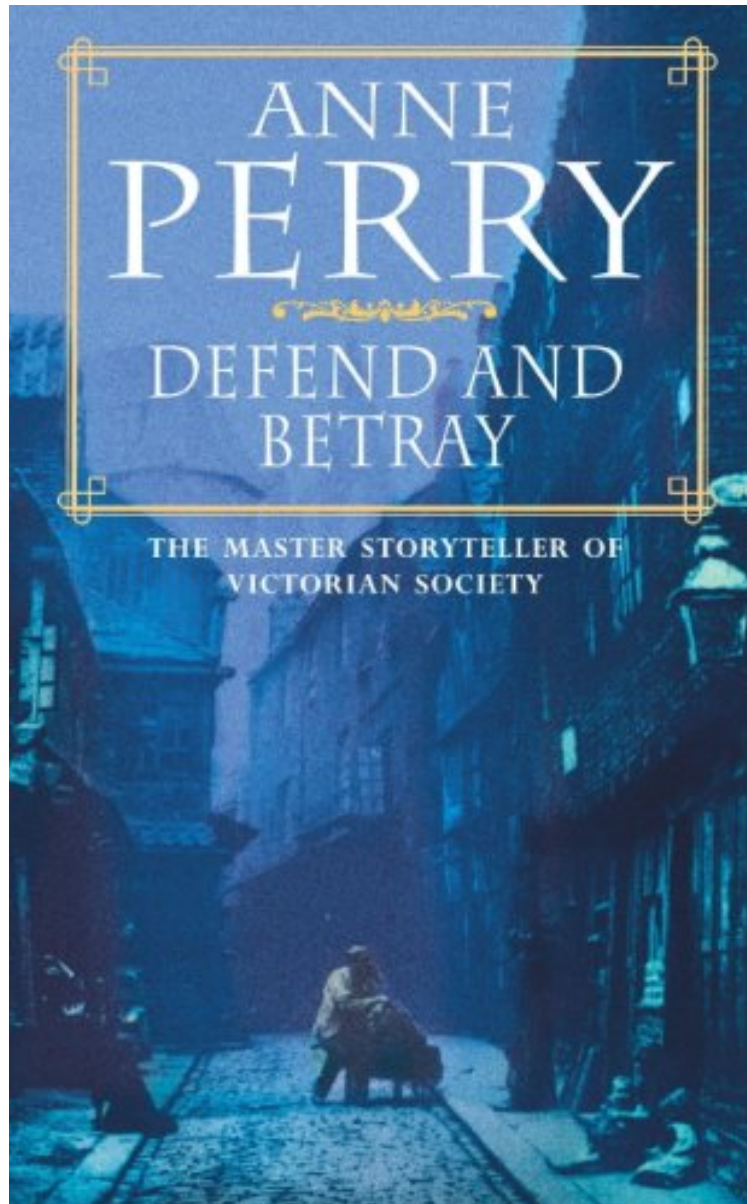


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Kurzbeschreibung Can Monk beat the clock and prevent an innocent woman from going to the gallows, before it's too late? The third novel featuring Investigator Monk is a thrilling mystery of Victorian England from the acclaimed author Anne Perry. Perfect for fans of C. J. Sansom and Sarah Perry. 'A richly textured and timeless novel of suspense. Anne Perry's Victorian England pulsates with life and is peopled with wonderfully memorable characters' - Faye Kellerman After a brilliant military career in India, General Thaddeus Carlyon finally meets death not in the frenzy of battle, but at a London dinner party, in what appears to be a freak accident. But the General's beautiful wife readily confesses that she killed him - a story she clings to even under the shadow of the gallows. Investigator William Monk, nurse Hester Latterly and Oliver Rathbone, counsel for the defence, work feverishly to break down the silence of the accused and her husband's proud family; and with the trial only days away they inch towards the appalling heart of the mystery. What readers are saying about Defend and Betray: 'As brilliant and absorbing as ever... This was gripping. Great writing and brilliant characters' 'Catches the atmosphere of the time really well. Anne Perry always tells a great story, keeps you turning pages and always wanting more' 'A very good read. Hooked from front page to last' From Kirkus s Victorian London society is shocked by the bizarre killing of General Thaddeus Carlyon during a dinner party at the elegant home of Maxim and Louisa Furnival. Even more shocking is the admission of Alexandra, the General's wife, that she had murdered him in a jealous rage. Meanwhile, Carlyon's sister Edith is convinced that Alexandra had another motive, one powerful enough to save her from the gallows. She enlists the help of stalwart friend Hester Latterly, who brings into the case famed lawyer Oliver Rathbone and ex-police officer Thomas Monk (The Face of a Stranger, A Dangerous Mourning). Together, they delicately probe the lives of the Carlyon family--Thaddeus's father, a retired colonel; his daughter; forbidding mother Felicia; high-strung daughter Isabella, and young son Cassian. The uncovering of Alexandra's secret is slowed by repetitious interviews, constant underlining of the period social mores, and Monk's tortuous exploration of his own past, lost to amnesia after an accident some time back. But the pace quickens as Alexandra's trial draws near, and the story ends in a courtroom drama loaded with vigor, tension, and poignancy--ample reward for the patient reader. Overall: another winner in this fine series. -- Copyright 1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. From Library Journal Veteran author Perry offers another wonderful retreat to a rematerialized London of strict but hypocritical mores viewed through the eyes of sensitive and intelligent protagonists. A proud nurse and a brilliant lawyer team up with former policeman William Monk to defend a sympathetic upper-class woman who confesses to murdering her much-respected husband in a fit of jealousy. Rich period detailing, masterful characterization, subtle romantic subplots, disturbing flashbacks, and powerful courtroom drama recommend this to all fiction collections. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 6/15/92. Copyright 1992 Reed Business

