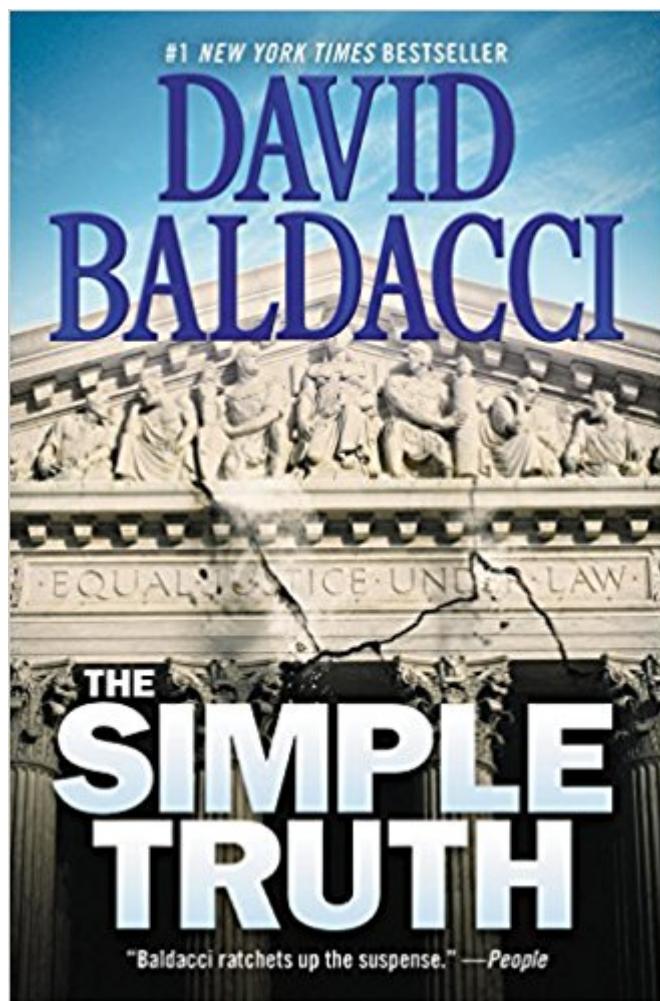


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# The Simple Truth



## **Synopsis**

THE SIMPLE TRUTHIt's never what it seems...Young attorney Michael Fiske broke the law when he took Rufus Harms's prison letter from the Supreme Court. But he also sealed his own fate. Suddenly everyone who has anything to do with Harms or his appeal mysteriously dies. Now Michael's brother John, a cop turned attorney, comes to Washington to find out why his brother was murdered--and what it had to do with a crime that Harms committed twenty-five years before. But the one man who can help John, the one man who knows what really happened more than two decades ago--and why--has escaped from prison and is running for his life.

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Rufus Harms is rotting in a Virginia military prison. As readers learn in the terse opening of The Simple Truth, he was convicted 25 years ago of the brutal killing of a young girl. Readers also learn that Rufus did not commit the crime; out of a haze of memories and with fragments of evidence, he has reconstructed the truth about the horrid event that ruined his life. He knows his discovery could cost him his life, so he breaks from prison after sending an appeal to the Supreme Court that details a massive conspiracy tied into the foundations of Washington. The complex drama of Rufus Harms is only one of the interwoven threads in this massive, violent legal thriller that also draws from the vocabulary of hard-boiled crime fiction. Baldacci offers glimpses into the arcane politics of the high court, where Justice Elizabeth Knight wages war with the manipulative Chief Justice Harold Ramsay. And while Harms struggles to keep out of harm's way and the justices duke it out, Supreme Court law clerk Sara Evans toils with ex-cop John Fiske to discover the import of Harms's

appeal (and, simultaneously, to uncover the murderer of Mike Fiske, John's law clerk-brother and the original holder of the appeal). Their interest in the document apparently draws the attention of the same deadly conspirators who manipulated Harms over two decades earlier. While the armed mayhem sometimes rises to the point of excess, Baldacci's novel continues to offer new surprises until the final pages. --Patrick O'Kelley --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Will Baldacci's most recent title be another Winner, like his recent New York Times best seller? Here, a man convicted of a murder he's convinced he committed suddenly realizes that he's been framed and launches an appeal that leads to more murder. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Simple Truth is full of twists and turns, a real page turner. The character detailing was excellent but I was caught by surprise by the author's investment in a character only to script their early exit from the story. A pretty gutsy move by Baldacci that in the end worked out better than anticipated. A good read for sure.

I like this author's writing so I'm enjoying this book. Haven't finished it yet.

It's the type of book that is hard to put down even if there is something else you should be doing.

good but not great

Great read!! This book held my interest throughout and would definitely recommend this to others who enjoy this genre!! Super!!

It was pretty good but I wasn't as captivated as I usually am with his books

I really enjoyed this book. Vanessa Roberts

another one of his first writings

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