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**The Untold Story of an Innocent Man Behind Bars** Dec 13 2020 The Author, Elisha Smellie is a Minister of the Gospel at the Toronto Breakthrough Tabernacle, Canada. He is also the founder of the Vision of Genesis (VG39), which broadcasts live twice weekly on Facebook & YouTube. The Untold Story Of An Innocent Man Behind Bars, chronicles the events that led to this mandated book and the birth of VG39 Ministries. It takes us deep into the crevasse of every incident, every emotion and weaves us into the fabric of the materials sewn together to create a testimony of the power of a certain God in an uncertain situation. This book will ignite hope in hopelessness and increase your faith in a God who is faithful in every circumstance.

[Rigged Justice](#) Jul 20 2021 The former Stanford University sailing coach sentenced in the Varsity Blues college admissions scandal tells the riveting true story of how he was drawn unwittingly into a web of deceit in this eye-opening memoir that offers a damning portrait of modern college administration and the ways in which justice and fairness do not always intersect. For eleven years, John Vandemoer ran the prestigious Stanford University sailing program in which he coached Olympians and All-Americans. Though the hours were long and the program struggled for funding, sailing gave Vandemoer's life shape and meaning. But early one morning, everything came crashing down when Vandemoer, still in his pajamas, opened the door to find FBI and IRS agents on his doorstep. He quickly learned that a recruiter named Rick Singer had used him as a stooge in a sophisticated scheme designed to take advantage of college coaches and play to the endless appetite for university fundraising—and wealthy parents looking for an edge for their college-bound children. Vandemoer was summarily fired, kicked out of campus housing, his children booted from campus daycare. The next year of his life was a Kafkaesque hellscape, and though he was an innocent man who never received a dime was the first person to be convicted in what became known as the Varsity Blues scandal. A true story that reads like a suspense novel, *Rigged Justice* lays bare how a sophisticated scheme could take advantage of college coaches and university money—and how one family became collateral damage in a large government investigation that dominated national headlines.

[That Bird Has My Wings](#) Nov 23 2021 OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB PICK 2022 "When I think about the fact that society, a nation, has sentenced me to death, all I can do is turn inside myself, to the place in my heart that wants so desperately to feel human, still connected to this world, as if I have a purpose." The moving memoir of a Death Row inmate who discovers Buddhism and becomes an inspirational role model for fellow inmates, guards, and a growing public In 1990, while serving a sentence in San Quentin for armed robbery, Jarvis Jay Masters was implicated as an accessory in the murder of a prison guard. A 23-year-old Black man, Jarvis was sentenced to death in the gas chamber. While in the maximum security section of Death Row, using the only instrument available to

him—a ball-point pen filler—Masters's astounding memoir is a testament to the tenacity of the human spirit and the talent of a fine writer.

Offering us scenes from his life that are at times poignant, revelatory, frightening, soul-stirring, painful, funny and uplifting, *That Bird Has My Wings* tells the story of the author's childhood with parents addicted to heroin, an abusive foster family, a life of crime and imprisonment, and the eventual embracing of Buddhism. Masters's story drew the attention of luminaries in the world of American Buddhism, including Pema Chodron, who wrote a story about him for *O Magazine* and offers a foreword to the book. Thirty-two years after his conviction, Masters is still on Death Row. A growing movement of people believe Masters is innocent, and are actively working within the legal system to free him.

**An Innocent Client** Sep 29 2019 Burned out defense attorney Joe Dillard, against his better judgment, takes the case of Angel Christian, a waitress in a strip club, who is accused of stabbing a preacher to death in a Tennessee motel—a case that is linked to his own deeply troubled sister and a vindictive detective. Original.

