Judging Others By Your Own Standards

Vince, a lovely man and fellow inmate of Springhill Open Prison put it in a nutshell when he heard my story, when he said, "You judge others by your own standards." A simple statement that encapsulates my situation and has been 'food for thought' for me on many occasions since.

An honest man believes others are honest, a trustworthy man believes others to be trustworthy, a crook believes others to be crooks, a greedy man believes others to be greedy; that is their initial default judgement.

Because my personal values with regard to honesty and trustworthiness are high, then I automatically assume this of others. My 'default' when it comes to dealing with others is always to trust them totally. I don't consciously think about whether I do or do not trust somebody, by my nature I always trust people. Within *Inveigled* the reader will come across many instances where this unflinching trust in others has led to my undoing.

Buchanan was clearly trusted by his management, who knew him better than I did, so why should I have even considered any mistrust of him. Buchanan, on the other hand, appears to be totally untrustworthy and I assume that he felt that I would be of the same mindset and a willing partner in his crime. Unfortunately for him (and for me) he chose the wrong person with which to try to 'partner'.

The evil ones in NCR's US legal department; these evil, faceless, destructive people, these evil people pulled the strings of destruction couldn't possible understand someone that puts helping others before anything else. The evil ones from their destructive partners in Taylor Wessing could similarly never understand what drives me.

Their standards are very different to mine and I could go mad trying to understand why they are so destructive for no reason.

Had I been a dishonest character with a criminal mind then I would now be personally worth a great deal of money. Because I am honest, trusting, trustworthy and loyal, I have lost everything. That, it seems, is British justice.