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Northern New Jersey has a new local hero on its cultural crime turf. He's Andy Carpenter, the Paterson defense attorney who can sling a quip as fast as he can outmaneuver a snarling prosecutor. Acclaimed author David Rosenfelt's first novel, was nominated for an Edgar Award, now in this new novel, the intrepid lawyer is thrust into the spotlight where he risks becoming a media victim...of the most fatal kind. His streak of murder case acquittals made him a regular on cable talk shows. His recent \$22 million inheritance bought him a dog rescue operation named the Tara Foundation after his own beloved golden retriever. Yet after turning down cases left and right, Andy Carpenter thinks he's facing a midlife crisis. When a friend, a newspaper owner, calls in a favor and asks him to protect his star reporter, Andy is less than thrilled. His new client is Daniel Cummings, a journalist who is being used as a mouthpiece by a brutal serial killer. Things only get worse when Daniel is discovered near the body of the murderer's latest victim. And after Andy himself starts collecting anonymous death threats, he hears the news every defense lawyer dreads...and moves to within a dangerous keystroke of becoming tomorrow's obituary.

Bury the Lead Details

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Bettie says

Love the Andy Carpenter books.

Judy says

There is lots to enjoy with Rosenfelt's book featuring Andy Carpenter, a millionaire attorney. I like the wry humor--it reminds me of Lawrence Sanders' "Burglar" series. It's a good mystery with several unusual characters. I'm glad there is more of this series to enjoy!

Dave says

3rd in the series, am growing to enjoy the characters a great deal. Usually in my mind the 3rd book is a "cut off" in a series Rosenfelt, made the cut. And I look forward to reading the next in the series. Great characters, a decent plot with a huge plot twist at the end. Made for a good experience.

Maureen DeLuca says

A solid 4 star read and adding 1 more for a great series and an author who has 37 dogs! I'm sure I'm the only one who is only on number 3 in this series - but for those who just came in from another planet- this is a fun, fun series to read.....!!!

Jim says

Another fun, short mystery that was well read & plotted. These are 'chip' books because I can't listen to just one. They're all pretty much the same, differing only in the details of the dilemma, but that doesn't mean they're not fun.

I liked it enough that I went looking for more books by this author & found out that the Tara Foundation, a dog rescue started in the last book, actually is a going concern run by the author. I have a book about it reserved & hope to listen to it soon.

Dee says

Two-haiku review:

Reporter accused
He says murderer called him
Andy defends him

Convoluting plot
Characters feel like old friends
Enjoyable read

Amanda McGill says

You know a book is good when you are laughing out loud throughout the novel.

I love Andy Carpenter. Andy is really good at being a defense attorney, however he isn't a defense attorney very often as he has a very large inheritance and gets to pick and choose his cases.

Andy's friend, Vince (a newspaper owner) asks Andy to defend one of his reporters, Daniel. Daniel is a star reporter who keeps getting phone calls from a serial killer. After Daniel is found at the scene of the crime with evidence in his car and his apartment, he is charged. Andy is torn on whether or not Daniel is guilty since all signs point to Daniel committing the crime. Soon it's clear that Daniel is being set up and Andy and his team need to rush to figure out who is the killer.

Andy is hilarious. I'm always laughing at his courtroom humour and even his inner thoughts. I loved even the minor stuff like the coffee stock and how it was a running reference throughout the novel.

What makes this novel (and series) so great is that there is always a fantastic crime to figure out. I had so many suspects in my mind and of course I was wrong!

Gina says

An absolutely fun book, it is a quick read/listen and funny. I listened to this book at work and it was perfect backdrop for blocking people in the surrounding cubes and still being able to follow the story. Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter is a defense attorney in NJ, has a bit of Colombo-type underdog in him but with a dry, witty humour that had me chuckling out loud at work.

The reader, Grover Gardner, is several levels above excellent. His Andy Carpenter has overtones of Andy Rooney (from 60 Minutes) and is funny, dry and intelligent.