[No Country for Old Men](#) Aug 28 2019 From the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Road* comes a "profoundly disturbing and gorgeously rendered" novel (*The Washington Post*) that returns to the Texas-Mexico border, setting of the famed *Border Trilogy*. The time is our own, when rustlers have given way to drug-runners and small towns have become free-fire zones. One day, a good old boy named Llewellyn Moss finds a pickup truck surrounded by a bodyguard of dead men. A load of heroin and two million dollars in cash are still in the back. When Moss takes the money, he sets off a chain reaction of catastrophic violence that not even the law—in the person of aging, disillusioned Sheriff Bell—can contain. As Moss tries to evade his pursuers—in particular a mysterious mastermind who flips coins for human lives—McCarthy simultaneously strips down the American crime novel and broadens its concerns to encompass themes as ancient as the Bible and as bloodily contemporary as this morning's headlines. *No Country for Old Men* is a triumph. Look for Cormac McCarthy's new novel, *The Passenger*.

[The Sun Does Shine \(Young Readers Edition\)](#) Dec 25 2021 *The Sun Does Shine* is an extraordinary testament to the power of hope sustained through the darkest times, now adapted for younger readers, with a revised foreword by Just Mercy author Bryan Stevenson. In 1985, Anthony Ray Hinton was arrested and charged with two counts of capital murder in Alabama. Stunned, confused, and only 29 years old, Hinton knew that it was a case of mistaken identity and believed that the truth would prove his innocence and ultimately set him free. But with a criminal justice system with the cards stacked against Black men, Hinton was sentenced to death. He spent his first three years on Death Row in despairing silence—angry and full of hatred for all those who had sent an innocent man to his death. But as Hinton realized and accepted his fate, he resolved not only to survive, but find a way to live on Death Row. For

the next twenty-seven years he was a beacon—transforming not only his own spirit, but those of his fellow inmates. With the help of civil rights attorney and bestselling author of *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson, Hinton won his release in 2015. With themes both timely and timeless, Hinton's memoir tells his dramatic 30-year journey and shows how you can take away a man's freedom, but you can't take away his imagination, humor, or joy.

**A Murder in Music City** May 06 2020 Tells the true story of how a cold case murder of a babysitter in 1964 Nashville was finally solved when a private citizen stumbled upon a secret file related to the case.

**Ultimate Punishment** Feb 01 2020 America's leading writer about the law takes a close, incisive look at one of society's most vexing legal issues Scott Turow is known to millions as the author of peerless novels about the troubling regions of experience where law and reality intersect. In "real life," as a respected criminal lawyer, he has been involved with the death penalty for more than a decade, including successfully representing two different men convicted in death-penalty prosecutions. In this vivid account of how his views on the death penalty have evolved, Turow describes his own experiences with capital punishment from his days as an impassioned young prosecutor to his recent service on the Illinois commission which investigated the administration of the death penalty and influenced Governor George Ryan's unprecedented commutation of the sentences of 164 death row inmates on his last day in office. Along the way, he provides a brief history of America's ambivalent relationship with the ultimate punishment, analyzes the potent reasons for and against it, including the role of the victims' survivors, and tells the powerful stories behind the statistics, as he moves from the Governor's Mansion to Illinois' state-of-the-art 'super-max' prison and the execution chamber. *Ultimate Punishment*, this gripping, clear-sighted, necessary examination of the principles, the personalities, and the politics of a fundamental dilemma of our democracy has all the drama and intellectual substance of Turow's celebrated fiction.

**The Innocent Man** Aug 21 2021 "John Grisham's first work of non-fiction, an exploration of small town justice gone terribly awry, is his most extraordinary legal thriller yet. In the major league draft of 1971, the first player chosen from the State of Oklahoma was Ron Williamson.

When he signed with the Oakland A's, he said goodbye to his hometown of Ada and left to pursue his dreams of big league glory. Six years later he was back, his dreams broken by a bad arm and bad habits - drinking, drugs and women. He began to show signs of mental illness. Unable to keep a job, he moved in with his mother and slept 20 hours a day on her sofa. In 1982, a 21 year-old cocktail waitress in Ada named Debra Sue Carter was raped and murdered, and for five years the police could not solve the crime. For reasons that were never clear, they suspected Ron Williamson and his friend Dennis Fritz. The two were finally arrested in 1987 and charged with capital murder. With no physical evidence, the prosecution's case was built on junk science and the testimo"

