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WASHINGTON, DC-BASED MYSTERY NOVEL EARNS PRAISE

A recently released legal mystery novel set in Washington, DC has earned favorable reviews. The novel, *READY FOR THE DEFENSE*, by lawyer Mike Langan, is about first-year lawyer Hank Fisher, who must defend a United States senator in a criminal investigation by himself in order to find the person who killed his boss. Fisher's sleuthing uncovers an illegal campaign contribution and a possible connection to germ warfare.

Fisher's sleuthing also takes him across the greater-Washington, DC area, from Middleburg to Annapolis, and numerous places in between, including Manassas, Arlington, Great Falls, Georgetown, the Washington Harbour, Foggy Bottom, Dupont Circle and Capitol Hill. "[I]f you are familiar with the DC area, you will love this book," writes Kelly Davis of BookIdeas.com. "Having lived in the Washington, DC area for 14 years now, I was impressed by how well Langan knew the minutiae of DC."

It is no accident Langan knows the minutiae of DC. He lived in Arlington, VA for ten years, from 1991 to 2001. During that time he received both his Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and his JD from George Mason University. He then practiced white collar criminal defense for three years at the law firm of Piper Rudnick LLP (now DLA Piper), in Washington, DC. Langan currently lives in Syracuse, NY with his wife and two daughters.

But the realistic setting is not the only thing reviewers have liked best about the novel. "*Ready for the Defense* is a taut, well-written novel," Davis continues, "one of the best true-to-life crime dramas I've ever read." Agreeing are Dr. Tami Brady, of *Midwest Book Reviews*, and Richard Blake, of ReaderViews.com, both of whom are also impressed by the well-developed characters ensnared in the crime drama. The full reviews are available on Langan's website, MikeLangan.com.

READY FOR THE DEFENSE is available for purchase at several online booksellers, including Amazon, BarnesandNoble.com and TrebleHeartBooks.com. It is also available by special order at local bookstores (Treble Heart Books; May 5, 2008; ISBN 978-1-932-69570-0; Trade Paperback; \$13.50).

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