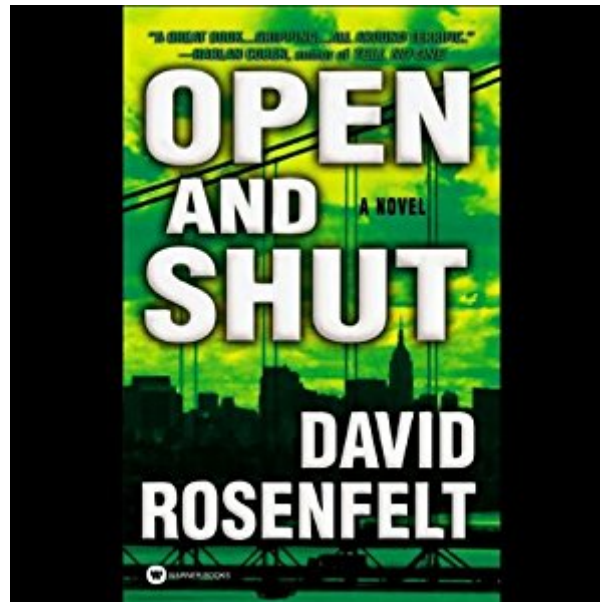




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Open And Shut



Synopsis

Defense attorney Andy Carpenter manages to sail through any tough situation, whether inside the courtroom or in his personal life. But this all changes when his marriage breaks up and his father suddenly dies, leaving him distraught - and 22 million dollars richer. Andy doesn't know how his father accumulated this fortune or why his father begged him to take on the appeal of a death row prisoner. With the help of his new found love, P.I. Laurie Collins, and the support of his golden retriever companion, Tara, he discovers a link between three of the most prominent men in New Jersey, including a senator, and his new client, Willie Miller. Willie was framed, there is no question about it, and Andy soon learns how far powerful men will go to protect their secrets. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Andy Carpenter is a lot smarter than most people know. He is always ready with a quip or a smartass remark. He's a bit of a showboat in the courtroom. In the first of a continuing series, Andy has promised his father to work on an appeal for a convicted killer who has been in prison for 7 years. The more Andy learns about the case, the surer he is that Willie Miller is innocent. This is an easy read that moves quickly. Sometimes I grew tired of the main character's constant sarcasm. The who done it part had a surprise ending. It was an ok book'. I may try the next book before I pass a final judgement.

I read this book by a new author (to me) and was totally blown away. It was such a fun read. I love

the characters and am looking forward to getting to know them. I have bought all 11 books in this series. I am on book 4 now and it is still great and fun reading. It is not War and Peace , but then I don't want War and Peace !! Great writing, great characters, great mystery, funny was what I wanted and I got in spades.

I'm finding the Andy Carpenter novels very satisfying on many levels. There's the intellectual satisfaction of watching Andy in court. He's very tricky but always logical. He gets witnesses to say things they never meant to and rattles the prosecutor. In this book he even manages to get a hanging judge somewhat on his side. Andy is defending a young black man already convicted of murder. The evidence against Willie was overwhelming the first time around, from an eyewitness report to damning DNA. Now this open-and-shut case has been reopened on a technicality. Losing the appeal is almost a certainty, and it's fun watching Andy and his team intent on doing the impossible. On another level this is a comic novel. Andy is addicted to wisecracks. His sense of humor is snide, deadpan, and irreverent by turns, and he jokes at singularly inappropriate times even when being seduced. He alternates between bravado and wimpy tendencies. The author excels at creating suspense. Andy's team is still investigating while the trial unfolds, looking for a last-minute breakthrough as the prosecution piles on the evidence. But the excitement is not limited to the courtroom. Andy's enemies resort to violence and intimidation. On top of all that, Andy's personal life is quite lively. He's got an estranged wife who wants to reconcile, a girlfriend who's hard to give up, and a dog who gives him more unconditional love than either. The plot is intricate yet believable, the characters full-blooded and convincing, and the humor irresistible. I'm a fan of the series after just two books.

Quick witted and fast-paced with believable characters, the novel proves interesting and entertaining. However, outside of a few well placed sentences of Carpenter's love for his Golden Retriever, Tara, the story has very little to do with Tara. Although the book in no way resembles Spencer Quinn's, "Chet and Bernie," series, nor Bruce Cameron's "A Dog's Purpose," series, Rosenfelt still comes across as a genuine dog lover and the few descriptions of Tara are beautifully written, warm and sweet. Story: "Open And Shut" introduces Andy Carpenter, a defense attorney who defends an indefensible client accused of committing a heinous murder. After an interesting discovery in his father's home, Andy comes upon information that will not only possibly help his

client, but will change Andy's life, as he knows it.

Good writing but trite plotting. I really enjoyed the humor and dialogue, but the basis of the mystery (an old photograph) just didn't make sense. Why was it taken, why kept? And I'm really tired of reading about investigators (be they lawyers, detectives, etc.) always getting beaten up and shot at, but always making speedy and miraculous recoveries which barely slow them down. It's trite, overused and puerile. This writer is too talented to fall into this pattern. Try being original! And making your plots believable!

Robert B Parker fans - you're going to love this series! I have been looking for a replacement for my beloved Spenser, Hawk and Jesse Stone books to no avail. Until I happened on this. The series reads like a Parker oeuvre - great characters, witty dialog, and an original twist which is that the protagonist does dog rescue. Let's face it, RBP got formulaic with his plots, and these tend to as well, but it doesn't matter because there's a lot of intelligent stuff in here, plus the dialog is great. I am going to read everything he wrote, and then I'll be sad! I highly recommend them and have not been bored for one second, which is more than I can say for 99% of the books I now read in an effort to find something I like.

I love detective stories when one of the prime characters is a dog! I was lead to believe that the Golden Retriever was a big part of this story. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The dog named "Tara" is only mentioned four or five times and had absolutely nothing todo with the plot. Those looking for a good story about man and his dog solving crime won't find it here. Had I known that Tara was just mentioned and not featured this book would not have been ordered. Sorry.

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