



## Private Screening

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By Patterson, Richard North

Ballantine Books, New York U. S. A., 1986. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Marfree, recent prtg IS NEW & as shown; no names, not marked-in, underscored, clearance or discard. Mails from NYC usually within 12 hours. ; 6.8 x 4.2 x 1.3 inches; 441 pages; \nFrom Publishers Weekly Patterson's latest (The Lasko Tangent, Escape the Night) is a crackerjack thriller. First a rock superstar's manager and then a newspaper mogul's wife are kidnapped; the latter event is videotaped and sent to a cable news network. "Phoenix, " the chief kidnapper, appears masked on the tape, promising TV trials of the principals and, if his demands aren't met, a live broadcast of an execution. Attorney Tony Lord is called by superstar Stacy Tarrant to help ransom her manager. A year before, Lord had defended the Vietnam vet who had assassinated Stacy's lover, a U. S. Senator killed on the eve of California's presidential primary. Half the book is a long, vivid flashback to the assassination and trial, both of which prove to have surprising connections with the kidnapping. In a complex plot, Patterson saves his most shocking twists for the ending, however. And even while maintaining a breakneck pace, he manages to...



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