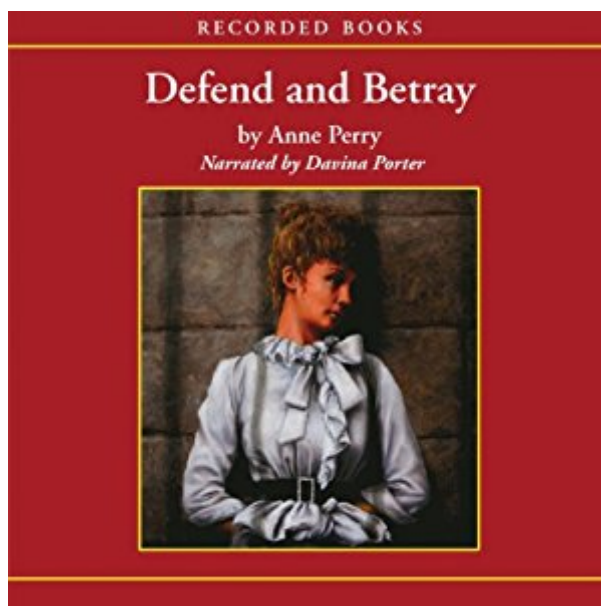


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After a brilliant military career, esteemed General Thaddeus Carlyon finally meets his death, not in the frenzy of battle but at an elegant London dinner party. His demise appears to be the result of a freak accident, but the general's beautiful wife, Alexandra, readily confesses that she killed him. The story she clings to even under the threat of the noose. Investigator William Monk, nurse Hester Latterly, and brilliant Oliver Rathbone, counsel for the defense, work feverishly to break down the wall of silence raised by the accused and her husband's proud family. With the trial only days away, these three sleuths inch toward the dark and appalling heart of the mystery.

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Customer Reviews

Great mystery fiction series

The premise of this murder mystery pulled me right in. A very unusual freak accident turns into a murder mystery which quickly turns into an intense investigation limited by the time of an impending hanging. The story unfolds page by page with new questions and uncomfortable wonderings about what dark evil has been committed. I have never read a book quite like this one for substance and circumstance. At the end you are going to be feeling something more than just having read a good book.

Anne Perry shows great skill as a writer and great depth as a human as demonstrated by her careful revelation of the circumstance of women and children in England at the time of Monk and Hester. The portrait is detailed and interesting and every object, even in the darkest corners, becomes visible as daylight moves across the scene. Ms. Perry is a consummate artist and as a reader, I am grateful.

I loved, adored, and am enthralled by this book. As it progressed, it became more impossible to put down! It catapulted me to an indescribable ending!!! What a ride! Thank you, Author, for a work well done! You have a new fan!

I've now read the first three of Anne Perry's William Monk novels and enjoyed them all. This one however I found so emotionally drenching in the last fifty or so pages I will never forget it.

This series just gets better with each book. Anne Perry writes about this era with so much detail. You feel as if you are actually there and experiencing it yourself. In this book Monk is asked by Oliver Rathbone to try to find out the real reason Alexandra Corlyon has confessed to murdering her husband. Oliver Rathbone is magnificent in this book. We also meet his father, Henry. I also enjoyed the character of Major Tiplady, Hester's current employer. The courtroom drama at the end of this book is worth waiting for. When young Cassian Corlyon takes the stand, it is heartbreaking, but very well written. I am going to read "Sudden, Fearful Death" next and hope it is as good as this one.

I wanted to read the ending (but I didn't) because it was so suspenseful. I almost forgot about Monk and his memory problem. I don't know what he will do in the future, so I will have to keep reading!

I particularly appreciate the references to Florence Nightingale, a true historical hero on showing there is a way to overcome barriers and difficulties set up by unchecked patriarchy or any immoral authority. Anne Perry in praise of courage, "to continue to fight with all one has even when victory seems beyond possibility." Good Read

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