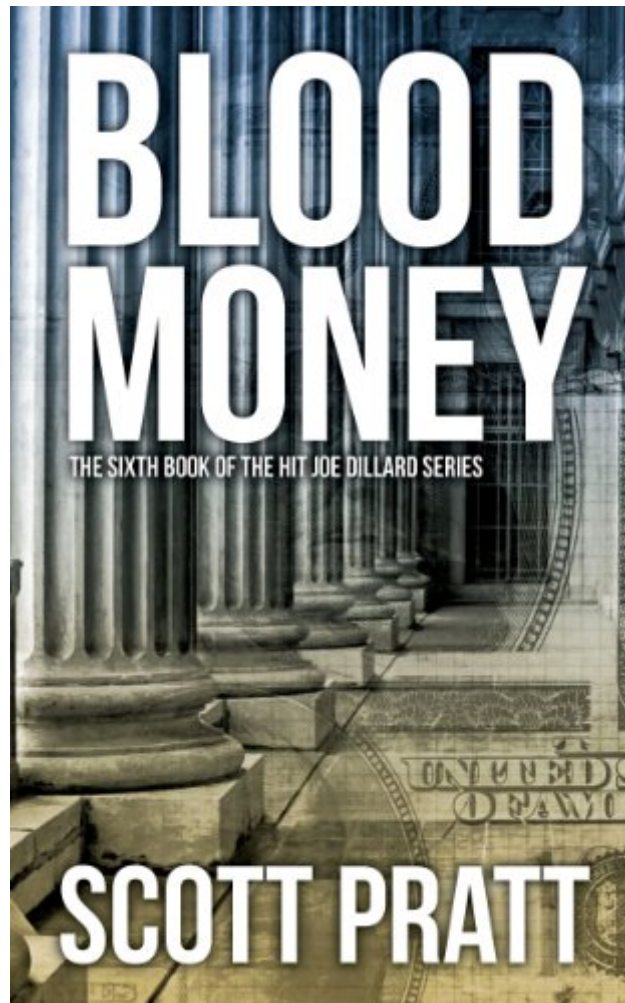


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# Blood Money (Joe Dillard Series Book 6)



## Synopsis

Joe Dillard is a two million copy best selling series.\* \* \* NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR: "Blood Money" is an extensive rewrite of a book I wrote a few years ago called "Russo's Gold." While I was satisfied with most of "Russo's Gold," there were parts of it that I wanted to improve. I also wanted to incorporate it into the Joe Dillard series, and that is what I've done. I hope you enjoy it. -- Scott Pratt

In the sixth volume of the bestselling Joe Dillard series, Dillard does something he has never done before -- he hires a young associate. Her name is Charleston Story, she is bright and beautiful, and in her very first case, she winds up inheriting an item so valuable that it threatens to destroy her and everything she cares about. As Dillard tries to help and advise his young protege, he finds himself dragged into a web of danger and intrigue, a web so thick that he may never be able to extract himself.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm a big Joe Dillard/Scott Pratt fan, so it was no surprise to me when by the second chapter of

"Blood Money" I was completely hooked. I especially like the fact that Mr. Pratt--unlike most authors who write a series--has his protagonist, Joe, mellow and mature over the course of time. The Joe Dillard of this novel is very different from the one in "An Innocent Client." The story concerns, among other things, an unexpected inheritance that could change one's life drastically. It involves something of great value that represents "blood money" from years earlier. I won't give the plot away (I hate spoilers) but will only say that this Joe Dillard tale spends less time in the courtroom and more in the environs of a small town in Tennessee. It's a taut, beautifully constructed novel with a compelling narrative drive. Joe, his son Jack, his wife Caroline, and a new character, Charlie Story along with her uncle Jasper, comprise a great cast of characters, and the novel moves at a great pace that never lags. I found myself worrying about the characters and feeling for them, which is the hallmark of a fine writer and a really good novel. Five solid stars and many kudos for Scott Pratt. Bravo!

