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BOOK RESUME: PROTECT AND DEFEND

BOOK SYNOPSIS

On a cold day in January President Kerry Kilcannon takes the oath of office—and within days makes his first, most important move: appointing a new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Kilcannon’s choice is a female judge with a brilliant record. And a secret.

While the Senate spars over Caroline Masters’ nomination, an inflammatory abortion rights case is making its way toward the judge—and will explode into the headlines. Suddenly, the most divisive issue in America turns the President’s nomination into all-out war. And from Judge Masters to a conservative, war-hero senator facing a crisis of conscience and a fifteen-year-old girl battling for her future, no one will be safe. *Protect and Defend* takes us on a riveting journey between what is legal, what is right . . . and the price of finally knowing the difference.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“*PROTECT AND DEFEND* IS A WINNER. . . . ENGROSSING FROM THE FIRST PAGE Patterson crank[s] up a wild ride on a roller coaster of morality, politics, and emotions.” —*USA Today*

“POWERFUL . . . RIVETING FROM BEGINNING TO END *With Protect and Defend*, Richard North Patterson lays further claim to being one of America’s best contemporary popular novelists.” —*The Detroit News*

“BRILLIANT . . . PATTERSON HAS CAUGHT LIGHTNING IN A BOTTLE. . . . PUT THIS ONE AT THE TOP OF YOUR HOT LIST.” —STEPHEN KING

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