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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Woods seems to write smooth and solid thrillers as fast as most of us read them. Cop-turned-lawyer Stone Barrington of *New York Dead* returns with all his street smarts intact in this story about a powerful gossipmonger who has the tables turned when dirty pictures of her start appearing on fax machines across the country. The characters are so rich, famous, and upscale that you might get a nosebleed, but Woods has a light, deft touch that makes the book hard to resist.

From Publishers Weekly

It may be his fifth novel in three years, but this slickly entertaining suspenser displays Woods at the top of his game with no signs of flagging. A sizable supporting cast of paparazzi-challenged beautiful people share the action as Stone Barrington, the suave ex-cop attorney-hero of *New York Dead*, makes his comeback. In this superbly paced tale, Stone gets involved in a blackmail scheme involving Amanda Dart, a much-feared, nationally syndicated gossip columnist. After Amanda is photographed in bed in a Manhattan hotel with a married real-estate magnate, a fax headlined "DIRT" and presenting both the photo and details of Amanda's tryst is sent to a weighty list of prominent people and major media outlets. The DIRT fax-web quickly expands to snare the gay but closeted editor of a sleazy L.A. tabloid. When Stone is hired by Amanda to sniff out who's spilling the pearls about these jealously guarded privacies, one of his operatives, a retired N.Y.C. cop, is murdered. The intrigue deepens when one of the perps is identified as closely resembling a male model in a *Vanity Fair* cologne ad. Dripping with name-dropping, haute couture and pricey playthings, and spiced with hormonal aerobics as Stone trolls the siren-infested waters of upscale Manhattan, the narrative rockets toward an abrupt but absolutely stunning denouement. Using all his skills here, and subtly reminiscent of the waggish P.G. Wodehouse, Woods delivers a marvelously sophisticated, thoroughly modern old-fashioned read. \$275,000 combined (with the simultaneously published HarperPaperback edition of *Choke*) ad/promo; simultaneous HarperAudio edition; author tour; U.K., translation, dramatic rights: Janklow & Nesbit.

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From Library Journal

In *Dirt*, Stone Barrington, a retired police detective turned lawyer/investigator, aids Amanda Dart, a famous gossip columnist, who receives a FAX that threatens to expose her. The FAX, entitled "Dirt," is sent not only to Amanda but to much of New York society. Although Amanda makes a living destroying other people's lives, she carefully guards her own reputation. Barrington is brought in to discover the author of "Dirt," which exposes the lives of other unscrupulous characters as well. Among them is philandering Richard Hickock, Amanda's publisher, and Allan Peebles, a prominent West Coast publisher of a sleazy newspaper. This latest thriller from Woods (*Choke*, LJ 10/1/95) is filled with unsavory characters: Mafiosa, crooked police officers, sleazy women, greedy corporate executives, and cheating husbands. In spite of the cliches, *Dirt* is entertaining. Recommended for public libraries.

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