As a dog lover, both Rosenfelt and Andy Carpenter, dogs are featured prominently in every book. Carpenter owns a Golden Retriever named Tara and started a dog rescue foundation called the Tara Foundation. Funny, so did the author. Carpenter works out many of his trial problems while walking his beloved Tara, whom he believes is going to live forever. Carpenter's pals and significant other are well drawn characters with normal names like Lori, Vince, Pete and fit right in with the NJ environment. It's easy to tell these people are friends as well as colleagues, no one is perfect, and all sling friendly barbs and quips with the ease of long practice. You instantly feel a part of this group and want to go hang out at Charley's (the local bar), watch a few games and place losing bets alongside Andy.

Bury the Lead - a good double entendre - has more plot twists than the other two books I've read in the Andy

Carpenter series and gives Andy more heartburn than usual. Andy's friend, Vince, asks him to take the case of a reporter on his staff who is being used by a serial killer to taunt the police about the crimes. The serial killer calls the reporter to brag about the latest victim and tells him where to find them. Eventually the police suspect the reporter is the killer and now it gets interesting. The local mob gets dragged in much to Andy's regret since they are scary people and Andy is a coward. (His words, not mine.) Several twists later the real story is figured out and Andy's life is saved by Well you'll just have to read it and find out.

I highly recommend this book and this series, they are totally fun and what some might consider a light, summer read. Although I honestly will prefer to listen to them since Mr. Gardner brings the characters to life in a way that suits the book and characters perfectly.

Dan Vilter says

A pretty typical courtroom drama that I love to read. I like the characters. There is just the right amount of wise-assness and wit to the affable protagonist's take on the world that I was willing to embrace his take on his legal profession, views of the mob, charity, police, love, and dogs. I end up liking the guy. Virtually all of the other characters are rich in supporting ways from his low-key love interest to his buddy that answers his questions in song lyrics.

I caught myself laughing out loud several times while reading this book.

A funny story, Great Dialog, and a reasonably good plot.

Jaymie says

Excellent!! I had to keep changing my guesses and in the end they turned out to be half right. Terrific plotting. Loved this! (Language)

Francisco says

Andy goes off on a tangent to solve this one when the trial doesn't bring a resolution to the story. Introducing a new characters, mob boss Dominic Petrone plus Driver & Gorilla.

Richard White says

Great series. Just right for summer reading.

Lynn says

Full review @ Smoke & Mirrors: <http://books-n-music.blogspot.com/201...> I was in the mood to read the next installment in this series and have it checked out from the library, so I read it today! Fun, as always, though this one was a bit more grisly, to me. I believe it had even more twists and turns than the first two. And they worked! I love the fact that Andy is really rather a wimp at most times. But he's a good person who

always wants to know the "truth" of what occurred, no matter what. His relationship with Laurie reminds me of my marriage. They can each be themselves and yet they respect each other...and they have no problem allowing each other private time/time alone. I like that. And Andy finally finds out Laurie's thoughts about marriage!

Jaline says

I would have interviewed Andy Carpenter for this review, except that according to him:

My interviews would be better suited to the E! Network, providing "E" stands for "evasive". Or maybe the Sleep Channel, if there is one. What I should have done was brought Tara [his Golden Retriever] and gone on Animal Planet.

Once again, with his witty humour intact, David Resenfelt has managed to write a mystery/thriller/police procedural/courtroom drama novel that is witty and intensely suspenseful at the same time. I can't talk about any of the plot without spoilers, but I will say that just when you think everything has fallen apart, suddenly there's a win only somehow that falls apart, too, and things look bleak once again. Then . . . well, I'm sure you get the idea.

This one is like being on a really fast roller coaster – and it's a fun, entertaining ride!!

Danielle Gonzalez says

I'm beginning to look at this series in a new light. I think I expected to look at it in a more serious way. However, taking it as a humorous courtroom drama, I like it better. In this latest installment, someone is killing women and chopping off their hands. When someone close to Vince is arrested, Andy is asked to help with the defense. I like the character of Vince, and this was a good way to see him. I'm also really liking Willy. He has found the perfect way to spend his money and his time by opening a dog adoption center saving dogs from their own death row. How could anyone not like someone who will refuse to adopt a dog out to a couple because they would make it sleep outside? All dogs belong inside at night! I like all of the characters and they all mesh really well together. I'll have to see what's up next with Andy Carpenter.
