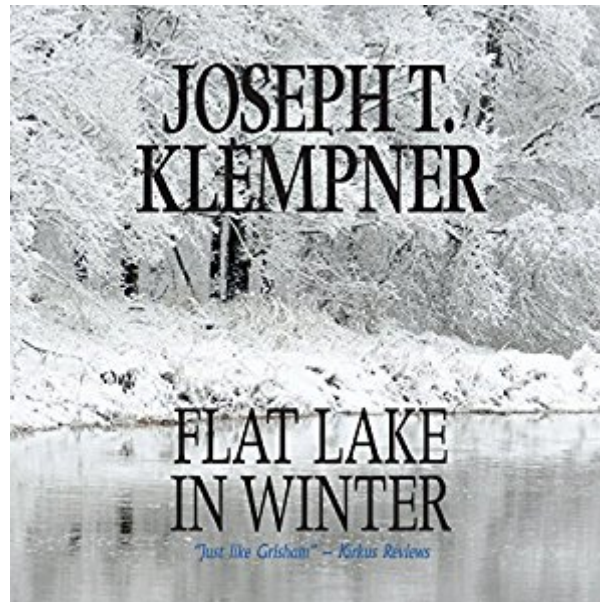




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Flat Lake In Winter



Synopsis

Deep in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains sits a mansion, its image reflected perfectly on the still water of Flat Lake. Inside that estate are the savagely murdered bodies of a wealthy elderly couple. All evidence points to Jonathan - their mentally handicapped twenty-eight-year-old grandson - but Matt Fielder, his appointed defense lawyer, isn't convinced. While Fielder is pretty sure Jonathan committed the killings, Jonathan's childlike understanding of the world renders it nearly impossible for him to have done it out of greed or malice. Now Fielder must fight the prosecution's campaign for the death penalty, but as he scours Jonathan's past for anything that will help their case, he uncovers a cache of dark family secrets that turn the case in a shocking and unexpected new direction. When his first novel, *Felony Murder*, was published, *Publishers Weekly* called Klemptner "a writer to watch." Now, Klemptner is better than ever - that rare novelist with both an insider's knowledge of the world he writes about, and a talent for intelligent, compelling storytelling.

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Customer Reviews

This was a great read. Klemptner's style of writing was just so different than the usual lawyer-ease that most of us don't understand. I really enjoyed it more and more as I read on. So refreshing. The ending was a real shocker! Being a witness to the law process of a Capital Crime was so interesting. Who knew what it all involved? How important is a life? As the story develops, it's so easy to come to the same conclusion of guilt. And how wrong we all can be! It sure brought home the desperate need of "any

suspect (guilty or not) to get the best defense that is possible. Nobody could have foreseen ahead of time what the best defense was really worth and how much it would cost! At such a terrible cost to himself, Fielder gave his all as he could do no less. Twists and turns all kept me reading right to the bitter end. As I got so fully involved in the characters, I could have cried at the end. So so sad for everybody concerned. The book was well written and very interesting as a great story! Always glad to add another author's name to my "list!"

Really good book, the characters were believable & the fast start got me hooked right away. I liked the main character a lot, the lawyer trying to get away from it all, who gets called in to try to save a "slow" young man from the death penalty. The supporting cast was a lot of fun, from the drunken PI, the gorgeous gay jury consultant & the townie game warden who found the bodies. I took off one star, since the main suspects family goes from one kid to three so suddenly, without any of the townies bothering to mention this fact to investigators till 1/2 way thru the book - really? Otherwise it was a good murder mystery, I really loved how it ended. I'll look for more from this author.

I am an avid eBook reader and frequently select books with topics that are unfamiliar to me. Part of this is because, as an author myself, I enjoy discovering how other authors build their characters and develop their plots. This being said, I approached Flat Lake in Winter with no specific expectations. Let's suffice it to say that I could not put this book down. I found the subject matter intriguing and the story line compelling. Loved the characters and the way the plot developed. I am looking forward to reading more from this author.

I really liked the main character. I enjoyed the "friendly narrator" style (think, Morgan Freeman, Shawshank Redemption) which was used to explain legal procedures and strategies, but also offered insight into Matt's thought process. The story line involving FAS (fetal alcohol syndrome) was different, and I liked that about the book as well. I would dispute that the suspect was very handsome, given his apparent affliction, which (even the book mentions) typically causes physical facial birth defects. But, I suspended disbelief on that because I found the story so interesting. Unfortunately, the "wrinkle" in the story was pretty obvious, and the culprit was not a surprise. The slapdash, quick wrap up after the reveal felt like the writer just had to end the book quickly. Too bad, because the rest of the book was a nice slow build.

Started this book a few days ago & really liked the beginning. Thought it was very interesting & I liked the protagonist (The Lawyer Matt Fielder) very much. I really enjoy books more when there is someone in the novel that I feel is a good, decent person & he was it. The story became more interesting as a team developed and started working together to help an accused who was mentally challenged to avoid the death penalty. The details of the investigation and legal proceedings were easily explained and understood. I do not like improbable theories and this was a down to earth honest writing of the NY State legal system; but the story didn't take place in NYC or Long Island; it took place way out in the Adirondack Mountains in North Western NY. A very different setting for a novel that added to its enjoyment. The third night I read the book, I read straight through for about 4 hours until I couldn't see straight & it was about 5 am. It was that good that I couldn't stop; but finally did have to stop. I finished it the next night. It was an excellent read and had a good steady pace. I would have like the ending to be more detailed and expanded; It felt a little rushed and I still have some unanswered questions after it - but all in all, I thoroughly enjoyed it & can definitely recommend this book to anyone who enjoys legal thrillers. This one is different to be sure.

This story starts out rather slow and somewhat boring but stick with it because right around the 40 percent mark things begin to heat up fast and the novel ends like no other that I have ever read. Well worth the time spent. Couldn't put it down until I completed the last page

I chose this book because I like legal thrillers. Was I disappointed? No, I learned a lot about capital punishment. The necessary steps that must be followed to insure the rights of a prisoner accused of murder in the firstDegree. You can better understand why it takes so long for the process to work. The lead character, Matt, demonstrates a strength of character that I would want inAn attorney. As McClure says, things are not always as they seem....Good read. I would recommend it for summer reading...

This is a read that will keep you guessing until the last 6 pages of the novel....you think you have it solved, but bam, what a twist. If one wants a terrific and exciting cozy night with a good book then this one is for you!!!!

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