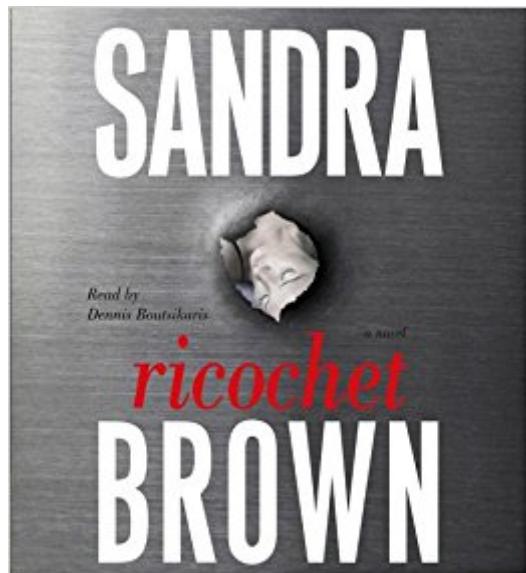


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# Ricochet: A Novel



## **Synopsis**

New York Times bestselling author Sandra Brown is back with a spine-tingling story of murder and betrayal -- and a homicide detective's struggle with his own rules of conduct. When Detective Sergeant Duncan Hatcher is summoned to the home of Judge Cato Laird in the middle of the night to investigate a fatal shooting, he knows that discretion and kid-glove treatment are the key to staying in the judge's good graces and keeping his job. At first glance, the case appears open-and-shut: Elise, the judge's trophy wife, interrupted a burglary in progress and killed the intruder in self-defense. But Duncan is immediately suspicious of Elise's innocent act. And further investigation quickly puts Duncan's career in jeopardy -- because he can't deny his increasing attraction to Elisa Laird, even if she is a married woman, a proven liar, and a murder suspect. Ricochet's plot twists -- as only Sandra Brown can write them -- make this a gripping thriller, in which a decent cop's worst enemy may be his own conscience...and trusting the wrong person could mean the difference between life and death. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sandra Brown is one of my favorite authors and with her emergence into the mystery/romance combination; her books usually keep me turning pages as fast as I can read them. However, RICOCHET seemed to miss the mark for me and only fell to the average range. That was a huge disappointment to me - Sandra Brown does not write average books. RICOCHET focuses on Duncan Hatcher, a hunky police detective, who is bent on putting away a ruthless killer, Robert

Savich. However, Savich's trial is declared a mistrial by Superior Court Judge Cato Laird on a technicality and Hatcher is determined to bring the man to justice at any cost which lands Hatcher in jail for two days on a contempt of court charge. A strange twist of events soon puts Hatcher and his partner, DeeDee Brown, as primary investigators when the honorable judge's wife, Elise, kills an intruder at her home. Things don't add up for Hatcher and he leaves the case open until all of his questions can be answered instead of deciding it a simple case of self defense. The suspicions aren't all that are piqued with Hatcher; Elise gets under his skin like no woman has ever done before. Doesn't matter that she's married to the man who set his archenemy free, Hatcher can't get Elise out of his mind. When Elise secretly meets Duncan and tells him that her husband is trying to kill her, it only adds more suspicion to the list. Nothing is adding up for Duncan with this beautiful woman and the judge seems too perfect to not be believed. Add into the mix another killing and the disappearance of Elise, and the reader isn't sure what the outcome will be. The term "RICOCHET" doesn't have anything to do with the actual story - it's what happens to the reader as he/she is tossed back and forth.

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