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SAFER

By

Sean Doolittle

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**Extraordinary praise for Sean Doolittle and his
crime novels:**

“A must-read author.”—*The San Francisco Chronicle*

“Sean Doolittle is one of the bright stars among the galaxy of talented young authors who write with style and authority.”—*The New York Sun*

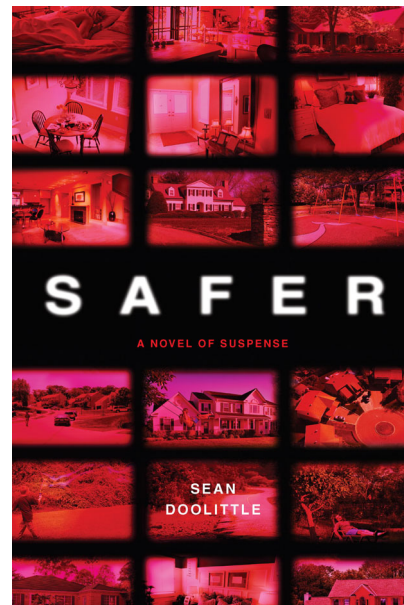
“Heart-stopping, gut-clenching, eye-opening, brain-tingling.”—*The Chicago Tribune*

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Barry Award-winning author Sean Doolittle has already won over some of the most respected writers and critics in the suspense genre with his razor-sharp wit, relentless suspense, and the memorable ensemble characters of his crime novels. Now following his critically acclaimed paperbacks **Burn**, **Rain Dogs** and **The Cleanup**, Doolittle makes his highly anticipated Bantam Dell hardcover debut with **SAFER**, which will be published as a Delacorte Press Hardcover on

March 3, 2009. *New York Times* bestselling author Harlan Coben has already praised **SAFER** as “a high-octane, rip-roaring page-turner,” *Publishers Weekly* applauded its “**complex plot and empathetic hero,**” and *Booklist* said “**The primary characters are vividly rendered...and looming over everything is the specter of the Heartland’s dark side.**”

SAFER tells the story of Paul Callaway, newly relocated to small-town Iowa with his wife Sara. Wanting to get off on the right foot in their new neighborhood, he does everything he can to be a good neighbor, including joining the local Neighborhood Patrol. But everything goes terribly wrong when the police show up at his house to arrest Paul for an unthinkable crime—one he didn't commit. Desperate to figure out who framed him and why, Paul puts his life on the line to unravel this deception—a lie which has shocking ties to crimes long buried.

SAFER announces Sean Doolittle as a major talent in the world of suspense and proves why he’s been crowned a “young writer with serious chops” (George Pelecanos).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Sean Doolittle is the author of four previous novels: the Barry Award-winning **The Cleanup, Rain Dogs, Burn,** and **Dirt.** A native of Omaha, he now lives with his wife and children in Council Bluffs, Iowa. His website is www.seandoolittle.com.



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