



# Original Intent

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In Drew Nelson's debut novel, *Original Intent*, North Carolina history meets a page-turning thriller. The novel reimagines the Revolutionary-era death of James Wilson, one of the principal authors of the Constitution, and weaves the fictional account of his death into a political plot based in present-day Washington, DC. Description of the Novel Judge William Iredell had political enemies. But it was an ally that poisoned him - on the same evening Iredell secured a seat on the United States Supreme Court. Reluctantly pulled to DC to represent an old friend accused of the Iredell poisoning, attorney Mark Ellis finds himself at the center of an expanding circle of seemingly unrelated crimes. As he draws deeper into the mystery, Ellis follows the trail of Iredell's murderer into the cold rooms of federal prison, through the shadows of Revolutionary history, and down the marbled halls of Congress, until he is ultimately brought face-to-face with an unsolved murder from his own past. At the same time, Judge Iredell's hastily executed poisoning sets the lives of John Baker, a Southern prosecutor, and Noah Auguste, a uniquely trained clandestine operative, on an unavoidable collision course. Although each man has a compelling reason to distrust the other two, Baker, Auguste, and Mark Ellis are forced into an uneasy alliance as they pursue William Iredell's killer.

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