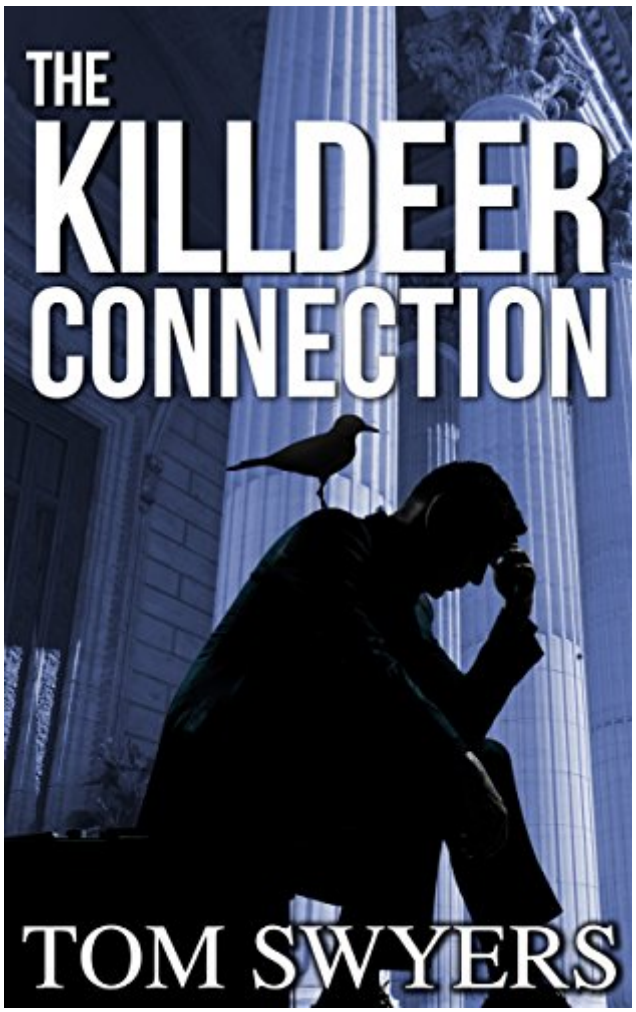
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THE KILLDEER CONNECTION (Lawyer David Thompson Series Book 1)



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Synopsis

~2017 Kindle Scout Winner~ Hang out with the wrong friend, end up a wanted terrorist . . . Worn-out lawyer David Thompson is on a mission to prove his innocence. Falsely accused of murdering his friend, he must desert his family and seek out a secret society of bird-watchers in a desperate search for the truth. When the feds talk of adding a terrorism charge, the death penalty looms and Thompson is on the run from both the law and the real killer. With Thompson out of the way, his family becomes a target. Thrust on a riveting thrill ride through the oil fields of North Dakota, Thompson’s quest to save his own skin explodes into a race to save both his family and the nation from a deadly tidal wave of terror. But he may be too late . . . Don’t miss this action-packed, realistic, and thought-provoking legal thriller filled with mystery, family secrets, conspiracy, financial intrigue, captivating characters, deception, prejudice, greed, courtroom drama, and a bird! The standalone prequel to The Killdeer Connection in the Lawyer David Thompson Series is Saving Babe Ruth. Check it out!

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Customer Reviews

Definitely a 4.5 on a scale of 5.Tom Swyers evidently knew my background as a retired legal secretary, and he brought lawyer David Thompson knocking at my door with a stellar mystery involving the oil industry, the environment, and yes, murder. Not just any murder but a murder landing Lawyer Thompson in jail.A bit slow out of the gate, Swyers quickly picks up the pace and begins his efforts to clear his character's name. I appreciated the character development and scenes as they rolled out, especially the use of nature in showing his readers the damages being wrought by improper use of certain chemicals in the environment.Swyers is a good writer with just a bit of wordiness getting in his way at times. But then, he too is an attorney and a judge, and they enjoy using a lot of words to keep the rest of us seeking the truth in the story. What better way to keep a lover of mystery engaged than by using lots of words!Kudos to Tom on another good read!

Great story the will keep you on toes the whole book!

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It was an okay book, but it was not a subject that interested me.

This book grabbed my attention and interest from the first page and it never let go!

It seemed at first that the plot was a bit overdone, exaggerated. How realistic is it to believe that some power player would decide that is profitable for the common good to blow up train car after train car of oil as they run through towns and cities between North Dakota and New York and that he'd try to place the blame on one individual. And then I got to thinking about this country, this world today and came to realize that it probably isn't all that far a reach. Fiction authors write to entertain but more often than not they are also making a statement. Swyers definitely kept me entertained and when I finished the book I found myself sitting back and thinking about North Dakota and the oil fields, hoping that the descriptions he provided of the oil-boom towns and the greed were indeed exaggerations. I do fear where our world is going.It's five stars from me.

