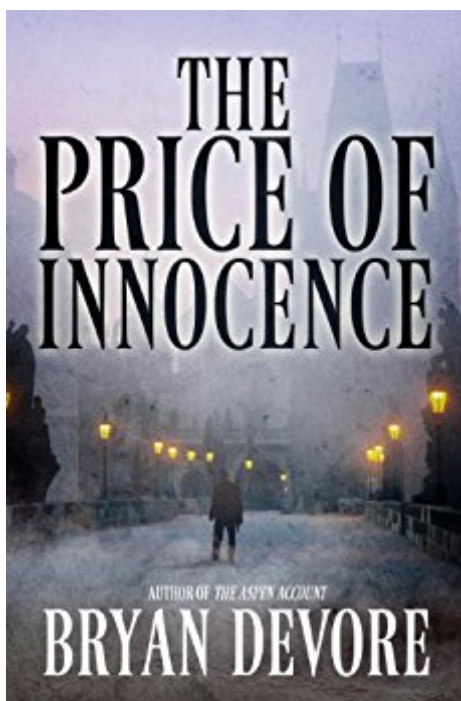


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# The Price Of Innocence



## Synopsis

In the decade since their younger sister's death, James and Ian Lawrence have drifted apart - James to pursue a steady but humdrum career as a CPA in Kansas City, Ian to go adventuring off to Leipzig, Germany, for his doctorate in economics. But when Ian mysteriously disappears while researching the economics of organized crime, James must take a leave of absence to look for him. Risking everything, he embarks on a perilous journey across Europe, digging deeply into the business affairs of some very private, very dangerous people. But in the search for Ian, he discovers a brewing revolution that will shock the world - and change what he sees as his own place in it."A first-rate suspense thriller...delivers gripping action, well-rounded characters, and a tantalizing plot...The Price of Innocence is a complete package of entertainment...Devore skillfully immerses his readers in German and Czech cultures, adding rich international flavors...As if an exciting, precise plot weren't enough, the author also fills his story with subtle but powerful themes, including respect for women, eternal optimism in the face of defeat, and the strength of brotherly love...Fans of John Grisham's legal thrillers or Robert Ludlum's intricate action scenes are going to be pleased with Devore's contribution...Readers of all ages will enjoy this intelligent novel."

-ForeWord Clarion Review (5 Stars)"The narrative boasts a distinctly cinematic impression...every scene is made memorable by chilling descriptions and dialogue...An enticing plotline, lifelike characters, high octane prose and penetrating visualizations combine to create a compelling, hair-raising story that may not be as far from reality as readers may think." -Kirkus Reviews"A fun thriller...By the time the book climaxes (in its final chapters), the action is relentless, with a satisfying denouement." -BlueInk Review"After about 20 pages, The Price of Innocence takes an irresistible hold. Devore has a big imagination and the writing skills to match...The story is immediate, personal, and riveting--a page turner, in the very best way...will keep you captivated until the very last paragraph." -Pacific Book Review

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## Customer Reviews

The Price of Innocence, by Bryan Devore, is a fast paced thriller based on organized crime. Ian, an exchange student in Germany, goes missing and it's up to his brother James who is a CPA to find him. When James gets there and starts digging, he soon finds that he's in trouble himself and needs help too. James has many people who back him and help him in not only finding his brother, but in hopes of shutting down the mob all together, who were clearly behind his disappearance to begin with, and the mob will stop at nothing to keep that from happening! I absolutely loved this book, and once I picked it up I could not put it down. The author does an amazing job and really building up his characters, making the audience love the the good guys, hate the bad guys, and really question whether they should trust the one's who's intentions are not clear from the start. Devore does an amazing job at keeping his reader guessing and just feeding into that "what's going to happen next" feeling that keeps you hooked! This is a page turner for sure. I definitely recommend this to those who love thrillers! I look forward to reading more by this author!

I received a complimentary copy of this book in return for an honest review. I enjoyed it very much. The plot was not just a variation on stories I've read before. The author took a real world problem and built a finely-tuned story around it. The characters were likable and believable and I enjoyed the use of brothers to drive the story along. Even the side characters were interesting. I was slightly disappointed in the ending - I felt that an important character went missing - but overall, I thought this was a terrific read and I would highly recommend it to others.

This is not the typical genre I read, but the description of the book had me intrigued, so I picked it up and wasn't disappointed. The characters, plot, and sideline stories were well thought-out and written. The inside look and the author's perspective on organized crime is quite an interesting take.

It will draw you in and keep you interested. I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

I bought this book, on very first day it released since I already read his first book. I thoroughly enjoyed his writing style. He laid down the new theme - "Economics of Criminal Organization" very nicely. Good description of Europe particularly Prague & Berlin.

I loved this novel and couldn't put it down. The author created a fast-paced story about two brothers from Kansas navigating through the echelons of organized crime in Eastern Europe. The subject matter is dark and I never stopped worrying about when and how the criminal underbelly would swallow up James, the main character. Amidst the tension, there was always that glimmer of hope that the good guys would get their way in the end. The Price of Innocence is full of action, suspense, and even a little romance (Prague couldn't go to waste in that sense!). There's truly something for everybody in this thriller. The author also hints at a sequel and I can't wait for that.

This book offered a glimpse into crime but unlike his first book some of these scenarios seemed a bit unbelievable. The dialogue was not as tight and just overall not as well written as The Aspen Account. Having said that, I applaud Bryan's story for bringing up this plight of human trafficking. He does mix humanity's capacity for evil and to the opposite end, compassion in a way that is thought provoking.

OK, the word 'innocence' is right in the title, but the level of sophistication of the two main characters (and their decision making skills) seemed to be that of 12 year-olds. I had a hard time bringing myself to finish the book. I'm not quite sure why I bothered.

This being the second book that I have read by the author, I have become a fan of Mr Devore's writing. Like his first book, this one leads up to a fast paced ending that I found a little hard to put down. One of the main characters, James, who was once as adventurous as his brother in their boyhood years, but then settled into a routine, safe life as an adult, finds himself by circumstances thrown along a dangerous path involving organized crime and begins to question if he can ever go back to his former life. The plot, at times, is a bit hard to believe, and that is the only reason I didn't rate it higher, but I did enjoy this and am looking forward to the next one

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