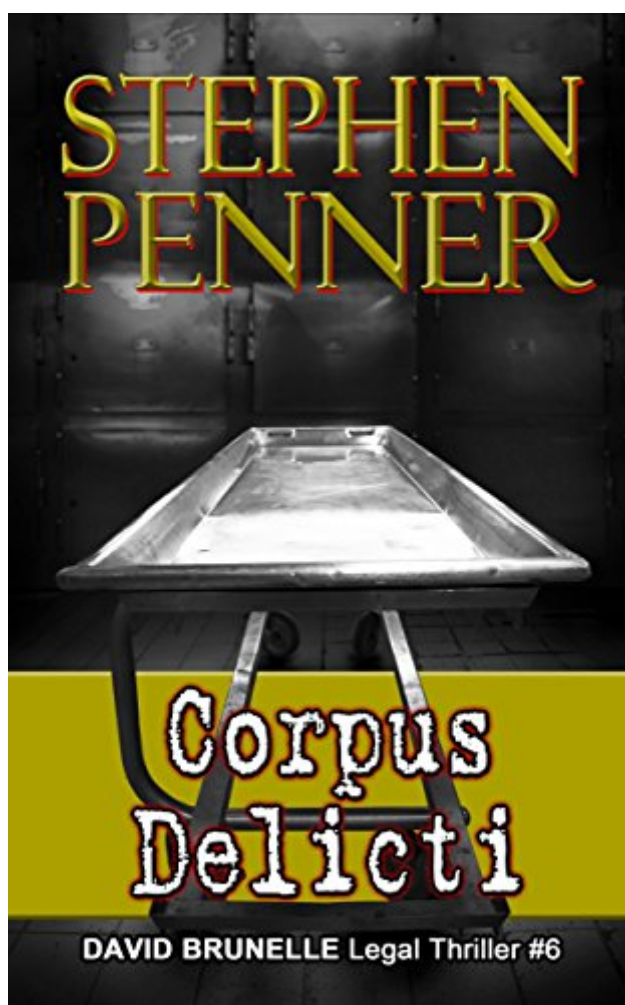


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Synopsis

A murder case without a dead body. Even on his best day, Assistant D.A. Dave Brunelle would have trouble winning a homicide case where the police could never find the victim's remains. But it's been a while since Brunelle has had a good day. His love life is a mess and his best friend doesn't want anything to do with him. Throw in a top-notch defense attorney and a defendant with ice in his veins, and it will take everything Brunelle has to hold a killer responsible.

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Customer Reviews

This book is the very definition of a court room drama. The main character is a very likeable guy that is portrayed very realistically. He is a flawed human being, (just like the rest of us) but he is a really good guy. Dave is a King County prosecutor trying to convict a pimp of murder. Most of the book is comprised of his trial strategy and his interactions with the trial judge and defense attorney. It takes you from the first report of a murder through the conclusion of the murder trial. Every aspect of the pretrial motions and adversarial wrangling is covered. If you like law and procedural based novels, you will love the book. I really liked it and I learned a few things about courtroom procedures.

I like legal thrillers. A lot, which is why I purchased this author. However, after reading this book I will return the second one. The lead character, Dave Brunelle, a prosecutor, is a combination of far too stupid to be an attorney, I doubt he really graduated from high school. and too incompetent to walk the streets without a keeper. In addition he is far too unaware to be an investigator. Emotionally, he is still in the eighth grade and unlikely to ever get beyond that stage. The author has used that "stupid" aspect to contrive situations that this "far too stupid" prosecutor seems to survive in spite of himself. While the sentence structure was adequate and the dialogue rather easy to follow, the authors contrived situations grabbed the sensible reader by the brain stem choking off any sympathy, even concern, that this "prosecutor" could get a verdict. The guilty verdict was saved in the end when the prosecutor, in yet another poorly contrived situation, stumbled, yet again, over another poor decision. I wanted this book to end just so I could write this review. Read Sheldon Siegel for local color and interesting cases and adult emotions. *Corpus Delicti* was a painful read.

Murder without a body.....that's the whole point of this case. A prostitute goes missing and a witness sees her with her pimp. So he must have killed her, right? Everyone thinks she's dead except the defense in this thriller. It's a great case but the ending seems rushed...a bit too cut and dry for me.

Book #6: While this was a good follow up to books 1-5; David Brunelle was not quite up to par. Of course given that he is trying to trial a man for the death of someone when they can't find the body could be why. The scenes where Mr. Brunelle goes out of his way to "not speak nicely to the Judge" are very good. You feel like you're in the Jury Box going oh no, that is not what you should be saying. The book didn't seem as long as the previous novels, but all in all I will continue to read additional David Brunelle books

This thriller is so twisted that a person could get lost if not paying strict attention. The story is a good read but pay attention.

This book kept me reading, I kept trying to figure out how Brunelle was going to win the prosecution of the killer with no body, but he did in a way I did not suspect. A typical Penner mystery

Nice read

The story makes you stop and think, what if???

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