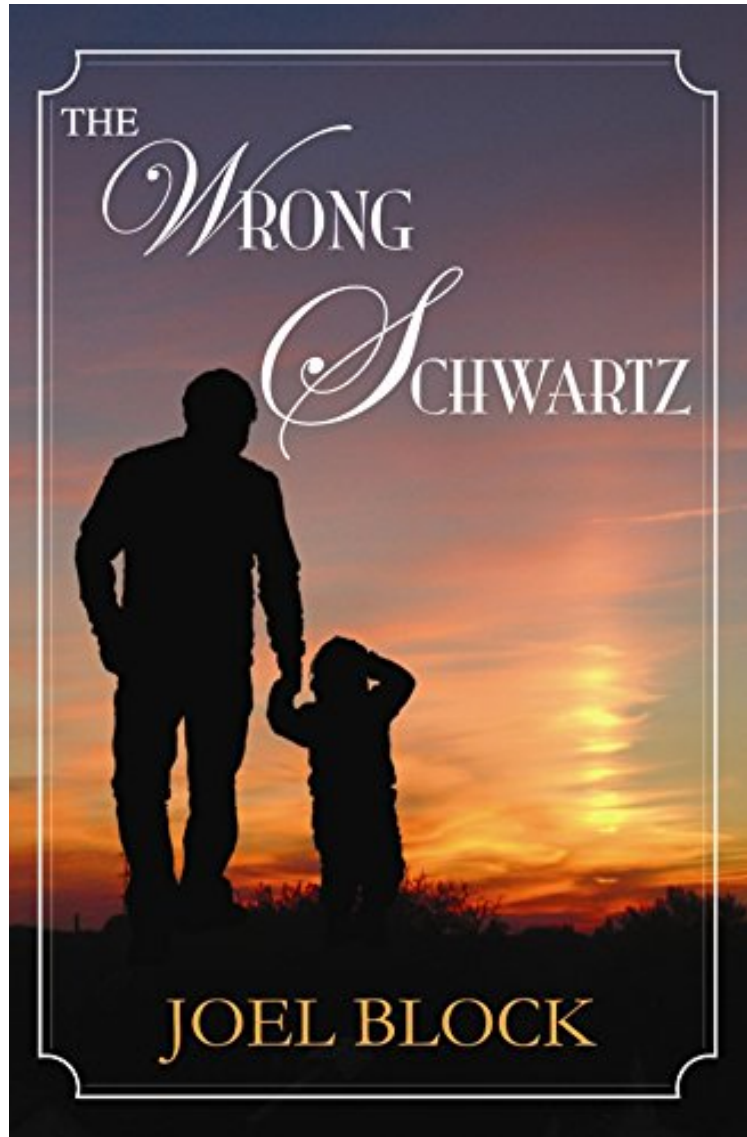


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Bravo!By Daphnee MarchiniHawthorne once said, "Families are always rising and falling in America. But, I believe, we ought to examine more closely the how and why of it, which in the end revolves around life and how you live it."In his debut novel, Joel Block describes eloquently the how and why a family rose high in status, and for the very same reasons, their dramatic spiral downward. The reader is taken on a journey by the main character, a driven individual, who will not stop until he has climbed to the top and can look

down on those less successful than him. The mantra of winning was implanted at a young age in the hard drive of Mark Shapiro. Every aspect of his life was based on winning to the exclusion of everything else. Mark became the top heart surgeon at the top hospital not so much to help people, but more for bragging rights. The element most responsible for the eventual demise of Mark and everything he had, including his family, was his neglect of relationships. Winning at any cost, combined with the toxic relationship he had with his father, spelled disaster for Mark. The author, Joel Block, is, in his other life, a psychologist specializing in relationships--and it shows! The story is provocative and has unusual depth. It's filled with subtle, and sometimes not so subtle insight into the human condition. *The Wrong Schwartz* is a well-written and intriguing story that makes for a fast read. Bravo! Great book! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A must read. By Rita R. Volpe Some books are like junk food; they comfort you for the moment and leave you with nothing. *The Wrong Schwartz* is not one of those books. The characters have depth, the story has substance, and the theme will leave you thinking long after you put the book down. It's a must read.

It might have been just another messy marital triangle with routine melodrama: the stale marriage, the affair; his and hers; and the recriminations. But volatile passions intersected in a manner not unlike the coupling of an explosive and a detonator. Mark Shapiro is a handsome, enormously successful cardiac surgeon with a loving wife, an adoring son, plenty of money and a nightmare in the making. As successful as he is, he hungers for more notoriety and is drawn into believing a mysterious and alluring woman he has met will bring it to him. He also hungers for her. It is an out-of-control type of appetite, nothing short of sexual obsession. All marriages have ups and downs, but when Mark learns who "Mr. Tuesday" is, his wife's lover, his rage is not diminished by his own affair. One night, still irresistibly drawn to the other woman; whose promise has turned to horror; he learns more than he ever wanted to know about the palpable dangers of ambition.