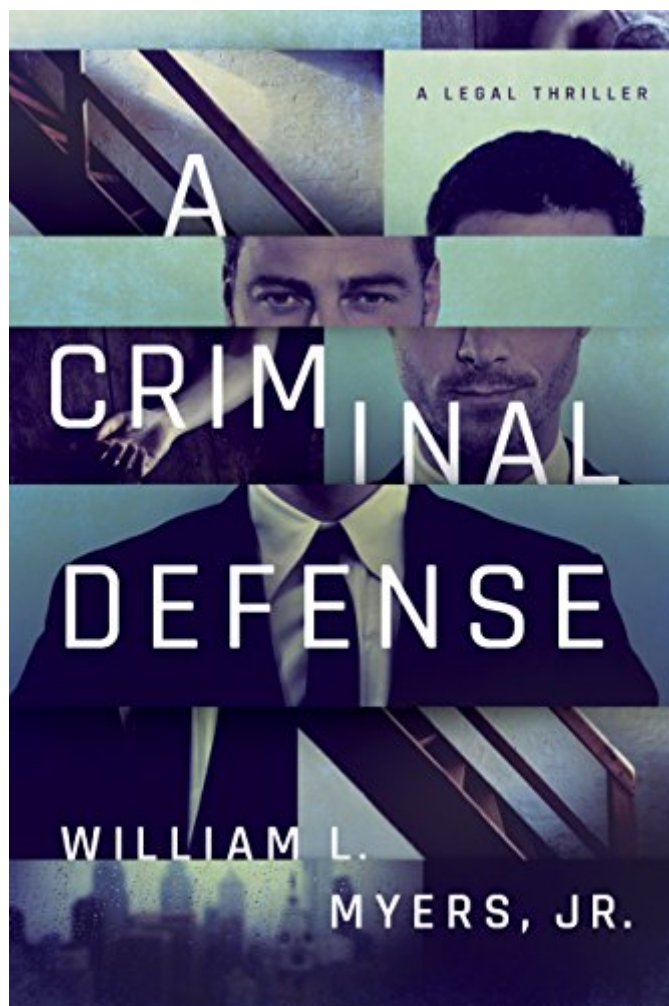


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A Criminal Defense



Synopsis

Losing the trial of his life could mean losing everything. When a young reporter is found dead and a prominent Philadelphia businessman is accused of her murder, Mick McFarland finds himself involved in the case of his life. The defendant, David Hanson, was Mick's close friend in law school, and the victim, a TV news reporter, had reached out to Mick for legal help only hours before her death. Mick played both sides of Philadelphia's courtrooms. As a top-shelf defense attorney and former prosecutor, he knows all the tricks of the trade. And he'll need every one of them to win. But as the trial progresses, he's disturbed by developments that confirm his deepest fears. This trial, one that already hits too close to home, may jeopardize his firm, his family—everything. Now Mick's only way out is to mastermind the most brilliant defense he's ever spun, one that will cross every legal and moral boundary.

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Customer Reviews

I don't normally watch or read courtroom stuff. I'm retired after 35 years of practicing criminal law as a public defender and having lived it, I really hate the melodrama of legal thrillers. Still the premise

of this book looked pretty interesting, so I decided to give it a shot. First, I've never been employed in a private law practice, but I'm aware of the pressures that cause some lawyers to bend the ethical rules, so I can say that what transpires here is within the realm of possibility. Second, having been first chair in a number of capital murder trials, I can tell you that from a legal procedure standpoint, Mr. Myers is virtually spot on. His witness by witness trial recap is great. I especially appreciated his depiction of the interaction between the judge and the lawyers. Third, the storyline is excellent! I won't give anything away, but it's a complex story that with a sufficient suspension of disbelief, holds together in the end. I'll admit that some folks might think the storyline is a bit plodding and too drawn out. Maybe you gotta be a legal geek to really appreciate it. My wife, who has no law experience, just started it yesterday. So far, she likes it. Speaking for myself, I can say that I really enjoyed it! I'll be happy to read more from Mr. Myers.

A great combination of a legal procedural and mystery. Mr. Myers clearly knows his way around a courtroom - lots of realistic details. The book moves at a brisk pace, with new developments in each chapter. Character development was also well done - surprisingly good for a first novel. I hope the author is working on a second novel!!

If you love procedural legal dramas and mysteries you will love *A Criminal Defense*™ by William L. Myers Jr. This is filled with clever courtroom angst, conflict and drama. A young female journo is found dead and a prominent businessman is the accused and our male Lead "Mick McFarland, defence attorney extraordinaire is in for the case of his life! While there is a great deal of detail I found myself flying through this book. Mick is in a conundrum... it's clear that this trial is far more than it seems and there are lives and livelihoods at stake but who does he trust? who does he back?... where does it lead. This was entirely unexpected... I enjoyed the legal volleying... There were many believable yet unexpected twists that kept me glued. I did not see the end coming. I'm still reeling. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did... Law & Order eat your heart out! 4.5 solid stars

This was an excellent legal thriller. I thought I had the "who did it" figured out. At 75% completed I knew who did it. I was only part right! Quick read that I read in 1 day. Twists and turns throughout the book. There are characters you like, dislike, suspect, evil, caring, disturbed, clever and misjudged. I'd buy another book by this author. This book cost 1.99 and it was equally as good as books I paid 14.99. An extremely good value. A well written book.

Details. The devil is in the details. And this author's knowledge of the criminal justice system makes the story sizzle. I shouldn't enjoy the lead character as much as I do. But flaws make every one of the novel's characters compelling. There are no unrealistic good guys; there are no irredeemable bad guys. Even the murder victim is flawed. You are caught up from the very first in a mystery you have to pick at constantly. Who is lying? Who is hiding unwelcome truths? What exactly is going on? I wanted to know who done it! And even when I was sure I did know, I only had part of the story. The author gives you plenty of clues. He makes sure you know there is more going on in this murder trial than meets the eye. Still, the ending is as unexpected as it can possibly be. In fact, it left me breathless. I'm going to search for another novel by this author immediately. And that is high praise from a reader with a low tolerance for mediocre writing.

It was a great story through most of the book. Towards the end it became more and more unbelievable, which was disappointing. It seems as though too many authors try too hard to impress the reader with twists and turns. I like that as long as it's done well. It wasn't done well here, however, I think this author has potential.

I chose this book from my monthly Kindle First selection after reading the description and a couple of early reviews. I understood there would be twists and kept trying to guess what was coming next till the end of the book! The characters were fleshed out and interesting and the premise of the book was somewhat unique. I don't want to give anything away! Highly recommended.

This was a surprisingly good read. I'd just read several superficial mysteries that disappointed me but *A Criminal Defense* captured my interest and kept me engaged 'til the end. In some respects the book was uneven--lots of background storylines in the front to introduce the characters and the setting but they were abandoned once the plot got moving, followed by a very different style of writing once the trial got underway. In some respects that made for awkward reading as I kept wondering about those tangential storylines; however, this technique could effectively play out as a movie. The plot itself has some unexpected twists, even sending me back to earlier chapters to see how I had overlooked something. Those twists continued throughout the last segment of the book, keeping me on edge without ever stepping beyond the bounds of plausible. This book was a fun read and could potentially become a great movie.

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