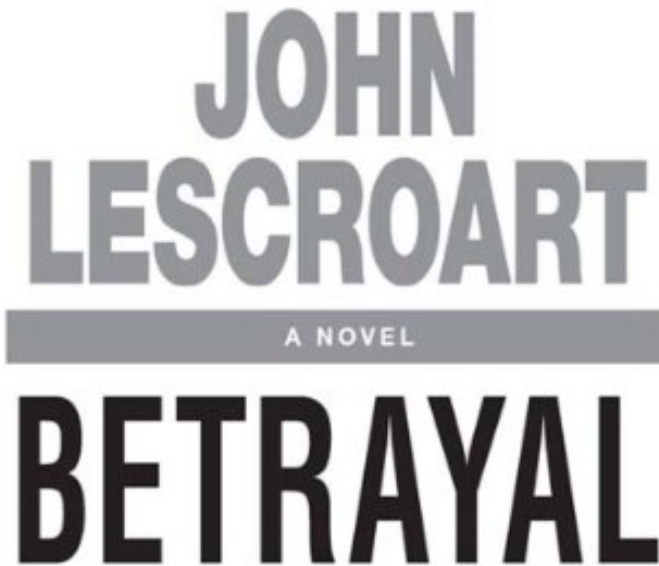


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## Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurDismas Hardy agrees to take an appeal to overturn the murder conviction of National Guard reservist Evan Scholler. Scholler had plenty of reasons for revengebut as Dismas delves into the case, he begins to uncover a terrible truth that drops him right into the complicated world of government conspiracy, assassination, and betrayalFrom Publishers WeeklyAt the start of the adrenaline-infused 10th thriller to feature DA Dismas Hardy (Dead Irish, etc.) from bestseller Lescroart, Hardy agrees to wrap up some of the caseload of a Bay Area lawyer who has mysteriously disappeared. After discovering that the lawyer was set to appeal an apparently straightforward murder case, Hardy realizes that the crime had its origins in Iraq, where the alleged killer and his victim first met. With the help of his old friend, Det. Abe Glitsky, Hardy learns that the victim, ex-navy SEAL Ron Nolan, was sleeping with the girlfriend of National Guard Reservist Evan Scholler, who was later convicted of killing Nolan. As Hardy and Glitsky dig deeper,

they discover that Nolan had committed several murders himself, and it's up to Dismas and Hardy to unravel the conspiracy that may have roots in the U.S. government. Lescroart weaves his trademark complicated yet fast-moving tale, full of believable characters and crisp dialogue. A first-rate addition to the author's ongoing series, this should please both longtime readers and new fans. (Feb.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Audiofile There's much more than usual going on--almost too much--in Lescroart's latest legal thriller featuring Dismas Hardy. Narrator David Colacci handles the plots and subplots effortlessly. Hardy is called on to handle the murder appeal of a veteran of the Iraq war.

Not only has the vet's former lawyer mysteriously disappeared, but the lawyer's wife seems to have committed suicide. Somehow the FBI and national security agents become involved. All told, there are four mysteries to be solved. Colacci capably juxtaposes the Iraqi war events with the veteran's legal proceedings--which are exciting and believable, thanks to strong narration. The only blemish on this offering is the author's lack of legal accuracy. But legal accuracy isn't always necessary when you have a good story.

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