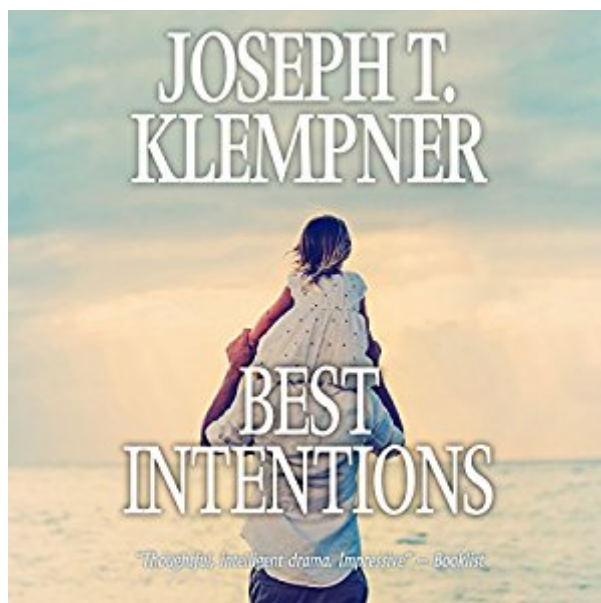


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Best Intentions



Synopsis

It starts with some innocent family fun. Writer Stephen Barrow's divorced wife, involved in a second marriage, has given Barrow custody of their six-year-old daughter, Penny. Father and daughter share a relationship that is tender, poignant, and funny. Their home life in a small upstate New York town is a happy and entirely wholesome one. One evening Penny, in her bath, playfully straightens her shampoo-stiffened hair into the horn of a "unicord," and her father takes her picture. When she "moons" him and says, "Take this one!" he clicks the shutter, although the roll of film was finished. Or so the mechanically challenged Barrow believed. The next day, the local pharmacy clerk using the photo machine is shocked by the snapshot, decides Stephen is a child pornographer, and calls the police, who arrest him. That is only the first step in Stephen Barrow's descent into hell. A small-town police chief, a vengeful ex-wife, a fledgling psychologist, a district attorney facing re-election - all of these and more push Barrow deeper and deeper into the depths, until everything he has is taken from him, his freedom, his belongings, and most particularly his beloved daughter. Best Intentions is a horror story. Not a horror story of monsters from the deep or roving homicidal psychopaths, but something much worse, something that batters at the listeners' defenses. As anyone familiar with Klempner's previous books will know, he is a writer with the talent to bring his story home to his listeners. As Best Intentions (based on an actual case) unfolds, its threat becomes more and more real. This could happen to anyone. It could happen to you.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a big fan of Joseph Klemptner, and this book doesn't disappoint. With every page, he builds excitement and emotion along with true empathy for his characters. Riveting to the very end. Highly recommended.

A scathing nightmare scenario that could happen to any of us. The father is victimized, the daughter traumatized in an effort by 'The System' to do what's in the 'best interest' of the child. With little attempt at fact finding and great responsibility for a situation which quickly spirals out of control, the System proceeds to victimize both father and daughter.

Joseph Klemptner is a very gifted writer, who creates believable and likeable characters. He makes the reader care about the protagonists. He is somewhat hard on the NYPD in this novel, and at times I despaired of a happy ending. But he does end his books on a note of justice, which I appreciate.

The author gave in a fictional way how broken a world we live in. This story was sad to the point that it became hard to read at times given how bad our justice can be at times. 1st book I have read from this fine author.

This book demands attention right away, it keeps you turning up the pages and getting deep into the story. The characters are flawed relatable people and the plot so unpredictable, it keeps you guessing until the end.

Very touching and frustrating to see what the father goes through all because someone else misunderstood a situation

I held my breath when I read the summary but bought the book anyway despite my concern that it might turn out to be a very uncomfortable read. To be honest I was a bit squeamish at the subject matter but felt compelled to learn about suspected child abuse through the eyes of the law. I was not disappointed ... I was enlightened & not always in a good way. Anyone who thinks they have all the answers needs to think again! This book was incredibly well written. It was also a "page turner" that once begun, could not be put down until the shocking finale had been reached! Mr. Klemptner is a gifted writer who took a very sensitive case of suspected child abuse & turned it inside out. Well done!!

Take a moment to read the "Top Customer Reviews" - you will find everything I could think to say in my review. I am SO glad I read this story (which I note is based upon an actual case). This story is indeed a nightmare - and it indeed could happen to anyone. You will not be able to put this saga down once you start it. The author's writing style captivated me throughout. I always look out for where book titles come from and the author delivers this in the very last sentence of the story. The ending will absolutely blow you away.

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