

Advance Praise

"A family and step-family struggle worthy of Shakespeare, a tense courtroom drama, unforgettable characters...*Trial by Family* kept me up all night! Roselee Blooston is a novelist to follow for years to come."

—Alice Elliott Dark, author of *In the Gloaming*

"Roselee Blooston puts characters on the page that are as real and raw as you or I. *Trial by Family* pairs a trio of adult siblings and their aging father with one heckuva antagonist--a scheming, conniving second wife who's trying to assure her own healthy retirement while supporting a failed-to-launch kid and her spouse. Blooston allows the reader a kind of literary eavesdrop, an intimate peek at a battle no neighbor could keep from opening the window to overhear, and no passerby could help stopping to gawk at. Then, with kindness and wisdom, she gives us hope that we would do as well."

—Jenny Milchman, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Cover of Snow* and *Wicked River*

"A fractured family comes together over a contested inheritance, only to reopen the wounds of deep sibling resentments. Masterfully told through tense courtroom drama and a shifting point of view that gives each player their turn on the stage, *Trial by Family* explores the complexities, the pitfalls and moments of clarity, that define the web we call love."

—Marina Antropow Cramer, author of *Roads: A Novel*.

"Roselee Blooston's *Trial by Family* is a devastating tour de force about a family's slow-motion explosion, triggered by anger over an inheritance but really about the jealousies and losses within that have been festering for years. It may be too familiar to many, too honest and true, but Blooston lays it out for us with such insight and compassion—and, at times, humor—that we emerge shaken but wiser, disturbed but enlightened. We are thankful it is not our family, yet the power of the story-telling warns us that it very well may be."

—Martin Golan, author of *One Night with Lilith*

"Roselee Blooston's *Trial by Family* is a tale of a family in crisis. It touches on many issues that we come across in our elder law estate planning practice. The raw emotions stirred up when a family fails to plan for the future, courtroom drama, and ultimate resolution are not only entertaining but act as a reminder that "getting your affairs in order" should be a priority... all of the characters are thoroughly engaging. We recommend Ms. Blooston's novel not only as a good read but as a cautionary tale as to how vital proper planning can be."

—Michael Ettinger, President & attorney, *Ettinger Law Firm*

“Blooston shows a deep understanding of the complexities of adult sibling relationships. *Trial by Family* is a story of modern day family dynamics many of us will recognize, and many of us will relate to.”

—Gail H. Goodman, founder of *Talking Alternatives*, a family mediation firm