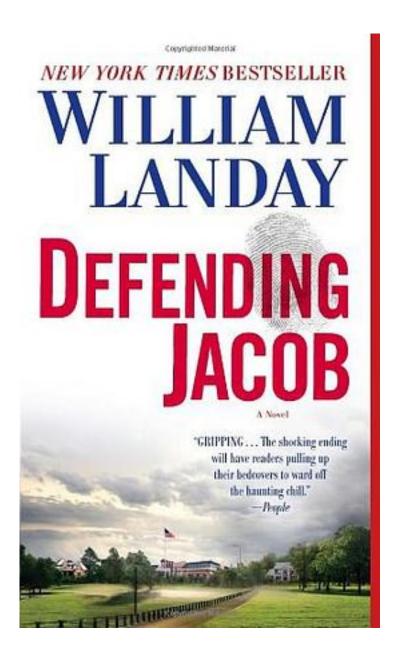
Defending Jacob



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"A legal thriller that's comparable to classics such as Scott Turow's Presumed Innocent . . . Tragic and shocking, Defending Jacob is sure to generate buzz."—Associated Press

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney in his suburban Massachusetts county for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next: His fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student.

Every parental instinct Andy has rallies to protect his boy. Jacob insists that he is innocent, and Andy believes him. Andy must. He's his father. But as damning facts and shocking revelations surface, as a marriage threatens to crumble and the trial intensifies, as the crisis reveals how little a father knows about his son, Andy will face a trial of his own—between loyalty and justice, between truth and allegation, between a past he's tried to bury and a future he cannot conceive.

Award-winning author William Landay has written the consummate novel of an embattled family in crisis—a suspenseful, character-driven mystery that is also a spellbinding tale of guilt, betrayal, and the terrifying speed at which our lives can spin out of control.

Praise for Defending Jacob

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- "Gripping, emotional murder saga . . . The shocking ending will have readers pulling up their bedcovers to ward off the haunting chill." People
- "The hype is justified. . . . Exceptionally serious, suspenseful, engrossing." The Washington Post
- "Even with unexpected twists and turns, the two narratives interlock like the teeth of a zipper, building to a tough and unflinching finale. This novel has major motion picture written all over it." The Boston Globe
- "Yes, this book came out in January. No, we are not done talking about it." Entertainment Weekly

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著有两本小说:《Mission Flats》荣获英国推理作家协会匕首奖的新人小说奖;《The Strangler》荣获提名史全德评审奖的年度最佳犯罪小说,被翻译成十六国语言。

《永远没有的真相》是他的第三本小说,甫出版即登上纽约时报畅销排行榜。

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评论

it's more like the father is defending himself, not Jacob. He's trying everything he could to prove that his family is impeccable and his son does not have the murder gene that

might come from him. 进程太慢,很多details unnecessary
人的行为有时候就是令人难以理解的,而这些行为背后的逻辑,我们给他们用犯罪学心理学去解释他们,却未必真的get到了point。即便get到了,也依然是无济于事。小说毕竟是小说,很高兴能够学到几个心理学名词:confirmation bias, narcissistic personality disorder, reactive attachment disorder.
美国的诉讼系统并非是truth-seeking(寻找真相)的,而是通过对抗性的(adversarial)的质询、回复、反问来找到司法意义上的真相,而司法意义上的真相和事实真相又不完全是一回事(想想辛普森杀妻)。主人公作为一个经验丰富的检察官,一次次地强调"这是事实!""我只是想知道事实",更让人感到了"事实"与"事实"之间的割裂

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这本书时刻都在给着我惊喜。 ——或许用"惊喜"这样的词并不恰当,对着这样一本深刻严肃的法庭小说。然而若仅从故事的构思、写法以及讲述故事的方式上而言,这的的确确是一本扣人心弦、趣味性很强的小说。而在这样的外在形式之下,其关于犯罪、关于、法律制度、关于家庭、关…

正如书名《永远没有的真相》一样,看到了小说的最后我也是不敢肯定谁是真正的凶手,在感性面前理性构建起来的庄严的堡垒都分崩离析。第四部开头的时候引用了《美国犯罪学与公共政策季刊》的一句话,"据我们所知,我们无法具体理解人们行动背后的理由,很可能永远也无法理解。…
Not a well written book, though it was listed as the best seller in NYC bestseller list (which is why I started reading.) Each character in the book acts in a monotone way, stories go really slowly, I was surprised that I actually finished it. Anyway, not

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