

Book Review

The Defence by Rob Rinder

I studied accounting and law at University many moons ago, and over the years have developed an interest in the tactics used to construct winning arguments in the courtroom.

In *The Defence*, Rob Rinder delivers a gripping, sharp-witted 3rd instalment in the Adam Green legal thriller series. Rinder's detailed knowledge and authentic experience shine on every page, perfectly balancing a complex murder investigation with the high-stakes world of British law.

This time, junior barrister Adam Green is thrown into the deep end defending Jules, the long-suffering assistant to MP-turned-wellness-guru Adrian Wells. When Adrian is fatally poisoned in a copper bath in front of a crowd of influencers, Jules is immediately pinned as the prime suspect. It is a brilliant, twisting whodunnit that only a real criminal barrister could write. Rinder peppers the narrative with fascinating insights into courtroom procedure and the justice system, making it incredibly authentic without ever feeling dry.

What truly elevates the book is the heart behind the intense legal pressure. Adam is a charmingly tenacious character, and his hilarious, often interfering mum returns with her signature advice and matchmaking schemes. These wonderful, grounded moments provide fantastic light relief and will undoubtedly bring a smile to your face.

For fans who have been following the series, the best development in this novel is Adam's personal life. Rather than working his usual 24/7 schedule, Adam starts exploring a budding romance with fellow barrister Georgina, adding a delightful, tender subplot.

The Defence is a charming, and highly addictive read. I would recommend it as an absolute must-read for fans of legal thrillers.

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