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THE FINAL CASE

By David Guterson

“The Final Case” is a tender, closely observed and often surprising novel that achieves the intimacy — and occasional randomness — of a diary. David Guterson, best known to many as the author of the magical “[Snow Falling on Cedars](#),” again places a criminal trial at the center of his novel. But readers anticipating another artful courtroom thriller like Guterson’s prior book may find their expectations upended. In this novel, Guterson is not really writing about who done it, or even why. His subject is family love, and its silent passions grip the reader like a steady, racing current.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/11/books/review/the-final-case-david-guterson.html>

Skagit County couple sentenced to prison for adopted daughter’s death

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MOUNT VERNON — A Skagit County couple accused of starving, beating and forcing their adopted daughter outside as punishment were sentenced to prison for decades Tuesday for her death.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/skagit-county-couple-sentenced-to-prison-for-adopted-daughters-death/>