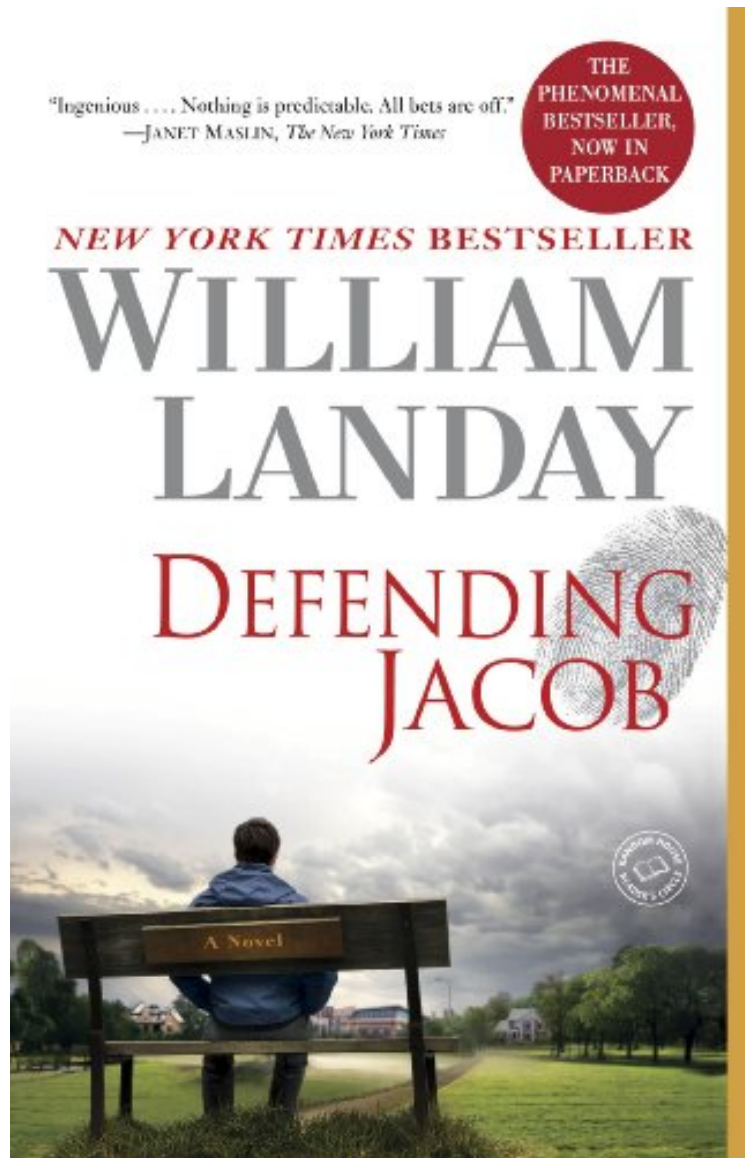


## Defending Jacob: A Novel

Von William Landay

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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. IntensivVon V. LudewigStellvertretender Staatsanwalt erfährt vom Mord an einem Mitschler seines Sohnes Jacob. Schon nach kurzer Zeit gert Jacob in Verdacht und wird unter Anklage gestellt. Der Staatsanwalt wird vorbergehend suspendiert und versucht, die Unschuld seines Sohnes zu beweisen.Eine klar strukturierte Geschichte, der man

anmerkt, dass der Autor Kenntnisse des amerikanischen Rechts-Systems hat er hat selber als Staatsanwalt gearbeitet. Was die Kraft des Romans ausmacht ist seine Ausführlichkeit. Die Geschichte entfaltet sich langsam, aber umso effektiver. Als Leser ist man hineingezogen, sowohl in die Katastrophe einer Familie, die unter dem Druck der öffentlichen und gerichtlichen Anklage zu zerbersten droht, als auch in die ausführlichen Passagen der Vernehmung und der Verhandlung. So wie sein Vater wünscht man sich, Jacob wäre unschuldig. Anders als für ihn erschließt sich dem Leser, dass die Berzeugung Das ist mein Sohn, er kann das nicht getan haben möglicherweise eine Wunschbild ist, das ein Vater zum Selbsterhalt und zum Erhalt der Familie benötigt. Psychologisch stimmig, juristisch und kriminologisch realistisch und trotz dieser schlicht erscheinenden Storyline erzählerisch überraschend. **Defending Jacob** nimmt einen mit. So oder so. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. **Gripping family drama and crime thriller** Von Daniela This is the tragic story of a father and a family confronted with the idea that their son may be a murderer and a psychopath. Andrew Barber is a highly successful lawyer and assistant district attorney in the Boston area. However, when his 14-year-old son Jacob is accused of murdering a classmate, life as they know it ends for the Barber family. Andrew firmly believes that his son is innocent, and in the fight to defend Jacob, he and his wife Laurie lose everything; their jobs, their friends, their money. But worst for the Barbers, and particularly Laurie, is the underlying terrifying uncertainty is Jacob truly innocent? Or have they unknowingly raised a teenage psychopath who has killed once and may kill again if they succeed in getting him acquitted? Despite its tragic and horrifying theme, **Defending Jacob** is a grippingly written novel that is at the same time a crime thriller and a psychological account of how far parents will go in their love for their children. The story is sad but fascinating, and the style of writing is not overly sentimental and maudlin, but almost matter-of-fact and neutral as befits a lawyer. This to me makes it all the more powerful and compelling, and I could not put the book down right to the (very unexpected) ending. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. **Touching** Von Susie Njiki This story is plain brilliant, with deep and moving characters, lofty ideas and an insight that gets my full respect. The descriptions are vivid, the setting wide and varied, and William Landay has a good sense of things and knowledge. The connections made between Jacob and Andy Barber, his father, are well observed. The twists and interconnections in the story also reminds me of *Triple Agent* *Double Cross*. The story gripped me all the way to the end, made explosive by the final twist in the story.

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