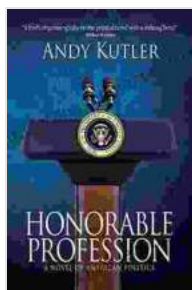


The Honorable Profession: A Novel of American Politics

Martin Tolchin's *The Honorable Profession* is a political thriller that takes a hard look at the realities of Washington, D.C. The novel follows the story of a young congressman named David Seldon, who is elected to the House of Representatives with a promise to change the way things are done. However, Seldon soon learns that getting anything done in Washington requires compromise, and he must decide how far he is willing to go to achieve his goals.



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by Andy Kutler

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Tolchin, a former political reporter for *The New York Times*, brings his insider knowledge of Washington to the novel. He provides a vivid portrait of the political landscape, and he doesn't shy away from the dirty tricks and backroom deals that are often necessary to get things done. *The*

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Plot Summary

David Seldon is a young congressman from a small town in the Midwest. He is a rising star in the Democratic Party, and he is elected to the House of Representatives with a promise to change the way things are done. However, Seldon soon learns that getting anything done in Washington requires compromise, and he must decide how far he is willing to go to achieve his goals.

Seldon's first major test comes when he is assigned to the House Ethics Committee. The committee is investigating a powerful congressman who is accused of corruption. Seldon is initially reluctant to get involved, but he eventually agrees to serve on the committee. As he delves into the investigation, Seldon uncovers a web of corruption that reaches the highest levels of government.

Seldon is faced with a difficult decision: he can either expose the corruption and risk his own career, or he can keep quiet and protect the status quo. Seldon ultimately decides to expose the corruption, and he is hailed as a hero by the public. However, his decision also makes him a target of those who are implicated in the scandal.

Seldon's story is a cautionary tale about the realities of American politics. It is a story about the compromises that are necessary to achieve success, and the dangers of speaking out against the status quo.

Characters

- **David Seldon:** A young congressman from a small town in the Midwest. He is a rising star in the Democratic Party, and he is elected to the House of Representatives with a promise to change the way things are done.
- **Congressman John Walsh:** A powerful congressman who is accused of corruption. He is the target of the House Ethics Committee investigation.
- **Emily Carter:** A reporter for *The Washington Post*. She is investigating the corruption scandal, and she is determined to expose the truth.
- **Frank Underwood:** A ruthless congressman who is willing to do anything to achieve his goals. He is one of the main antagonists in the novel.

Themes

The Honorable Profession explores a number of important themes, including:

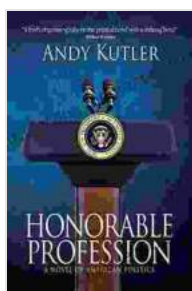
- **The realities of American politics:** Tolchin provides a vivid portrait of the political landscape in Washington, D.C. He shows how the system is often rigged in favor of the powerful, and how it can be difficult to get anything done.
- **The compromises that are necessary to achieve success:** Seldon is forced to make a number of compromises in order to achieve his goals. He must decide how far he is willing to go to get things done.
- **The dangers of speaking out against the status quo:** Seldon's decision to expose the corruption scandal makes him a target of those

who are implicated in the scandal. He learns that it can be dangerous to speak out against the powerful.

Critical Reception

The Honorable Profession received positive reviews from critics. *The New York Times* called the novel "a gripping political thriller that offers a unique perspective on American politics." *The Washington Post* said that the novel is "a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the realities of Washington, D.C."

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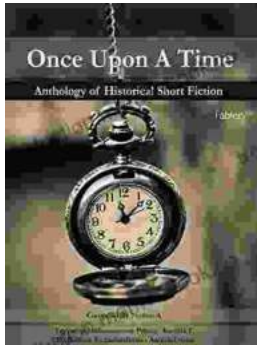
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