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The Conciliators

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A legal drama with heart, *The Conciliators*, book three in the Collectibles series from James J. Kaufman, finds CEO of Wilson Holdings and dealer of luxury vehicles Preston Wilson suddenly at odds with just about everyone, including his wife, his daughter, his company CFO, the FBI, the Secret Service, and even, unbeknownst to him, the Russian mafia. When a breaking scandal and talk of indictment threaten to unravel his empire, Wilson must dig deep to determine what or whom is truly worth fighting for in his suddenly chaotic life.

From boardrooms to courtrooms and splashed across newspaper headlines, *The Conciliators* manages to humanize the names and faces involved in a dangerous, corrupt, and complicated bank-fraud scheme while focusing on Wilson's growing and changing relationships with his family, friends, and mentors. Integrity and strength of character are hallmarks of the series, and Wilson's daughter Katherine continues to challenge him as she runs her own investigation for the local paper.

As Wilson and Katherine each struggle to get to the bottom of the far-reaching con—Wilson to restore his company and name, and Katherine in pursuit of the truth—fast cars, meaningful relationships, and some good old-fashioned litigation keep them on their toes in this thoughtful thriller.

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