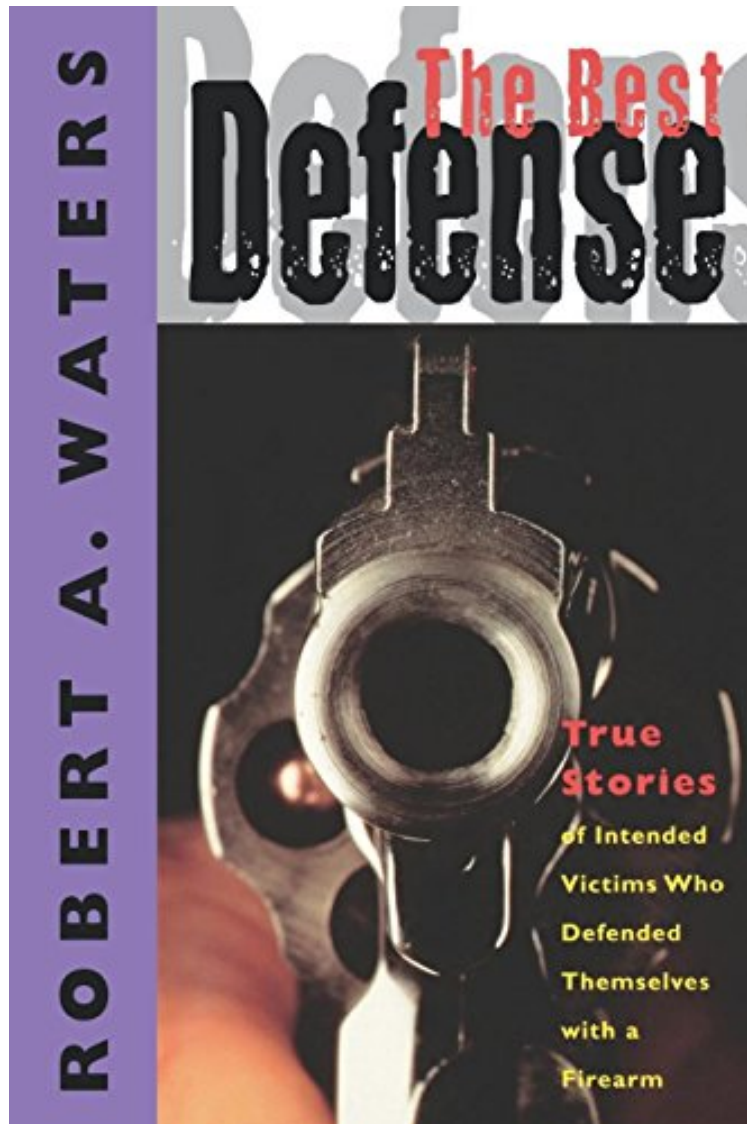


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Robert A. Waters : The Best Defense: True Stories of Intended Victims Who Defended Themselves with a Firearm before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The Best Defense: True Stories of Intended Victims Who Defended Themselves with a Firearm*:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Must read for anyone wanting to preserve their lifeBy Michael

Miller Similar to Massad Ayoob's classic text, *The Ayoob Files: The Book*, this book covers over a dozen real incidents. The author focuses more on the mental and emotional impacts of the crime on the victim's life whereas as Ayoob covers the legal and tactical aspects of attacks. Ordinarily, reading account after account would become tedious but the author skillfully keeps the action moving. He also includes brief commentary on concealed carry of firearms and the failures of the justice system. The greatest value to the reader comes from considering how the incidents described in the book would play out in the reader's life. Is your home safe from unwanted entry? How would you respond to a car jacking? Is your place of business a desirable target for criminals? If so, how might you react? How would you protect your loved ones? If you are attacked, you have little or no time to do something very important very quickly. This book provides you courses of action by seeing crimes through the experiences of others. It rates a place in the library of anyone wanting to preserve their life and lives of those they care about. 7 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Readable, but not earthshaking. By Curtis G If you read "American Guardian" magazine, you've probably read most of this book already, since Waters wrote the "Because I Was Armed" column, which consisted of condensed forms of the stories in this book. The stories are fleshed out a little for the book, but most of the new material is just padding. The stories are fascinating in themselves, but Waters pushes his hyperbole a little too far. An example from the chapter titled "High Noon": "The flashing lights from the police car stained the [white Jeep] Cherokee a bloody red." This in the middle of a sunny day, mind you. He also makes you think twice about whether he really knows his subject when he writes statements like "Turrisi picked up the pistol [a .45-caliber Model 1911], chambered a shell..." (A "shell"? A shotgun uses shells; a pistol uses "rounds" or "cartridges.") And again: "...Turrisi unlatched the safety on his .45." (Granted, "unlatched" might be technically correct, but it still makes me cringe; I "unlatch" a gate, I "disengage" a safety). While I'll continue to look to Massad Ayoob for more in-depth analysis, Waters has written a decent first book. It's a good, quick read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **THE BEST DEFENSE AGAINST CRIMINAL ATTACK IS A FIREARM!** By Detective Excellent book describing cases of civilians using firearms to protect themselves and their loved ones.. I personally knew the details of one of the shooting situations described in this book and the author got all the details correct.

It is estimated that every year 400,000 to 500,000 Americans use a firearm to defend themselves from violent attacks. Often lost in the statistics, however, is the dynamic of what happens when ordinary, law-abiding citizens are assaulted. What thoughts and feelings go through their minds as the events unfold? How do they react when suddenly thrust into life-or-death situations? *The Best Defense* is a collection of fascinating human interest stories of people who successfully used firearms to defend themselves and others against violent assaults. From Ohio, Florida, and Virginia to Missouri, Texas, Mississippi, and Montana, here is a dramatic portrait of what is at stake in the fight against crime at the level it occurs: victim vs. perpetrator. Here is living proof--thankfully living--that citizens do not have to be helpless in the face of crime and that in many cases self-defense proves to be law-abiding citizens' only opportunity to save themselves and their loved ones.