I nominated "The Killdeer Connection" on Kindle Scout and was pleased to see that it was selected for publication by 's Kindle Press. Due to the focus on fracking, I cannot tell you how much I anticipated the release of the book. And Tom Swyers did not disappoint. His story hooked me from page one and kept steaming along, just like the trains in the book. The intrigue and humor Swyers

injected into the novel had me thinking, "This author is just as good if not better than John Grisham". If you like protagonists who rise up against corrupt corporations, you will love this book!

If I have spoilers in my review, I am giving notice.Lawyer David Thompson is an independent lawyer, who has been retained by a man named Ben who lost ability to use his hands while on the job transferring Baklen oil off a train cargo . Handling oil has many dangers but this particular oil has a dangerous avoidable tendency which the oil company Hemsley wants to downplay so that will not be liable for any problems.I got very interested in this book because of this issue--- transportation of dangerous elements near populated areas, as we in my local area on that same Hudson river in the book had to request that the Coast guard 're-evaluate the need to park oil barges on the Hudson, especially when it would upset the fragile ecosystem which was just recently becoming sustainable for fish and wildlife. We didn't want to 're- pollute the Hudson river.The novel is set in Albany, New York and discusses also the suburbs of Albany which are close to the prison and airport in area plus the school system. The railroad runs on the river side of Albany, which is also has an active pier, as this city is situated as a hub for transporting goods in all directions. Being that the Hudson river has a beautiful scenic vista, viewing it on a boat is on my bucket list, since there is a fall foliage annual boat cruise.David has a crude oil specialist to speak at trial of the hazards of Beklen oil and the danger of transporting it in containers made for transporting maple syrup.This particular oil has a tendency to have a chemical reaction when shooked which then causes a gas build up which can explode into flames and release a toxic gas at close range. The oil is also toxic to any soft tissue and melts away any part of body it's spilled on. This is what happened to David's client Ben who had been doing a routine offloading of oil when the couplings broke loose and the oil spilled onto his hands, melting them. He had not been forewarned about how dangerous this oil was and nor was he given protective equipment for the handling of the oil.David in one of his visits to see Hajar , the oil expert, who also helps with the baseball team whom David is head coach of, has to use his keys to enter the apartment because he had been requested to come by. He finds his friend dead standing up in a room being held up by piles of boxes. He called his friend Pete who's the sheriff to tell him what he discovered. David had been also retained by the dead man to execute his will but when he went to file for probate found that another newer will had been written and filed by his lawyer friend Jim.From Jim, he finds out that he is the sole beneficiary of the estate and insurance policy. He is also given a sealed letter which he reads and shares with Jim which tells him location of the dead person's laptop and the direction to follow the Killdeers.While trying to clean out the apartment which is piled all over like a hoarder, he discovers a pattern to the mess and realizes that

he has to take a trip to North Dakota to a small town near Fargo which is near a railroad line. His first day and night is spent sleeping in his car in a Wal-Mart parking lot along about 20 campers with trailers. Because of the oil boom, housing is hard to find and hotels are full due to a convention which he managed to slip in to attend because one of the speakers works for the Hemley oil company and David wanted to take notes of the speech. From this, David gets to meet an old doctor friend of the deceased, who tells David about the parents and his wife who all died from exposure to chemical released when the oil company fracked the land they were living on.There's a law in that area that defines ownership of land in two ways--- the top layers to build and farm on and the beneath level which can be owned by another, in this case, the oil companies. Believe me when I say this, you are going to feel reactive reading about how the big oil companies abuse the little poor people.But the title of the book does refer to Killdeer birds who live successfully in this harsh environment. David brings a spreadsheet of Killdeer birds to a Sheriff who also knows birds and their patterns and notes that this species of birds has thrived despite all hazards of terrain. David makes one more stop at a park mentioned in the Killdeeer journal as a good view spot to count them. It is there, he is attacked and suffered a concussion. When he wakes up in the hospital, he rapidly checks himself out and heads to a Minnesota airport to fly home. He calls one person, FBI agent Moore who has been checking up on him and tells him what he has discovered and why his friend was dead. When he arrived back in Albany, he is arrested and has to spend 9 days in jail until he negotiated a release so he could do the deposition for Ben on Monday to which he brings agent Moore.Being a crafty lawyer, he is able to get a excellent settlement for his client and solve the mystery of the Killdeer counts in connection to the death of his friend.If this a first in series with lawyer David Thompson from Albany, New York, I look forward to reading the next novel.

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