Mark Rubinstein  
Author of Mad Dog House and Love Gone Mad

I have always enjoyed Scott Pratt's writing and plot development. This is the 7th of his books I have read, and the 6th in the Joe Dillard series. I think I have rated all previous books 5 star, but could not quite go there with this book. I almost gave it a 3 star, but decided it was at least better than a 3 and I did enjoy the book. My issue with this book is primarily that the ending was pretty predictable. There were some twist and turns along the way, but you know early on how this thing is going to turn out. Plus the romantic angle was too predictable and too sappy. And finally, there was a subplot about a murder defendant that Joe was defending that was really given the short shrift. I thought that it could have been the main storyline of a stand alone book. If you are a Scott Pratt/Joe Dillard fan I think you will enjoy the book. If you have not read Scott Pratt/Joe Dillard books before, I suggest you don't read this one first as you might not come back.

This is another winner from Scott Pratt. I am in the process of reading the entire series and am now buying the next book, on my Kindle, as soon as I finish the one I was reading. The books just keep getting better and better and I think it is because the characters are becoming better developed as time goes on. I love Joe Dillard who is so real that I feel as though I know him. In this book, the author introduces a new character, Charleston Storey (Charlie) a young woman lawyer who practices with Joe for a short time. It is her story and the results of her decisions that drive the plot in this book. As with the other books in the series, this is another roller coaster ride and I loved the ending (no spoilers here). Buy the book; buy the series and begin with book one. You will be hooked on the handsome Joe Dillard and his family and friends.

Great book. Well developed story with intriguing characters and plot. Actually, a rewrite of Pratt's earlier novel RUSSO'S GOLD which I thoroughly enjoyed, many gaps and further development in areas make this the best in the Dillard stories yet. If you are a fan of Scott Pratt you will love this book, and if you have never read his work before, I can guarantee you will be a fan by the time you are partway through this book. It is book 6 in a series but it is a stand alone story of Joe Dillard and it is not a necessity to have read 1-5 to jump into Blood Money. Get ready to sit back for five or six hours once you start....you won't want to put it down.

I have just finished reading BLOOD MONEY (Joe Dillard Series Book 6), am ready to start A CRIME OF PASSION (Joe Dillard Series Book 7), and am delighted to find that Book 8 is waiting for me on ! Scott Pratt's stories are detailed, interesting, intriguing, and different from book to book. His main character, Joe Dillard, is a good lawyer, no matter which side of any case he is defending, and a good man with his own set of faults. I will be disappointed to finish Book 8 with no book to follow. I cannot quote story lines or remember characters' names or analyze the quality of the writing. I only know that I REALLY enjoy Pratt's murder novels and delight in the details and enjoy the progression of the stories. No sloggiing through myriads of details here: the details Pratt gives us flesh out the characters and story lines and help move things along. These books are real page-turners for me! I hate to come to the end of each one!!

WOW!!! Scott Pratt wrote another great story line to this series and I hate to see it end as each book has its own cases and very exciting with twist and turns that holds one interest. Although this series is done I see many other books that Pratt has written and I plan to venture out and buy more...well done! GAB

Another excellent Joe Dillard mystery from Scott Pratt. I am in love with his characters. But Scott Pratt writes very thoughtful sentences. When his protagonist, Joe Dillard, argues in court or puts someone in his place, he says it just right. He loves his wife and children and holds his friends in high esteem. My kind of guy, but I'm in love with his wife.

I really enjoy the story lines in this series and the interplay between the characters. The overall editing is good, but there are simple errors in spelling, grammar, and things like missing or duplicated words that are distracting. Not enough to ruin the books or anything, but I catch a few in

each book. The characters tend to be too perfect, which is a little annoying. Real humans aren't going, muscular athletes with amazing artistic talent and a law degree. That gets old and I tend to skim the new character descriptions for the important parts. However, all of that being said, I do enjoy these books as a light read in the mornings with my coffee or on an airplane ride. I find myself thinking about the characters and wondering about them once the story is over. I would recommend these to a friend.

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