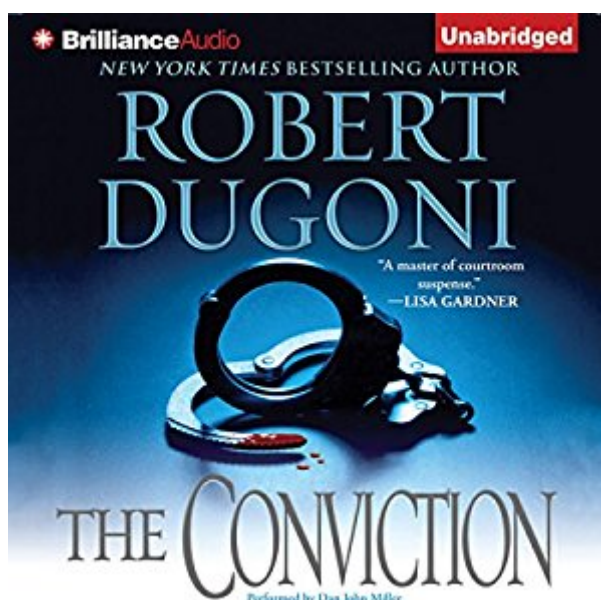


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The Conviction: David Sloane, Book 5



Synopsis

Lawyer David Sloane is a desperate parent. His son Jake, still reeling from the loss of his mother in a brutal murder (Bodily Harm), has spiraled out of control. Sloane needs to reconnect with him - needs to keep him out of jail. So when an old friend suggests a guys-only camping trip, Sloane accepts. Maybe if he and Jake get away they will find needed quality time. Bond. Catch a few fish. But the trip into the remote reaches of California's Gold Country takes a turn for the worse when Jake and his buddy are caught vandalizing a general store. Brought to trial in a kangaroo court, the presiding judge tries, convicts and sentences the boys to six months in the county-owned wilderness detention center. For the teen-aged boys, a grueling psychological and physical ordeal begins. As Sloane fights the conviction, he stumbles into ever-more menacing territory. A clannish town, a judge whose authority seems to extend far beyond the confines of his courtroom, and the emerging story of a juvenile detention center from hell, where the glories of nature cover dark secrets. All standards of lawyerly conduct fail Sloane in Judge Earl Boykin's court. With his legal options exhausted, knowing the boys' lives are on the line, Sloane hatches a daring rescue operation that just might get them all killed. For the lawyer who never loses, this time the only way to win is outside the law.

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When I was younger, I would never just jump into a book series that was already underway. I was very good about starting with the first book and reading them all in order. And certainly that is still

my preference, but... I'm getting older. How much time do I have to start at the very beginning of every ongoing series I hear good things about? At some point in recent years I just started diving in--and I haven't regretted it yet. The most recent example was my introduction to author Robert Dugoni and his series protagonist, David Sloane. I can't tell you how long I've wanted to read these books. And, had I read the prior adventures of "the lawyer who never loses," I'm sure that I'd have a fuller appreciation of *The Conviction*, the most recent volume in the series. However, like most accomplished novelists with long-running series, Mr. Dugoni is skilled at gracefully supplying the exposition that readers new to the series need to get caught up to speed. Yes, there was backstory, but I didn't feel like I was missing a thing. In *The Conviction*, David's teenage step-son is at the center of the story. He's been having a really tough time since his mom's murder, which translates into him acting out and getting in all kinds of trouble. David speaks to a friend who invites the two of them to join him and his 14-year-old son on a camping trip in the backwoods of California. David thinks this may be just the sort of bonding time that will help the two reconnect. Uh, not so much. Suffice it to say, Jake's not done acting out, and this time he drags the younger boy into his trouble--with dire consequences. Justice is whatever Judge Earl Boykin says it is in that little corner of the country. I'll leave the details of what that entails for you to discover on your own.

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