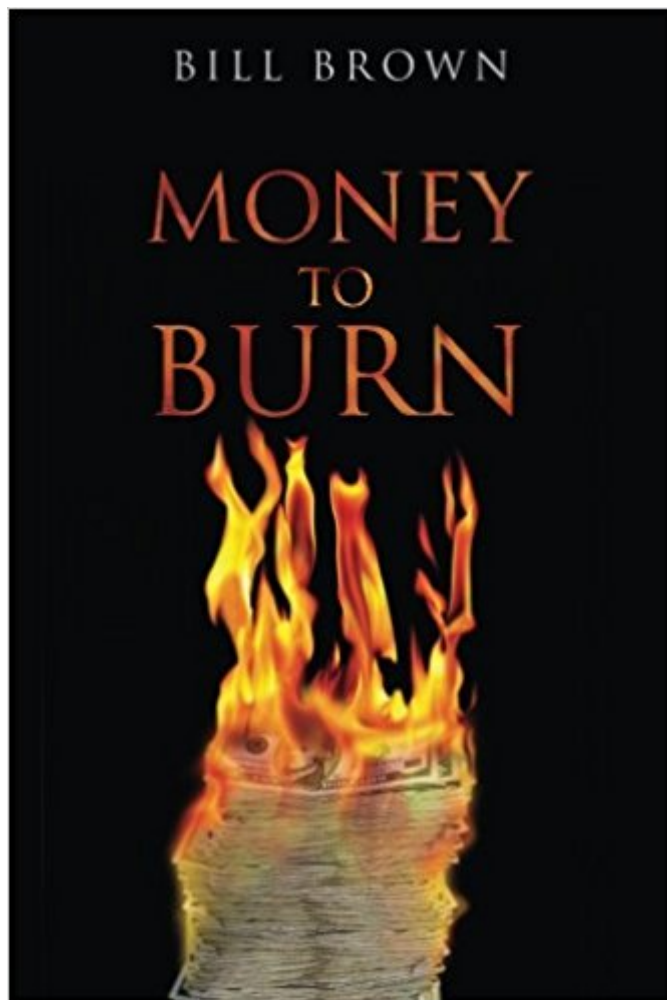


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# Money To Burn



## Synopsis

Based on a true story, *Money to Burn* is a novel that begins with the brutal murder of a young woman, traces an ingenious counterfeiting scheme that became the funding vehicle for a small town bank in North Carolina, and culminates in the most disastrous monetary crisis since the 1930's. *Money to Burn* is the shocking backstory that follows two men, Edward Cain, businessman turned counterfeiter, and Mr. Jones, a financial operative who, motivated by his desire for revenge, helps the Bank attain incredible success. Readers will be surprised by the simple and surprising beginnings of the devastating 2008 US financial collapse.

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## Customer Reviews

North Carolina native, Bill Brown, a serial entrepreneur since his UNC '63 days, was always ahead of the curve as the owner and publisher of the Carolina Financial Times, a weekly newspaper, as a co-founder of the Waffle Shoppe restaurant chain, as a principal in a commercial real estate company that developed shopping center sites across the state, and as the major shareholder and president of a company that was the forerunner in the high tech satellite imagery industry. His array of experiences have provided him with some very useful content for his first novel, *Money to Burn*, which is based on a series of startling events that began in his small eastern North Carolina hometown

The story is intriguing and is likely more true than the fiction genre allows. The author manages to keep a narrative with many characters and subplots flowing in an easy to follow direction. As a North Carolinian the references to the Pig-n-Whistle, Parker's BBQ and DJ, Pat Paterson makes the

fictional towns of New Ferry, Groveland and Fork more real. The book will and hopefully the next installment will benefit from sharper editing as there were a few too many spelling errors and some of the phrasing is clunky. The story is one readers will want a second helping of just like eastern NC cue and hush puppies. Mr. Brown's love of his home state is as evident as is Carl Hiaasen's love of Florida.

Having known the author during and since college, I have been unaware of his significant gift as a writer. "Money to Burn" is a truly compelling novel based on a true story. It is written with keen psychological insight and remarkable knowledge of the banking industry, along with a rapid narrative filled with excitement, suspense, brutality, mystery and history. If you like John Grisham, "Boys in the Boat" or "The Perfect Horse", you will be captivated by this story. If you read the first chapter...

New author Bill Brown is a winner out of the gate. In "Money To Burn," superb story teller Brown gifts his readers with an engrossing, intriguing, suspenseful adventure to be relished and long remembered. A mystery which begins in "sleepy" eastern North Carolina, which one discovers is not as sleepy as stereotypically portrayed, introduces readers to a backwater character of impressive leadership, enviable entrepreneurial talent, few morals, and a hungry eye for young women. We learn of despicable yet fascinating criminal activity of ordinary "thugs" and ostensibly "reputable" white collar bankers. "Money To Burn" tells of unrestrained sexual appetites often and abundantly satiated, pinnacles of greed, astonishing manipulation of the Country's money supply, and constitutional crisis, nation endangering meetings in both the Federal Reserve and The White House. Brown's mystery brings to his readers an intensity of wondering, and leaves them wanting more. This reviewer waits impatiently for future novels by this gifted writer.

I was unable to put this book down. The details were too real! Being from eastern NC, it was so easy to relate to the time periods, the small towns covered in this story as well as identify many of the hidden and true identities. What an all around slingshot syndrome where the rickashay would never end! Bill Brown has proven through his new novel to be both an exceptional talent, writer and storyteller! I look forward to many more future "Bill Brown" publications. This book is a must read as it will capture all of your attention while making you think.

I was eager to read this book based on an eastern NC mystery featuring my home town, but found it

tediously difficult to read after the opening chapters. Full of cliches and in need of editing and significant winnowing, the book did not prove to be that described by earlier reviewers, but I applaud the author's attempt to chronicle a local mystery and a character of now shady legend--and the time that it took him to do so.

Bill Brown in his first novel "Money to Burn", has passed on childhood memories from the early 50's of one unbelievable story, set in his own small eastern North Carolina hometown. Coupling those memories with the gossip, innuendo, whispers and publicity of the story line, and meshed with his own imagination and array of lifetime experiences, Bill Brown has created an intriguing and suspenseful story that consumes you with desire to know every twist and turn, leaving you wanting more. Entertainment at its best!

This cleverly titled book is a trip. Through eastern North Carolina and beyond a tale of rascally, and much worse, characters and their shady scheme unfolds and keeps the reader enthralled. First-time author Brown dives right in and comes up with a story that all North Carolinians should have on their NC lore shelf.

A page turner!! Not to be missed especially if you are from the Tar Heel State. Am ready for Brown's next book to continue following the money.

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