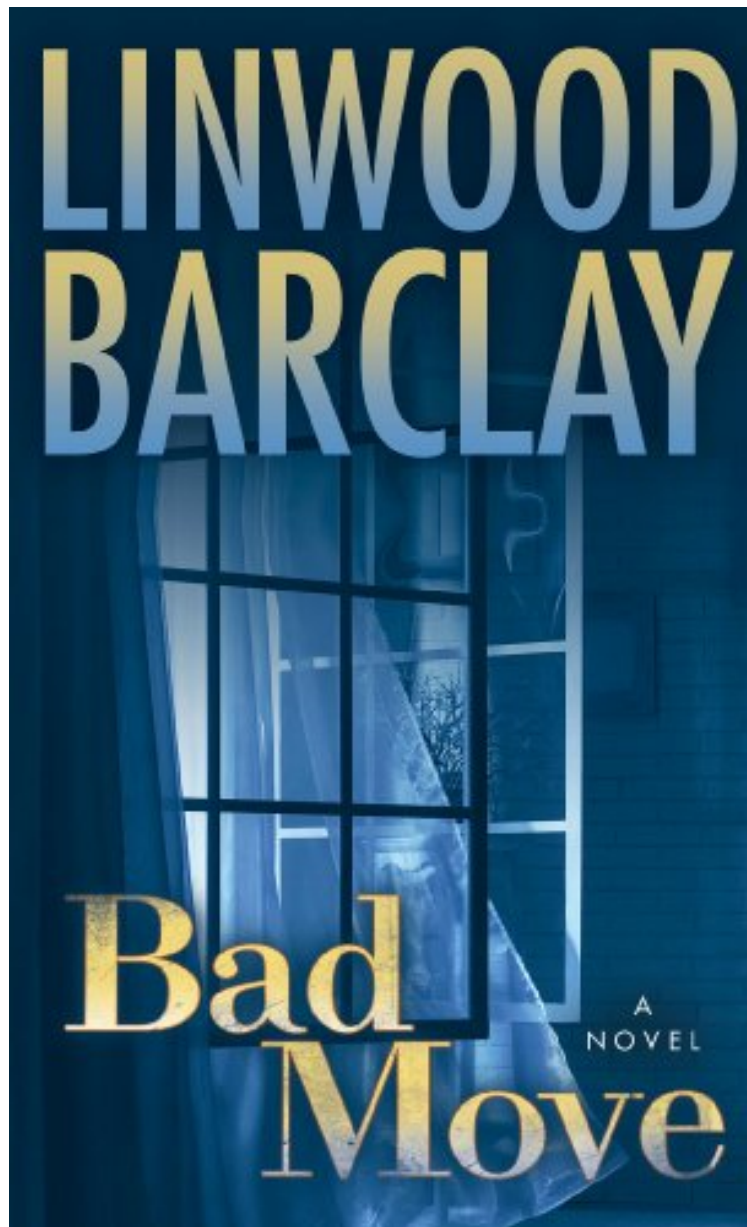


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Von Linwood Barclay : Bad Move (Zack Walker) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bad Move (Zack Walker):

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itself touches on several crimes and gathers speed after a slow start. This was the first "Zack Walker" novel I'd read and I'm not sure whether I'll read another because although the plot and story are entertaining, the Zack character himself could get a bit boring, if the other novels are along the same lines. I read this book on my Kindle and will probably download a sample of the second one of the series to see whether they are similar. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. How stupid can you get ... Von Willy Gerber Rather funny and nicely written story. But a guy stealing the purse of his own wife to teach her a lesson? One stupid move after the other. This is just not real. How stupid can you get ...? Linwood Barclay has written better books ("To close to home" or "No time for goodbye"). This is probably not my last Linwood Barclay, but certainly my last Zack Walker.

Kurzbeschreibung In the too-quiet town of Oakwood, only the lucky die of boredom and new homeowner Zack Walker isn't feeling lucky. Whoever said the burbs were boring will think twice after reading Linwood Barclay's hilarious debut mystery, in which Dad learns the hard way that he doesn't always know best. Zack wouldn't blame you for thinking he's safety-obsessed. True, he masterminded a plot to trade his family's exciting city lifestyle for one of suburban tranquillity. True, even after this strategic move, Zack still has issues with family members who forget their keys in the front door, leave their cars unlocked, or park their backpacks at the top of the stairs where you could kill yourself tripping over them. Just ask his wife, Sarah, or his teenage kids, Paul and Angie, who endure their share of lectures. Zack knows that he needs to chill out and assume the best for once, but we know what happens to those who assume. When Zack realizes their two-faced developer sent a petty thief to fix their leaky shower, he starts fighting hard to ignore the fact that Oakwood isn't the crime-free paradise he was hoping for. But his brief state of denial comes to an abrupt end when, during a walk by the creek, he stumbles across a dead body. Even more shocking, Zack actually knows who the victim is and who might want him dead. With a killer roaming around their neighborhood and Zack's overactive imagination in overdrive, he's sure things can't get any worse. But then another local is murdered and Zack's paranoid tendencies get him implicated in the crime. While his wife is trying to remember why she married him in the first place, and his kids are considering whether it's time to have him committed, Zack decides there's only one thing he can do. To protect his family and avoid being busted for a crime he didn't commit, he's going to have to override his safety-first instincts, tap into his delusions of machismo, and track down the killer himself. From the Hardcover edition. From Publishers Weekly: Riotously funny and irreverent, Canadian journalist Barclay's mystery debut is a rollicking good read. When Zack Walker, a sometimes cranky and always paranoid science fiction writer, moves with his family from the city to Valley Forest Estates, he soon finds that life in the suburbs can be dangerous, even deadly. Envious of a childhood friend who once found a drowning victim, Zack gets his wish and stumbles across the body of Samuel Spender, a zealous conservationist who'd been trying to prevent the final phase of Valley Forest's construction around the habitat of a rare salamander. In his campaign, Spender made several enemies, including the subdivision's sales manager, Don Greenway. Zack, who witnessed a heated argument between Spender and Greenway the day the conservationist died, is soon neck-deep in trouble when he finds a second body, a cache of cash and a canister of undeveloped film. Murder, blackmail and extortion are just the tip of the iceberg, as Zack realizes some very nasty people want what he has and will stop at nothing to get it. While Zack is an amazingly flawed hero, he's a breath of fresh air with no illusions about his odd compulsions and his limited abilities. His often exasperated wife Sarah makes the perfect comic foil. Fans of lighter crime capers will rejoice. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist: Paranoid science-fiction author Zack Walker, his wife, and two teenagers move from the city to the suburbs, where they hope to be safe from crime. But Zack still sees disaster in the making everywhere: front doors left unlocked, backpacks at the top of the stairs, and a curling iron left plugged in by his daughter. Therefore, Zack decides to teach his family a series of lessons so they will learn to be more careful. Teaching his wife to watch her purse while shopping leads to a series of events that spiral out of control, going from bad to worse, as Zack gets mixed up in fraud, blackmail, and murder. With the bad guys close behind, Zack, along with a couple of eccentric neighbors, must find a murderer before he and his family are hurt or killed. Fast pacing, well-drawn characters, and a look at the life of a science-fiction writer add to the pleasure of this humorous first-person account in which the suburbs turn out to be no guarantee of personal safety. Sue O'Brien Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved