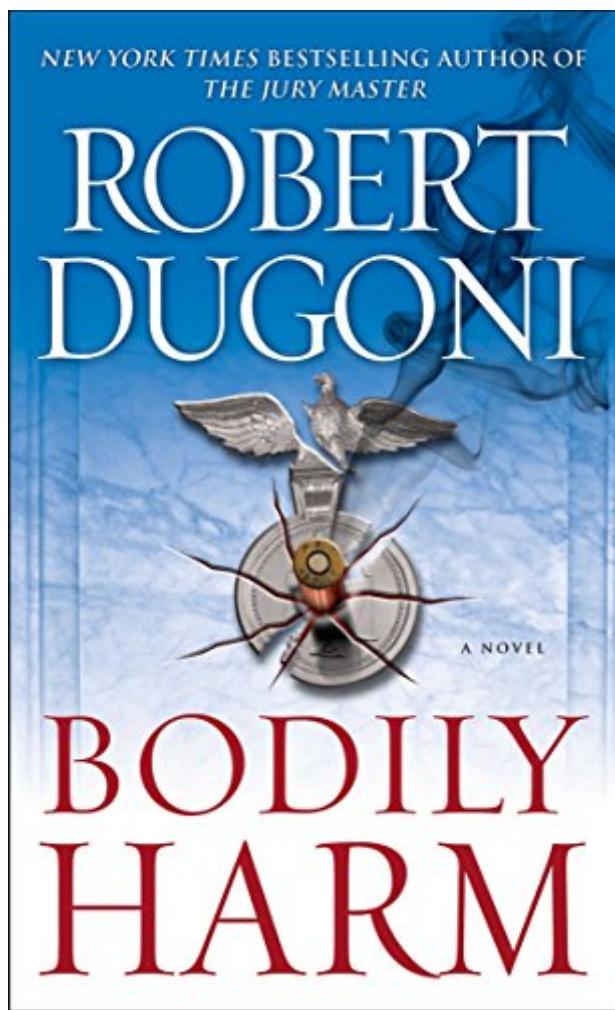


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# Bodily Harm: A Novel (David Sloane Book 3)



## **Synopsis**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR ROBERT DUGONI RETURNS WITH HIS MOST EXHILARATING THRILLER TO DATE, A PULSE-POUNDING STORY OF CORPORATE GREED, ESPIONAGE, AND THE LENGTHS ONE MAN IS WILLING TO GO FOR JUSTICE. *Bodily Harm* opens with a big win for David Sloane and his new partner, Tom Pendergrass, in a malpractice case centered on the death of a young child. But on the heels of this seeming victory, an unlikely characterâ "toy designer Kyle Horganâ " comes forward to tell Sloane that heâ "s gotten it all wrong: Horganâ "s the one whoâ "s truly responsible for the little boyâ "s death and possibly othersâ "not the pediatrician Sloane has just proven guilty. Ordinarily, Sloane might have dismissed such a person as a crackpot, but something about this case has always troubled himâ "something that he couldnâ "t quite pinpoint. When Sloane tries to follow up with Horgan, he finds the manâ "s apartment a shamblesâ " ransacked by unknown perpetrators. Horgan has vanished without a trace. Together with his longtime investigative partner Charles Jenkins, Sloane reexamines his clientsâ " sonâ "s death and digs deeper into Horganâ "s claims, forcing him to enter the billion-dollar, cutthroat toy industry. As Sloane gets closer to the truth, he trips a wire that leads to a shocking chain of events that nearly destroys him. To get to the bottom of it all and find justice for the families harmed, Sloane must keep in check his overwhelming desire for revenge. Full of nail-bitingly tense action scenes as well as edge-of-your-seat courtroom drama, *Bodily Harm* finds Robert Dugoni at the very top of his game.

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## Customer Reviews

I was disappointed in this story and in fact did not even finish it. I really really enjoyed My Sisters Grave and Her Final Breath and scored them highly, so just assumed I would love anything else he wrote. Just didn't grab me and a lot of "business" prose that just left me floundering a bit. Didn't have the intrigue or page turning stuff for me.

I found it difficult to read and not entertaining. This was due to the way the children in the book were treated and exploited. I did finish it but found the ending "wrap up" was a little unbelievable.

I started out reading the Tracy Crosswise mysteries and really enjoyed them. Then I found the David Sloan mysteries, and am enjoying them as well. Unfortunately, I read them out of order, not realizing that "Conviction" was not the first. I'm now reading book 4 in the series. Looking forward to more of Robert Dugoni's books.

I enjoyed this book so much that I finished reading it at 4am! The David Sloane series is hard to put down and as soon as you finish one you wish for the next. I'm glad I found them when a few were already published. I hate having to wait for the next volume! Recommended reading if you like a fast paced read with lots of twists and the occasional shock too.

I've read all of the books in the series. All of them are amazing and kept my attention to the end.

This is the third installment of Robert Dugoni's series featuring David Sloane, a Seattle attorney, who has a reputation for never losing a civil case. When we last read about David, he had finally found the love of his life and was about to adopt her 13 year old son, Jake. They lived in a great house and life was good, and it looked like it would get even better. As the book opens, David is about to go into the courtroom to hear the verdict of his current medical malpractice case against a pediatrician that he believed to be responsible for the unnecessary death of a six year old. Before

David can open the doors, a young man comes up to him and tells him that the doctor was NOT the reason the child died. This seemingly delusional information caused David some discomfort, and yet he had to continue to the end of this case, despite his misgivings, and ended up with a favorable verdict. The thing that blows this whole thing up in the water for David is that he finds out that another child died with the same symptoms, and David chooses to investigate matters further. Enter Kendall Toys. A toy mfg that has been around for almost 100 years, and unbeknownst to the general public and Board, has turned to China to manufacture the next great toy since Elmo. The lengths to which the owners cover up potentially damanging information is beyond belief. And yet, David keeps pursuing them, to find out the truth about this children's deaths, and to prevent any future harm to innocent children. This story is a bit short on the trademark courtroom scenes that I have come to like about Dugoni's stories, and some of the action and characters are a bit too cliched. There are some very powerful and emotional parts to the story that make up for some of this, but not all. Dugoni's portrayal of Sloane's pursuit of the villains is a bit silly and he knocks off characters as if they were cut-outs in a shooting gallery. I did enjoy the fictional inside workings of a toy mfg and got a bit creeped out thinking about all the recent recalls for the toys that were made in China. Like most of us, I have children and grandchildren and can't even keep up with all the latest recalls. Overall, I felt this book was a good read, and while some of the characters were not believable, this story had a lot about it that made it interesting and entertaining.

I was devastated @ the way the novel ended. Just when David's life seemed to be coming together, everything fell apart for him & his family. Robert Dugoni is a writer who totally involves his reader. I was no different. Sadness prevailed in this one. He drew me in & then knocked me back on my heels. What next? But for how this ended it would have been another star. How will David ever survive?

Great read! All plot lines kept my interest and was anxious to read on to discover what was next. Have read Tracy Crosswaite series and enjoyed that too.

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