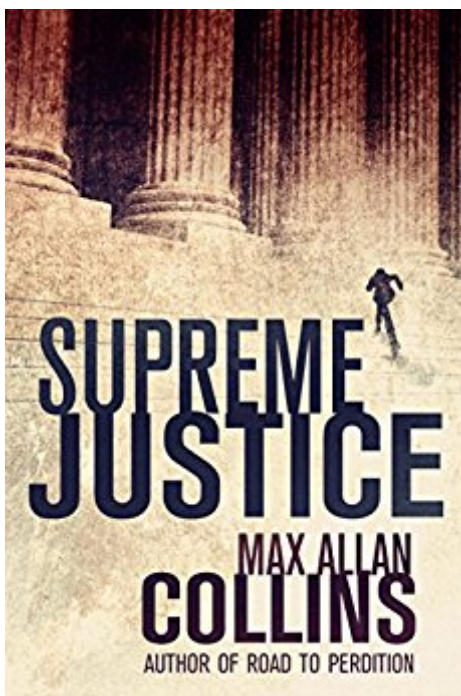


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Supreme Justice (Reeder And Rogers Thriller)



Synopsis

After taking a bullet for his commander-in-chief, Secret Service agent Joseph Reeder is a hero. But his outspoken criticism of the president he saved—who had stacked the Supreme Court with hard-right justices to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, amp up the Patriot Act, and shred the First Amendment—put Reeder at odds with the Service’s apolitical nature, making him an outcast. FBI agent Patti Rogers finds herself paired with the unpopular former agent on a task force investigating the killing of Supreme Court Justice Henry Venter. Reeder—nicknamed “Peep” for his unparalleled skills at reading body language—makes a startling discovery while reviewing a security tape: the shooting was premeditated, not a botched robbery. Even more chilling, the controversial Venter may not be the only justice targeted for death...Is a mastermind mounting an unprecedented judicial coup aimed at replacing ultra-conservative justices with a new liberal majority? To crack the conspiracy and save the lives of not just the justices but also Reeder’s own family, rising star Rogers and legendary investigator Reeder must push their skills—and themselves—to the limit.

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Customer Reviews

Well, my first and last Max Collins book. Reasonably well written with a decent plot. Unfortunately the author injects his political beliefs into a fictional story too much. I don't mind a political jab in a book. I just look at the source and chuckle. Unfortunately, this novel had every conservative being evil, stupid, or both continually through the entire book. The main character was a former Secret Service agent, who was a liberal that took a bullet for a bad evil conservative President. Sorry, his character did not fit the personality of Secret Service agents I have met. I just couldn't get past the liberal bias of the author. I suppose he writes for a different reader than me. My mistake.

This is the first time I have read a book by Max Allan Collins but right now I am looking to download another one. This was a real page turner. Full of intrigue, numerous murders of Supreme court justices, and betrayal amongst friends. The plot gave one to ponder what if this really were to happen. What would it mean for the country for years to come? Very timely proposition. Loved the interaction between Reeder and Rogers. Reeder doesn't miss a thing and reads a scene with razor sharp precision. Reeder is quickly learning from him. Highly recommend this. Now I'm off to download the next Reeder and Rogers thriller. I'm hooked !!!

Ex secret service agent called in to help with a murder involving a supreme court justice. Second murder indicates murders are conspiracy to change policy on abortion. Characters are well developed. Ending and guilty parties not discernible until late. Good and quick read with quotes from prior supreme court justices and presidents inserted to add flavor to the book. Would recommend this book to readers of mystery and fiction.

This is my first reading of a book by Mr. Collins. I see from the reviews that other readers are familiar with his works. That is not surprising, as I see he has many credits and accolades. I am a bit surprised that this has so many reviews already. I got this as a Prime member First Look (a chance for prime members to read books a month before they are officially out in e-book publication). I suppose that all of these reviews were by people who read hard copies of the book. Let me say that I enjoyed the book very much. I don't need to go over the whole plot, as both the synopsis and the other reviews, have done so extensively. It involves a former secret service agent, Joe Reedy, who took a bullet for a president he despised, now enlisted to help solve the murder or murders of Supreme Court justices (as a civilian consultant). The pacing is good and the character of Joe Reedy is extremely likeable and interesting. He seems almost like a modern day Sherlock Holmes.

Not that he sees so much in a million mundane clues, but has a very analytical mind and takes you past the obvious. I disagree with some reviewers (while agreeing with others) that the book is politically neutral. The protagonist is clearly a liberal and I think the book is slanted in that direction and that staunch conservatives may have a problem with this book. It doesn't offend my politics, so I had no problem. The writing is very good, above average I would say for a thriller - though not on the level of serious literature. I was never bored. Why did I not give this 5 stars? I found the solution not so surprising and not thoroughly believable. I was looking for a more sinister plot. Something to sink your teeth into. This was a bit of a formula solution. I don't want to say more, as I don't want to give it away. Also, for such a good premise and build-up, I found the climax not as heart-pounding and exciting as I hoped. Nevertheless, the book was intelligent, on the whole, fast, fun and I recommend it. It's a solid thriller.

Who in the heck is killing off Supreme Court Justices and why? This is serious business that could affect the whole nation. The first killing is believed to be the result of a robbery gone bad. Then there are two down and more to go! A Joint Task Force is assembled to investigate the killings. Ex-Secret Service agent Joe (Peep) Reeder has been asked to be a consultant for the Task Force. Joe has an uncanny ability to profile people in a nearly always correct assessment. He zeros in on facial expressions and body posture and hits the bullseye with uncanny accuracy. Joe is not always well-liked; however, he is respected.....by most. Joe, who took a bullet for a president that he despised, is no longer in the Secret Service, but owns his own security business. He is brought into the case on the recommendation of his best friend, a former colleague, who is head of the task force that is trying to solve the murder of the Justices. After viewing video footage of the crime scene, Joe believes that the justice's death was an assassination. It appears Joe was right in his assessment when a second Justice is killed. Joe is not a well-liked member of the team, and cooperation is at a minimum at times. There are a whole slew of verbal barbs that are exchanged, and then a kidnapping that really lights up the scene. There is lots of action when the Feds, Homeland Security, local law enforcement and personality clashes get together. The assassination tools are a bit unique and give rise for lots reader theories on who done it. The plot is well thought out with surprises along the way. The book is well written and keeps the reader turning the pages to keep up with the action-packed drama. The reader is bound to really like many of the characters.....especially Joe. This is a book about serious political treachery, and is an easy to read fast moving thriller. Whether you tend toward left wing or right wing politics, you are bound to enjoy this easy to read fast moving thriller with some very interesting characters.

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