**Convicting the Innocent** Oct 11 2020 On January 20, 1984, Earl Washington—defended for all of forty minutes by a lawyer who had never tried a death penalty case—was found guilty of rape and murder in the state of Virginia and sentenced to death. After nine years on death row, DNA testing cast doubt on his conviction and saved his life. However, he spent another eight years in prison before more sophisticated DNA technology proved his innocence and convicted the guilty man. DNA exonerations have shattered confidence in the criminal justice system by exposing how often we have convicted the innocent and let the guilty walk free. In this unsettling in-depth analysis, Brandon Garrett examines what went wrong in the cases of the first 250 wrongfully convicted people to be exonerated by DNA testing. Based on trial transcripts, Garrett's investigation into the causes of wrongful convictions reveals larger patterns of incompetence, abuse, and error. Evidence corrupted by suggestive eyewitness procedures, coercive interrogations, unsound and unreliable forensics, shoddy investigative practices, cognitive bias, and poor lawyering illustrates the weaknesses built into our current criminal justice system. Garrett proposes practical reforms that rely more on documented, recorded, and audited evidence, and less on fallible human memory. Very few crimes committed in the United States involve biological evidence that can be tested using DNA. How many unjust convictions are there that we will never discover? *Convicting the Innocent* makes a powerful case for systemic reforms to improve the accuracy of all criminal cases.

**The Innocent** Jan 14 2021 NOW THE NETFLIX ORIGINAL SERIES EL INOCENTE! The bestselling author and creator of the hit Netflix drama *The Stranger* takes readers on an electrifying ride in this thriller that

peeks behind the white picket fences of suburbia—where one mistake can change your life forever. One night, Matt Hunter innocently tried to break up a fight—and ended up a killer. Now, nine years later, he's an ex-con who takes nothing for granted. His wife, Olivia, is pregnant, and the two of them are closing on their dream house. But all it will take is one shocking, inexplicable call from Olivia's cell phone to shatter Matt's life a second time...

**Theodore Boone: The Accomplice** Aug 09 2020 Theodore Boone is back on the case in an all-new adventure! Bestselling author John Grisham delivers a page-turning legal thriller for a new generation of readers. Theo has been worried about his good friend Woody Lambert. Woody is struggling at school and making bad choices. But when Woody is arrested—an unwitting accomplice to armed robbery—Theo knows he is innocent. Racing the clock while Woody sits in jail, Theo will do everything in his power to help his friend and save Woody from an unforgiving system where justice is not equal for all. Brimming with the intrigue and suspense that made John Grisham a #1 international bestseller and undisputed master of the modern legal thriller, Theodore Boone's trials and triumphs will keep readers hooked until the very last page.

**The Wrong Carlos** Jan 26 2022 In 1989, Texas executed Carlos DeLuna, a poor Hispanic man with childlike intelligence, for the murder of Wanda Lopez, a convenience store clerk. His execution passed unnoticed for years until a team of Columbia Law School faculty and students almost accidentally chose to investigate his case and found that DeLuna almost certainly was innocent. They discovered that no one had cared enough about either the defendant or the victim to make sure the real perpetrator was found. Everything that could go wrong in a criminal case did. This book documents DeLuna's conviction, which was based on a single, nighttime, cross-ethnic eyewitness identification with no corroborating forensic evidence. At his trial, DeLuna's defense, that another man named Carlos had committed the crime, was not taken seriously. The lead prosecutor told the jury that the other Carlos, Carlos Hernandez, was a phantom of DeLuna's imagination. In upholding the death penalty on appeal, both the state and federal courts concluded the same thing: Carlos Hernandez did not exist. The evidence the Columbia team uncovered reveals that Hernandez not only existed but was well known to the police and prosecutors. He had a long history of violent crimes similar to the one for which DeLuna was executed. Families of both Carloses mistook photos of each for the other, and Hernandez's violence continued after DeLuna was put to death. This book and its website ([thewrongcarlos.net](http://thewrongcarlos.net)) reproduce law-enforcement, crime lab, lawyer, court, social service, media, and witness records, as well as court transcripts, photographs, radio traffic, and audio and videotaped interviews, documenting one of the most comprehensive investigations into a criminal case in U.S. history. The result is eye-opening yet may not be unusual. Faulty eyewitness testimony, shoddy legal representation, and prosecutorial misfeasance continue to put innocent people at risk of execution. The principal investigators conclude with novel suggestions for improving accuracy among the police, prosecutors, forensic scientists, and judges.

