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Review

Praise for *Clarence Darrow: Attorney for the Damned*

"[This is] vintage Darrow, inspiring, enraging, and, in Farrell's engrossing biography, marvelously alive."

—The New York Times

"John A. Farrell, with access to previously unavailable materials, brings the 'grandest legal career in American history' to life again in a masterfully researched and elegantly written volume."

—The Boston Globe

"*Clarence Darrow: Attorney for the Damned* is impeccably researched, beautifully written, and timely...Farrell gives us Darrow in all his brilliance, hypocrisy, and eccentricity....As Farrell's riveting biography makes abundantly clear, there was no more powerful and incendiary thunderbolt than Clarence Darrow."

—San Francisco Chronicle

"A clear-sighted, empathetic biography....[Farrell] knows that he has a protagonist of Shakespearean richness and complexity, and this well-written, vividly atmospheric portrait captures Clarence Darrow with his faults and contradictions intact."

—Los Angeles Times

"A comprehensive biography of the storied defense attorney. Making elaborate use of transcripts, observers' accounts, correspondence and newspaper reports, Farrell chronicles Darrow's most celebrated trials in detail....These cases—including two in which Darrow, almost surely guilty, was himself tried for jury tampering—dominate the narrative, but Farrell neatly places them within the larger context of this complicated man's crowded life and practice....Farrell unflinchingly addresses [Darrow's] shortcomings, even as he underscores the genuine brilliance of a still-unmatched advocate for underdogs everywhere."

—Kirkus Starred Review

"Farrell offers excerpts from Darrow's magnificent courtroom arguments as well as delicious details of his personal life (he was a hearty participant in the era's free love movement). [He] gleans from previously undisclosed material to offer a completely engaging portrait of a flawed man of noble ideals."

—Booklist Starred Review

"John A. Farrell, in *Clarence Darrow: Attorney for the Damned*, goes farther into the archives and deeper into Darrow's crags."

—New Yorker

"Masterful...a riveting piece of work and certain to be one of the most fascinating biographies of this or any other year."

—The Daily Beast

"Groundbreaking...*Attorney for the Damned* is a well-balanced portrait of the private and public Darrow, giving the sweep of his life and times."

—The Washington Times

"Farrell draws from previously unpublished correspondence to give fresh insight into Darrow's remarkable career...A thoughtful overview of Darrow, his life, and his many accomplishments."

—The Seattle Times

"It is almost impossible to conceive how so much living could have come in just one life, and Jack Farrell's masterful new biography makes Clarence Darrow come alive. This is a wonderful, at times heart-pounding story, told with precision, sympathy, and insight."

—Ken Burns

"This book is a joy and a revelation. It is at once a rollicking tour through the mind of a legal genius and a spellbinding account of some of the most famous cases in American history. The chapter on Leopold and Loeb alone is worth waiting in line to get a seat in Jack Farrell's courtroom."

—David Maraniss, author of *When Pride Still Mattered* and *They Marched into Sunlight*

"John Farrell's *Clarence Darrow: Attorney for the Damned* is a riveting historical drama filled with strange twists and turns. Every page is a triumph of scholarship. A marvelous biography!"

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"People want heroes. But history demands truth. This gritty biography demystifies a deeply flawed legal hero, who 'almost assuredly' bribed jurors and witnesses in order to level the playing field against 'the rich and powerful.' Darrow was a giant of his corrupt times. His biography is a must-read for all Americans who care about both the means and ends of justice!"

—Alan M. Dershowitz, author of *The Trials of Zion*

"Clarence Darrow confounded titles: he was a freethinker, hedonist, anarchist, populist, infidel, cynic, and master storyteller who became our greatest lawyer and a folk hero. Farrell's masterful, sweeping new biography not only does justice to all his roles but joyously satisfies even a Darrow addict like me."

—Roy Black, Esq., criminal defense attorney

About the Author John Aloysius Farrell (jafarrell.com) was born and raised in Huntington, New York and suburban Washington, D.C. He graduated from the University of Virginia and embarked on a prize-winning career as a newspaperman, most notably for The Denver Post and The Boston Globe. He has covered every presidential campaign since 1976, two wars and the troubles in Northern Ireland. He moved to Washington for the Globe and served as White House correspondent and Washington editor, among other assignments. He has also driven an ice cream truck, shined shoes, waited tables, cared for the animals in a medical laboratory, worked as a construction worker, labored on an Israeli kibbutz and served as a gallery guard at the Masters golf tournament. He works now as a senior writer for The Center for Public Integrity in Washington. In 2001 he published "Tip O'Neill and the Democratic Century," a biography of the late Speaker of the House which won the Hardeman prize for the best book on Congress. An excerpt was included in "Pols: Great Writers on American Politicians," a 2004 anthology edited by Jack Beatty. Farrell's biography of the great American defense lawyer, "Clarence Darrow: Attorney For The Damned," will be published by Doubleday in June, 2011 and is available for pre-order on Amazon.

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