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Synopsis

For Mike Daley and Rosie Fernandez—former spouses and current law partners—the stakes have never been higher. In the seventh installment of this bestselling, critically acclaimed series, the duo learn that their sixteen-year-old daughter's boyfriend has been arrested on suspicion of murdering his father, a Superior Court judge. Bobby Fairchild, however, claims to have found his father's body upon returning home from a date with Grace. The police, who found Bobby at the scene of the crime holding the murder weapon, contend that his parents' acrimonious divorce sent the boy over the edge. With their daughter as Bobby's only (Perfect) Alibi, Mike and Rosie take the case that takes them down San Francisco's darkest alleys and into the homes of some of the city's most prominent citizens. PERFECT ALIBI is book 7 of the NY Times and bestselling legal thriller series featuring Mike Daley & Rosie Fernandez.

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Customer Reviews

I must agree with the two star review that it's very difficult to suspend disbelief. Supposedly you

have two brilliant teenagers, but the accused, whose father is a lawyer and judge, is stupid enough to pick up the murder weapon after he calls the cops. Likewise, these kids come from broken families and the very liberal culture, but lied to keep their sexual relationship hidden. The boy is an inveterate liar but were supposed to have sympathy for him. The lawyer parents are clueless, and the mother of the boy, a renowned surgeon, is about as vulgar and out-of-control as someone from the tenderloin district. It seems as if this lawyer/author is letting out his own dislike of the medical profession which is quite common among lawyers of a certain sort. What really annoyed me was his idiotic attack on some unknown priest who tells a 15-year-old Rosie that she is doomed to hell for an abortion she didn't commit, that is, for having the intention of an abortion which made her sufficiently sorrowful to bring this to confession. I have been a Catholic priest for 40 years, and this is about as wild a portrayal of the confessional as I've ever run into. What it reflects is the negative attitude of the author towards the Catholic religion, whose priest must be mainly stupid and unforgiving since the religion is so corrupt. The lawyer who is an ex-priest is the only kind of priest I think that Mr. Siegel would feel comfortable with in this life. The only good priest is an ex-priest. It's a shame because the author actually has some talent in storytelling, but his prejudices seem to get in the way when it comes to the plot.

Unlike the previous six books this has a more ominous tone and even when the accused goes free there's not the satisfaction of Mike and Rosie having done a great job. The problems in their family and Rosie's "confession" make this too personal for characters I've followed for some time. I was sad to see this was the last in the series until I got to the end of the book where it said "Coming in Fall 2014, book #8, The Felony Murder Rule." Couldn't find it on Amazon and instead downloaded a sample of "The Terrorist Next Door." Sure hope there will be more of Rosie and Mike!

Pretty good legal thriller. Mike and Rosie do a good job of defending their client and finding the killers in the end. I would say not enough plot twists, however, and the police in this book suffer from a severe case of tunnel vision, as police always seem to do in legal thrillers. Some of the characters were a bit too one dimensional, but over all the book is written well with the right amount of dread and anxiety for the lawyers and their clients.

I've read every one of Siegel's Mike Daley/Rosie Fernandez novels and have found all of them to be consistently entertaining, clever, thoughtful, and written from an experienced legal perspective. "Perfect Alibi" was all of the above. Siegel's first-person writing style is funny and clever. Every page

brings you into the mind Mike Daley, a smart, resourceful San Francisco lawyer. You always know what Mike is thinking, even when he is saying something else--hilarious at times. Some authors have to jump into 3rd person chapters to keep the plot going. Not Siegel. Mike Daley tells his story all the way through to the satisfying conclusion.

Sheldon Siegel brings back two of the most fun lawyers in all of fiction back. Mike Daley and Rosie are asked to do something they have not done before. That is, defend their daughter's (Grace) boyfriend accused of the murder of his father who was a prominent judge. This is one case that will test their skill as they are personally involved with the defendants and have to put aside their parenting bias. The evidence against Grace's boyfriend is enormous and his only defense seems to be the alibi of Grace. As always they have to lock horns with their out of court friend, Roosevelt, who is the arresting detective and need to investigative skills of their brother Pete to help out. It seems the Judge had a powerful enemy and also the Judge was involved in some shady business himself. Sheldon keeps you guessing up to the end as to Grace's and her boyfriend's involvement and does a wonderful job of making this book difficult to put down. I also enjoyed the interplay between Mike, Rosie and Grace and when the lawyers must interrogate their daughter and have to worry about winning their case at the possible cost of ruining the relationship with Grace. I hope Siegel will do another Mike and Rosie tale!

Another well written story. Mr. Siegel is definitely a very good teller of stories. His stories are interesting, with twist and turns that take you by surprise. It is easy to stay interested in his stories.

Mike and Rosie are at it again this time defending their daughter's boyfriend from a murder charge. No spoilers here, this is all first chapter stuff. Grace becomes a material witness in the case and the family dynamic that plays out is tense but interesting. I enjoyed this book thoroughly from start to finish. It's tensely plotted and eminently believable. If you like Mr. Siegel's other works, then this book will please you very much. If you haven't read any of the others, I would advise you to start there. Oh, and one teeny, tiny spoiler: in this case, Mike and Rosie finally get paid.

What an excellent read. Sheldon Siegel is a wonderful author and his books are very captivating. I hope he continues to write more books about Mike and Rosie. They make a great team.

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