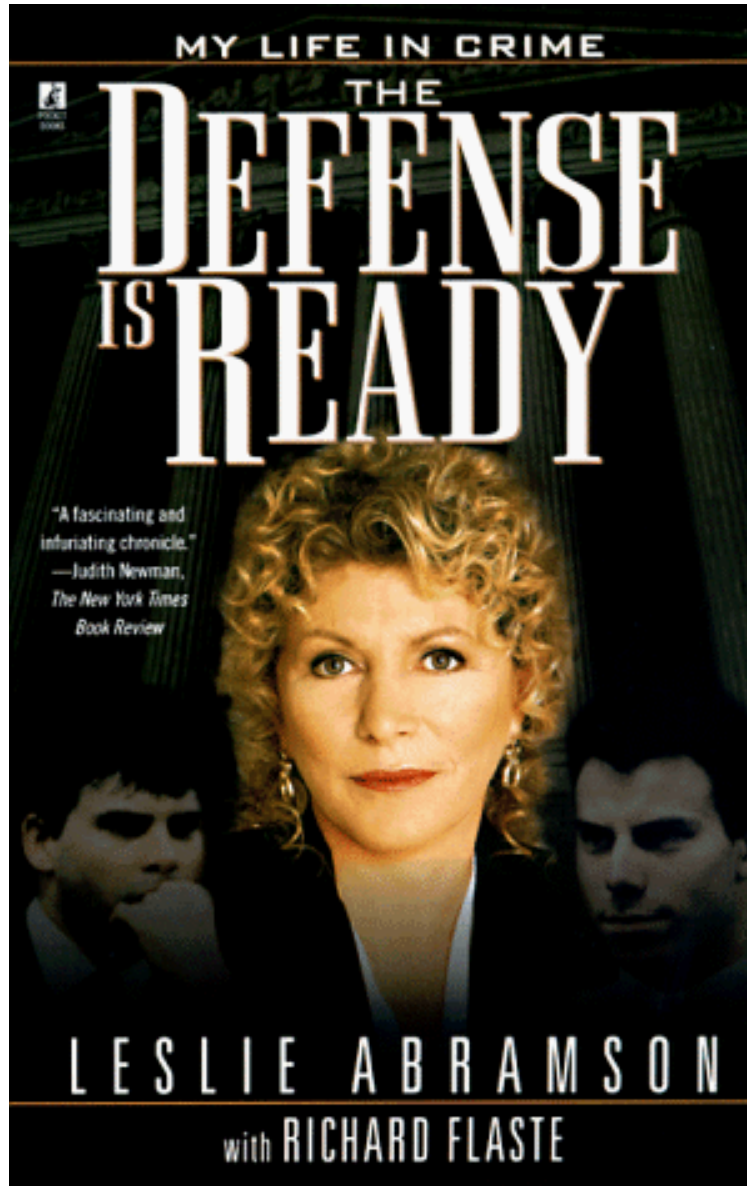


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I tend to favor the Prosecutor-I bought this book because I'm a law student and had to do a defense summation for a class-I figured Leslie might open my eyes to the world of criminal defense, AND SHE HAS!!!! Leslie tells it straight, but is also entertaining and humorous and HUMAN. I would never have guessed this woman was only 5 feet tall, which is even more inspiration for me because I'm the same petite size. If there are any men out there reading this review, this book is for you if you want (AND NEED) to understand strong, smart women!!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting tales... bad writing. By Brock Patrick McCormack As someone interested in criminal law, this book was captivating and at times didactic. She is obviously a skilled defender, but sometimes her actions make her seem like she is willing to let murderers run free on a legal technicality. That's hardly admirable, but her hard work certainly is. The text is badly composed, with simple words and some unique grammar. That's why I say interesting book, bad writing. Don't read this book if you can't look past wierd sentence composure to nuggets of interesting criminal law stories.

Brilliant and outspoken defense attorney Leslie Abramson presents a stunning firsthand account of the criminal justice system, in this "compelling and disturbing memoir" ("Los Angeles Times"). of photos.

.com Leslie Abramson, who gained notoriety first as Erik Menendez's trial lawyer and later as an expert commentator during ABC-TV's coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial, chronicles her life and times in this breezy and insightful memoir. *The Defense Is Ready* leaves the impression that Abramson is a tenacious, gritty individual who sticks to her moral guns and can't seem to understand why everyone else can't do it, too. Abramson takes us through her childhood and early years through to law school, where she ranked at the top of her UCLA class. Admirably, she doesn't shy away from discussing the failures in her career; indeed, as a defense attorney, most of the cases she describes end up with her client going to jail. She doesn't avoid the clearly guilty, either; for Abramson, everyone is entitled to a vigorous defense, and this is her only job. The climax of the book is the case that vaulted her to national prominence: the shotgun killings of Jose and Kitty Menendez by their sons, Lyle and Erik. The brothers' guilt was never at question, Abramson admits, but she does provide evidence of mitigating circumstances never allowed to be brought before the jury. Both brothers were sentenced to life in prison, without the possibility of parole, and Abramson spends the bulk of the book's last chapter demonstrating how the embattled judge in the case used the brothers as a convenient scapegoat to return to the good graces of the public by favoring the prosecutors and denying Abramson and her colleagues a fair chance to tell their client's side of the story. The Menendez case has been analyzed to death by now, but Abramson's integrity and poise cast the trial in a different light. --Tjames Madison