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Thrilling stories starring America's smartest—and most unscrupulous—lawyer

During the gold rush, Richard Warren and Samuel Walcott set out from New York to strike it rich. When fortune does not find them, Samuel saves himself from the gutter by marrying a saloonkeeper's daughter. Jealous of his friend's beautiful wife, Richard kills Samuel and flees the desert with the woman and a trove of stolen gold dust. He assumes his dead friend's identity and makes a name for himself in New York—until the woman he killed for turns out to be a blackmailer.

Desperate, Richard turns to the mysterious lawyer Randolph Mason. A crooked genius, Mason doesn't mind having a killer for a client, and will do whatever he can to help Richard escape justice. In this brilliantly original story collection, Mason follows the letter of the law while gleefully betraying its spirit.

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Herman Gigglesworth says

Melville Davisson Post tried to create a new sort of book in the criminal justice genre, and did it by making a corrupt defense attorney the star. Randolph Mason either tells his clients how to destroy the evidence, or engage in extortion or robbery schemes which are technically legal.

West Virginians might be interested in this book in particular. One of the stories is set there, and Post was from that state.

The writing can be mediocre at times, and the stories are very dated today. Still, the ending involving a decrepit and bankrupt Randolph Mason planning on capturing a ship worth \$1 million is fun!

James says

Dated, but still entertaining stories of a lawyer using his legal skills to circumvent justice. Would-be murderers should beware; these loopholes will be of little use in the 21st century.

Presschick says

I read the Open Library ebook (Dodo press), note there are a few flaws in this version of the ebook. But. What a treasure. Interesting plot deviations. Legal "détournement" as befits a lawyer-author. Not a true (today) mystery but perhaps in the guise of a twisty tale of outlawry .. I would sure like Mason to get Parks, he is a sneaky devil, with motives definitely not pure hehe.

Jeff Hobbs says

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Woodford's Partner --
The Error of William Van Broom --
The Men of The Jimmy --
The Sheriff of Gullmore --
The Animus Furandi --

Robin Richmond says

If you like legal short stories, this a classic. Read it many years ago. The book caused a storm when it came out

Pamela says

Sort of an Inverse Perry Mason--Randolph uses his knowledge of the law to help his clients get away with (in one case quite literally) murder. Interesting as a period piece, but that's about it.
