

COOKIE'S CASE

By Andy Siegel

The author of this suspenseful, witty character named Tug Wyler, who is making his second appearance in print, is a man who really knows his subject inside and out, producing another tale that's a real gem.

Tug Wyler is an attorney that specializes in medical malpractice. Cookie is a dancer who works at Jingles Dance Bonanza Club and is a very popular entertainer. When Tug meets Cookie she's just come back to work at the club after a long absence; she was hurt when she slipped on a banana peel during her dancing act (no, not kidding) and she is about to settle her lawsuit for much less money than Tug thinks she should get.

As an exotic dancer, the accident left Cookie with injuries that negatively affect her work, and Tug observes her dancing as she struggles to move while wearing a neck brace. She even tries not to kick too high in order to not reinjure herself in the process. Cookie is most definitely in need of a good lawyer, so Tug takes her case to get her a far better settlement.

Now, Tug is a good lawyer and he believes that Cookie is the unsuspecting victim of a surgeon who has made massive mistakes while working on Cookie's spine. As Tug searches for justice for Cookie, including getting her medical bills paid and a fair amount of money so she can give up her current career, Tug finds the case to be far more difficult than he originally thought. Some very sinister forces are at work in this situation that will cause trouble for Tug, Cookie, and anyone else who seems to get in their way.

A very good read that builds up to the ultimate verdict in Cookie's case. This author has an incredibly dry sense of humor and delivers perfectly timed wit to the suspenseful prose.

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