**The Confession** Jun 18 2021 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • An innocent man is about to be executed. Only a guilty man can save him. In 1998, in the small East Texas city of Sloan, Travis Boyette abducted, raped, and strangled a popular high school cheerleader. He buried her body so that it would never be found, then watched in amazement as police and prosecutors arrested and convicted Donté Drumm, a local football star, and marched him off to death row. Now nine years have passed. Travis has just been paroled in Kansas for a different crime; Donté is four days away from his execution. Travis suffers from an inoperable brain tumor. For the first time in his miserable life, he decides to do what's right and confess. But how can a guilty man convince lawyers, judges, and politicians that they're about to execute an innocent man?

**Memoirs of an Innocent Man** Feb 24 2022 Two hundred twelve years is a long time. In the past 212 years, the automobile and the Internet were invented, two world wars were fought, and America separated and reunited once again. Two hundred twelve years was the sentence Dr. Ray Spencer was looking at when he entered prison. This would be a significant burden for anyone, but for Spencer, it was unbearable. He had received this sentence for a crime he did not commit. He would be locked up until the end of his life for absolutely no just reason. Worse still, Spencer was a law-enforcement officer. He would immediately be targeted by other prisoners for his perceived ties to the system that was punishing them all. Rather than ask to be placed in protective custody,

Spencer chose to remain with the general population. For the next twenty years, he hid his law-enforcement identity from the other inmates. Spending every day fearing for his life, Spencer recalls in *Memoirs of an Innocent Man* the many near misses, outrages, and surprises of daily prison life. Can he get away with the deception forever? Find out in this shocking memoir with an absolutely unforgettable ending.

[The Innocent Wife](#) Jun 06 2020 THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER You Love Him. You Trust Him. So Why Are You So Scared? Twenty years ago, Dennis Danson was arrested and imprisoned for the brutal murder of a young girl. Now he's the subject of a true-crime documentary that's whipping up a frenzy online to uncover the truth and free a man who has been wrongly convicted. A thousand miles away in England, Samantha is obsessed with Dennis's case. She exchanges letters with him, and is quickly won over by his apparent charm and kindness to her. Soon she has left her old life behind to marry him and campaign for his release. When the campaign is successful and Dennis is freed, however, Sam begins to discover new details that suggest he may not be quite so innocent after all. But how do you confront your husband when you don't want to know the truth? The winner of the Daily Mail First Novel Competition, Amy Lloyd's *The Innocent Wife* is gripping psychological suspense from a brilliant new voice in crime fiction.

[Steps of an innocent man](#) Jul 08 2020 The words are mine. The ideas are mine. The opinions are mine. This book tells my story in lyrics, my feelings, my fears. I try to express how I feel and my frustrations. I try to cross the barriers of my writing limitations, not always done. I do find it hard to actually put into words exactly what I am trying to say even when it seems the most easiest way to say it. Please enjoy, as we are not all here forever.

[And Justice for None - The Life and Death of an Innocent Man](#) Apr 16 2021 This story of two men wrongfully convicted of the rape/murder of a young woman spans the twenty-four years it took for justice to be served.

[Confessions of an Innocent Man](#) Aug 01 2022 "Every person wrongfully convicted of a crime at some point dreams of getting revenge against the system. In *Confessions of an Innocent Man*, the dream comes true and in a spectacular way."—John Grisham, New York Times bestselling author of *The Reckoning* A thrillingly suspenseful debut novel and a fierce howl of rage that questions the true meaning of justice. Rafael Zhattah relishes the simplicity and freedom of his life. He is the owner and head chef of a promising Houston restaurant, a pilot with open access to the boundless Texas horizon, and a bachelor, content with having few personal or material attachments that ground him. Then, lightning strikes. When he finds Tieresse—billionaire, philanthropist, sophisticate, bombshell—sitting at one of his tables, he also finds his soul mate and his life starts again. And just as fast, when she is brutally murdered in their home, when he is convicted of the crime, when he is sentenced to die, it is all ripped away. But for Rafael Zhattah, death row is not the end. It is only the beginning. Now, with his recaptured freedom, he will stop at nothing to deliver justice to those who stole everything from him. This is a heart-stoppingly suspenseful, devastating, page-turning debut novel. A thriller with a relentless grip that wants you to read it in one sitting. David R. Dow has dedicated his life to the fight against capital punishment—to righting the horrific injustices of the death penalty regime in Texas. He delivers the perfect modern parable for exploring our complex, uneasy relationships with punishment and reparation in a terribly unjust world.

