery, and life-threatening confrontations if they are to save the unborn and avoid irreparable harm.

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Customer Reviews

In his follow-up to *Directed Verdict*, Singer mixes courtroom drama with ethical issues to craft an interesting but protracted legal thriller for the CBA market. Star law student Mitchell Taylor finds himself working for the worst kind of personal injury attorney upon graduation (call

1-800-CASH-NOW!), but as a Christian, he's determined to make the best of a bad situation. It's not long before he finds himself defending the GenTech Clinic in Norfolk, Va., in a tangled case involving eight frozen embryos. Also, he learns that a surrogate mother and illegal immigrant, Maryna Sareth, may be forced to abort the implanted embryo she is carrying. GenTech wants the embryos for AIDS research-or is it really for financial gain? It's up to Taylor to defend his client without compromising his beliefs. As in *Directed Verdict*, the pace is slow, but the novel includes an appealing romance element and some welcome touches of humor. Most of the characters are multifaceted, including the unpredictable Hon. Cynthia Baker-Kline from the first book, who makes an appearance here. Evangelical Christians will appreciate the conversion of one character; however, the violence could alienate some readers, and the surprising evidence that clinches the case may seem in poor taste to others. Most readers, however, will enjoy the many twists and turns that Singer executes with aplomb. Legal thrillers seem to have found a home with CBA readers, and Singer once again adds a strong voice to this growing genre in the evangelical Christian market. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A fight for life. A battle for right. Attorney Mitchell Taylor is trapped in a lose-lose situation. Bright but inexperienced attorney Mitchell Taylor is torn between warring personal and professional interests. Can he help his client—a young surrogate mother—and save the child she carries without sealing the fate of others? The compelling answer lies in Randy Singer's new legal thriller *Irreparable Harm*. When Dr. Nathan Brown and his wife, Cameron, undergo a controversial method of in vitro fertilization, some of their cloned embryos are used to achieve a pregnancy in surrogate Maryna Sareth while the others are cryogenically preserved. Dr. Brown's premature death, however, and mounting evidence that the baby has Down's Syndrome unleash a legal, ethical, and moral firestorm that will determine the future of thousands of unborn children. Dr. Brown's dying wish is that the remaining embryos be used for stem cell research. His wife wants to force the abortion of the baby Maryna carries in hopes that one of the remaining embryos can produce a "healthy" child. Meanwhile, Mitchell wrestles with an agonizing ethical dilemma: Can he protect the embryos, which requires that a federal legislative ban on cloning be overturned, while at the same time helping the beautiful young surrogate save the child she carries—possible only if the ban is upheld? With time running out, Mitchell and Maryna must run a gauntlet of bioethical nightmares, corporate treachery, and life-threatening confrontations if they are to save the unborn and avoid *Irreparable Harm*. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This story looks at the rights of a surrogate mother and the world of DNA research. Lots of twists and turns in the plot keep it exciting.

'Irreparable Harm' is a suspense novel with a lot of action. This story features a new lawyer fresh out of law school, Mitchell Taylor. Rather than easing into his on-the-job training as an attorney, he is thrust into a high profile case with precedent setting potential. It includes cloning and forced abortion among its issues. Singer does a very good job of explaining the complexities of different types of cloning as well as the relevant legal issues while still keeping the story interesting. The part that did not work for me was a romance involving two of the main players seems rushed and superficial. Although this is a good read, it is not Mr. Singer's best. For those who have never read his work, I would recommend three of his other novels ahead of this one: *Directed Verdict*, *Dying Declaration*, and *False Witness*. He is definitely an author one should get to know. If you like John Grisham and Scott Turow, you'll love Randy Singer.

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just love the books by Randy Singer.

Excellent book. I love all his books.

I found Randy Singer as an author in our church library. I have read just about every book he had now.

Love his works

Randy Singer is masterful at weaving the legal thriller. Not as famous (yet) as John Grisham, but could be well on his way. Anyone who likes legal thrillers, or likes stories that are not afraid to tackle issues from a Christian perspective, should read this book. After reading this one, pick up one of his other books as well.

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