

My selection of "The Indebted" by author Donahue Silvis was based primarily on my own career in Law Enforcement. I was eager to learn how Mr. Silvis would portray Carlo Cardoni. A young man who desires a career in Law Enforcement; but also wishes to remain loyal to his life long pals. These "buddies" tend to gravitate toward criminal activities. This obviously places Carlo on a "tightrope". Loyalty to his friends versus loyalty to his career. Furthermore, Carlo, married to a loving wife, is torn by his loyalty and desire to both please and appease her. The deeply forged bonds of friendship are explored in detail. The loyalty among the childhood buddies spans decades. Favors granted. Not forgotten. Favors returned. Mr. Silvis explores the life, loyalties, and ramifications of living on "the tightrope". A cop. His loving family. And his "less than lawful", life long pals. The reality of a law enforcement career and how it effects one's family and friends is explored in great detail. The portrayals are genuine. The problems encountered by Carlo Cardoni are indeed unique to those in Law Enforcement. Honesty and loyalty to family, to career, to life long friends, and most importantly to the public whom you are sworn to protect. It is not an easy life. I've lived it. Mr. Silvis has portrayed it well. I highly recommend "The Indebted", by author Donahue Silvis.

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