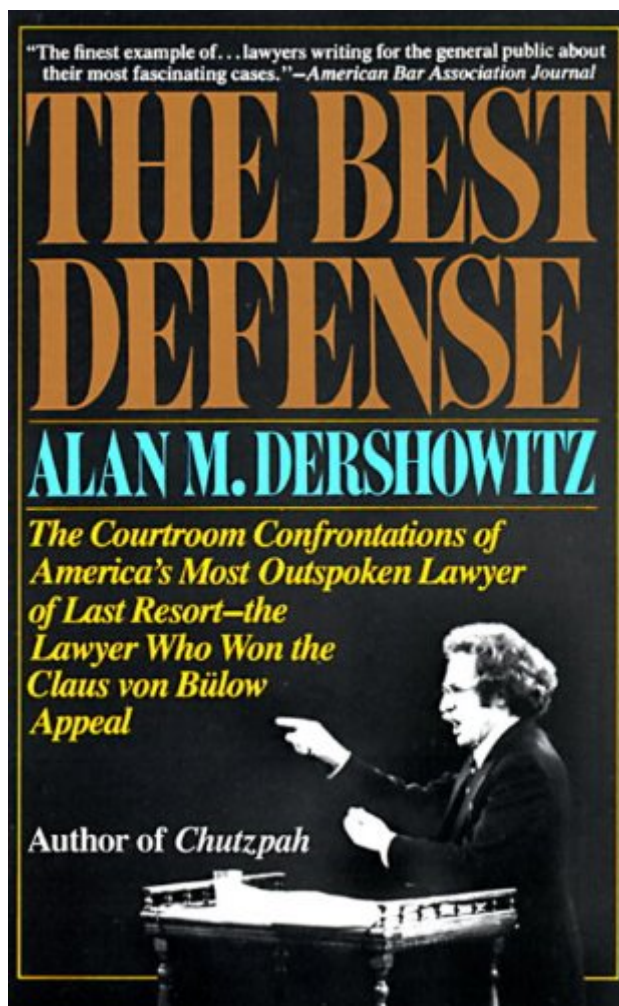


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This book is a pleasure to read. In spite of its almost casual narrative style, the book is full of highly valuable insights into the theory and functioning of criminal justice administration. It also reveals some of the corruption of the system which, even with the alleged best intentions, destroys the essence of democracy. The cases of judicial arrogance and arbitrariness revealed by Professor Dershowitz, are enough to give one the creeps. How many defendants, who did not have the benefit of a true defense of their interests, may be pining away in prison, victims of the connivance of police, prosecutors and judges. Be that as it may, it is fascinating to see a legal mind at work, and everything explained in a manner accessible to lay people. I certainly hope the good Professor keeps on writing. We, the People, need lawyers like him.

Professor Dershowitz has written an insightful page-turner that takes you through a few of his early cases. Interesting to walk through the different legal arguments made on the different cases. Disappointed to read about the somewhat rampant impropriety that prosecutors and judges engaged in within those cases. Fun read!

Good reading just love the law and Alan Dershowitz is one of the very best

Read this book in college. Liked it so much I bought it. If I ever needed a lawyer he would be the one!

This is another fascinating work from Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz. This book will give the uninitiated a better understanding and a realistic look at the legal system of the United States.

Very Interesting, very thought provoking, exposes the underbelly of some portions of our "Justice" system. Very Dershowitz.

The author of this book is a law professor who does appellate work part time. Unlike the cut and thrust of jury work appeals have generally been seen as dry rarefied and uninteresting. The author however writes in an entertaining and self deprecating way which brings the process alive. It is one of the most enjoyable books written about the law that I have read for some time. The author also writes about the cases he loses. So many books by advocates focus on the success and are about

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