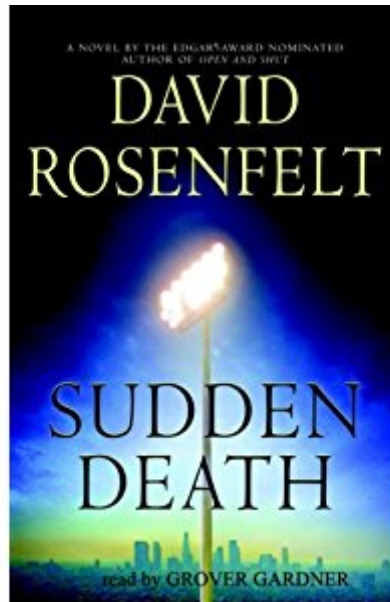




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Synopsis

- David Rosenfelt's previous novel. "Bury the Lead, was published in Mysterious Press hardcover in 6/04, and was a "Today show Book Club Pick chosen by Janet Evanovich.- "First Degree (Mysterious Press, 5/03) won raves from national publications, including "Entertainment Weekly, and starred reviews from both "Kirkus Reviews and "Publishers Weekly.- The author's debut novel. "Open and Shut (Mysterious Press, 2002), was nominated for an Edgar Award for Best First Novel and was praised in the "New York Times.- David Rosenfelt's previous three books were Featured Alternates of The Mystery Guild," with foreign rights sold in Bulgaria, France, Germany, and Japan.
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Customer Reviews

Through masterful writing, quick wit, humor, and plots that vary enough to hold interest, Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter series, continues to entertain. Rosenfelt craftily ties characters from previous novels into the present story expanding their personalities and familiarities. In the fourth book in the series, Andy Carpenter defends a football player accused of first-degree murder. Carpenter researches the defense of his client with the usual, often hilarious, dry sense of humor. Only Andy's love for Tara, his Golden Retriever, surpasses his love of sports, and of course, his passionate love for Laurie, his girlfriend, who surprisingly, makes a life changing decision. Although the covers of the book series feature adorable photos of dogs, Tara has little to do with the story other than sporadic mentioning of Andy's adoration for her. And yet, bold images of Tara arise, sweet faced and tail wagging.

The Andy Carpenter series by David Rosenfelt is one of our favorite of all time. We're old so we can listen to them over and over [and forget details so it's mostly new again]. These mysteries are full of humor and edge of your seat action, loving romance and quick thinking. They're like old Humphrey Bogart movies and we enjoy them thoroughly because there is creative dialog, suspense, love, heroism and laughter. Highly recommend this book and the whole Andy Carpenter series.

Series mysteries often suffer from first chapter exposition, but Rosenfelt at least tries to spread it out rather than lumping it all in the first ten pages. The thing I like best about this series is its sense of humor, even when dealing with murder. Here we have another client who seems to have done it, and the book is essentially about the struggle to overcome what looks to be a hopeless cause. But along the way we meet some new characters and enjoy meeting old ones. And, like so many others, our hero has a fondness for dogs. But Andy spreads joy around, and his lack of money problems is a relief. Many detectives seem to struggle with money and it's often a sub-plot we can do without. Here, Andy has money to burn, so he's able to do and pay for pretty much anything he wants. This is book #4, and I'm not tired of him yet. It is formulaic, but all procedurals are to some extent, and Rosenfelt's characters keep thing interesting as we work our way to what we hope is courtroom triumph once again.

I have been reading David Rosenfelt series of books, they are excellent. Sudden Death keeps you on the edge of your seat. He really knows how to keep the suspense. Anyone that hasn't read his Andy Carpenter series are missing out.

Kenny Shilling, running back for the Giants, is accused is accused of killing Troy Preston, wide receiver for the Jets. The evidence is strong against Kenny. The nice thing about this case is that it gives Andy entry into the inner circle of NFL football. The bad thing is that Andy's not sure Kenny is innocent. He prefers to defend innocent clients. This is one of Andy's most challenging cases. And his powers of concentration are undermined by his anxiety over his girlfriend, Laurie, who's considering moving back to her hometown. She's the love of his life. He doesn't know how he'll survive if she leaves. Meanwhile the trial is a welcome distraction. I love David Rosenfelt's court scenes, with their dramatic cross-examinations and flashes of humor. And there are dramatic incidents outside the courtroom too. In this case, murders and attempted murders. There's also a wonderful meeting-of-mobsters scene. As usual Andy is short of preparation time and is

investigating and building the defense while the trial unfolds. This adds to the tension. And there's plenty of opportunity for Andy's signature wisecracks. How it all ends is quite astonishing. I'm finding the Andy Carpenter novels completely engaging, often funny and unfailingly entertaining. This one is no exception.

The Andy Carpenter series is turning out to be an excellent series. The stories are rock solid. There are no logic holes. The dialogue is very entertaining. A very good read.

When asked if there's violence or sexual content in these books, it's difficult to answer. Yes, is the easy answer, but it is done so carefully, that neither are ever graphic, so I almost want to say there is none. Still, what's a murder mystery without violence? What's a grown-up human relationship without sex? David Rosenfelt manages to have both in his books without gory detail, and leaves just enough to the reader's imagination to make it just right! As for the story, I'm in love with Andy Carpenter and find his humor, self-deprecation and intellect absolutely delightful. I highly recommend his books and suggest you read them in order. Coming into this one, I felt like I was visiting an old friend, complete with the inside jokes and under tones that can only come from history.

I like the playfulness of the characters. A little intrigue but no thing that drags on for chapters. Looking forward to the next case.

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