[The Innocent Man](#) Oct 03 2022 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • John Grisham's first work of nonfiction: a true crime story that will terrify anyone who believes in the presumption of innocence. • LOOK FOR THE NETFLIX ORIGINAL DOCUMENTARY SERIES "Both an American tragedy and [Grisham's] strongest legal thriller yet, all the more gripping because it happens to be true."—Entertainment Weekly In the town of Ada, Oklahoma, Ron Williamson was going to be the next Mickey Mantle. But on his way to the Big Leagues, Ron stumbled, his dreams broken by drinking, drugs, and women. Then, on a winter night in 1982, not far from Ron's home, a young cocktail waitress named Debra Sue Carter was savagely murdered. The investigation led nowhere. Until, on the flimsiest evidence, it led to Ron Williamson. The washed-up small-town hero was charged, tried, and sentenced to death—in a trial littered with lying witnesses and tainted evidence that would shatter a man's already broken life, and let a true killer go free. Impeccably researched, grippingly told, filled with eleventh-hour drama, *The Innocent Man* reads like a page-turning legal thriller. It is a book no American can afford to miss.

**The Last Innocent Man** Mar 16 2021 Fearing that his otherwise brilliant performances in the courtroom are setting killers and rapists

free, attorney David Nash finds a chance for personal redemption in a client who is actually innocent. Reprint.

**The Innocent Man** May 30 2022 The unputdownable true story of a man sentenced to death for a crime he didn't commit by the master of the legal thriller! 'Chilling Because It's True' - The Times John Grisham's first work of non-fiction is his most extraordinary legal thriller yet. In the major league draft of 1971, the first player chosen from the State of Oklahoma was Ron Williamson. When he signed with the Oakland A's, he said goodbye to his hometown of Ada and left to pursue his dreams of big league glory. Six years later he was back, his dreams broken by a bad arm and bad habits - drinking, drugs and women. He began to show signs of mental illness. Unable to keep a job, he moved in with his mother and slept 20 hours a day on her sofa. In 1982, a 21 year-old cocktail waitress in Ada named Debra Sue Carter was raped and murdered, and for five years the police could not solve the crime. For reasons that were never clear, they suspected Ron Williamson and his friend Dennis Fritz. The two were finally arrested in 1987 and charged with capital murder. With no physical evidence, the prosecution's case was built on junk science and the testimony of jailhouse snitches and convicts. Dennis Fritz was found guilty and given a life sentence. Ron Williamson was sent to Death Row. If you believe that in America you are innocent until proven guilty, this book will shock you. If you believe in the death penalty, this book will disturb you. If you believe the criminal justice system is fair, this book will infuriate you.

**Letters to and from an Innocent Man: How Lies and False**

**Accusations Can Change a Man's Life** Nov 11 2020 Letters to and from an Innocent Man By: Maria Moeller-Hackler Jimmy and Maria were an average American couple living a simple life when an accusation of molestation changed their lives forever. Between May 2016 and May 2017, a bitter dispute between a former lover over parental rights resulted in an accusation of a years old case of molestation and a guilty conviction based on nothing more than false accusations and hearsay. Jimmy's past relationship with Kathy led to the birth of two daughters, although she also had a daughter from a previous relationship. The relationship was rocky from the beginning, marked with periods of strife, drinking, unemployment, and discontent. While the relationship was relatively short-lived, Jimmy continued to seek visitation with his two daughters. Jimmy's life, however, was instantly changed when Kathy's daughter accused him of molestation during the years they resided together. This story is about the events that followed and how Jimmy was tried and convicted in a corrupt court system that labeled him guilty with no evidence and little more than a young woman's claims, which likely came about as a result of Kathy's attempts to terminate Jimmy's parental rights to his daughters. This book brings to light the corruption of the courts and a system that doesn't seek to unearth the truth. It is a deeply personal account of Maria and Jimmy's fight against the courts, Letters to and From an Innocent Man includes personal—and often emotional and heartbreaking—letters between Maria and Jimmy as they seek to prove his innocence and set him free.

