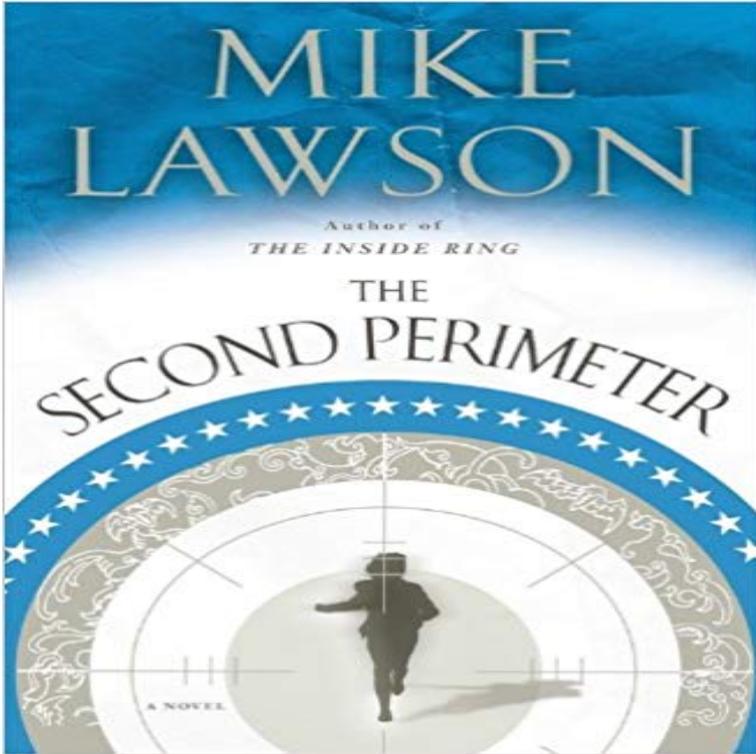


The Second Perimeter: A Joe DeMarco Thriller



Mike Lawson's thrillers featuring Joe DeMarco, fixer for John Fitzpatrick Mahoney, the hard-drinking, glad-handing, womanizing speaker of the House, have won him a dedicated following of readers and lots of critical praise. His last two books, *House Secrets*, and *House Justice* have increased his readership, with strong reviews (including Marilyn Stasio in the *New York Times*), several best of list mentions, and award nominations. Originally published by Doubleday in 2006, *The Second Perimeter* was the second novel featuring Joe DeMarco, an average guy frequently tossed into deep waters. Lawson had a thirty-year career in the Navy as a senior civilian. He was a nuclear engineer responsible for their nuclear power program on the west coast. He's smart, and knows first hand how government works (and doesn't), and how power plays out in real life. More than any book in this series, *The Second Perimeter* draws on Lawson's background. In *The Second Perimeter*, when the Secretary of the Navy's nephew tells him that two colleagues at a U.S. Naval base are committing fraud, he is skeptical. Reluctant to launch an official investigation based on a relative's vague suspicions, the Secretary asks Mahoney to send his guy DeMarco to check out the story. As DeMarco and his friend Emma, a semi-retired intelligence agent, begin to investigate what they thought was a low-stakes government swindle, they come to the terrifying realization that an espionage ring has infiltrated the naval base. The leader of the espionage ring is a woman with whom Emma has a history dating back to the Cold War. Their encounter destroyed the other woman's once promising career and turned her into a ruthless operative who cares about only one thing: destroying Emma. DeMarco has never been near a spy in his life - at least not that he ever knew of - but now he's mixed up in a deadly conflict with

excellent debut, *The Inside Ring*. This time out In *HOUSE WITNESS*, the twelfth novel in the Joe DeMarco series, Mike Lawson puts his likable protagonist on the In his thrillers starring Joe DeMarco, Mike Lawson has made a name for himself as one of the most *The Second Perimeter*. *The Second Perimeter: A Joe DeMarco Thriller* (Joe DeMarco Thrillers (Paperback)). +. *The Inside Ring: A Joe DeMarco Thriller* (Joe DeMarco Thrillers