*Justice Perverted* Apr 04 2020 Rick Kogan, "Chicago Tribune: "Should be on the reading list of every journalism school and law school in this country." In 1983, Anthony Porter was convicted of the brutal double murder of Marilyn Green and Jerry Hillard. While sitting in the bleachers near Chicago's Washington Park swimming pool, the victims were shot multiple times at point-blank range. Porter was sentenced to death. In 1998, within fifty hours of Porter's scheduled execution, the Illinois Supreme Court granted a stay, pending a hearing on Porter's mental competency. At this point, journalism professor David Protess and his Northwestern University Innocence Project students took up Porter's cause. Soon, Porter was released from prison, and Alstory Simon, then a Milwaukee resident, was convicted of the Washington Park homicides. But that's not the end of the story. Nor is it all of the story. Simon himself has now been exonerated and is suing Northwestern University, David Protess, and two other individuals for more than \$40 million in punitive damages. This is the true story of how and why Alstory Simon replaced Anthony Porter in prison.

*Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* Sep 09 2020 The thrilling young mystery series from internationally bestselling author John Grisham! In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only thirteen years old, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. Theo knows every judge, policeman, court clerk—and a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom. But Theo finds himself in court much sooner than expected. Because he knows so much—maybe too much—he is suddenly dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and

only Theo knows the truth. The stakes are high, but Theo won't stop until justice is served.

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**Grace and Justice on Death Row** Feb 12 2021 A Washington Post bestseller! A chilling and compassionate look at how close an innocent man was to being put death with a foreword by Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*. What is worse than having a client on Death Row in Texas? Having a client on Death Row in Texas who is innocent and not knowing if you will be able to stop his execution in time. *Grace and Justice on Death Row: A Race Against Time to Free an Innocent Man* tells the story of Alfred Dewayne Brown, a man who spent over twelve years in prison (ten of them on Texas' infamous Death Row) for a high-profile crime he did not commit, and his lawyer, Brian Stolarz, who dedicated his career and life to secure his freedom. The book chronicles Brown's extraordinary journey to freedom against very long odds, overcoming unscrupulous prosecutors, corrupt police, inadequate defense counsel, and a broken criminal justice system. The book examines how a lawyer-client relationship turned into one of brotherhood. *Grace And Justice On Death Row* also addresses many issues facing the criminal justice system and the death penalty - race, class, adequate defense counsel, and intellectual disability, and proposes reforms. Told from Stolarz's perspective, this raw, fast-paced look into what it took to save one man's life will leave you questioning the criminal justice system in this country. It is a story of injustice and redemption that must be told.

**Convicted** Apr 28 2022 WINNER OF THE CHRISTOPHER BOOK AWARD • "A must-read for anyone who longs for the day when the dividing lines of race, class, and bigotry are finally overcome by the greater forces of love, forgiveness, and brotherhood."—Rev. Samuel Rodriguez Racial tensions had long simmered in Benton Harbor, a small city on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, before the day a white narcotics officer—more focused on arrests than justice—set his sights on an innocent black man. But when officer Andrew Collins framed Jameel McGee for possession of crack cocaine, the surprising result was not a race riot but a transformative journey for both men. Falsely convicted, McGee spent three years in federal prison. Collins also went to prison a few years later for falsifying police reports. While behind bars, the faith of both men deepened. But the story took its most unexpected turn once they were released—when their lives collided again in a moment brimming with mistrust and anger. The two were on a collision course—not to violence—but forgiveness. As current as today's headlines, this explosive true story reveals how these radically conflicted men chose to let go of fear and a thirst for revenge to pursue reconciliation for themselves, their community, and our racially divided nation.

**Getting Life** Sep 02 2022 "On August 13, 1986 ... Michael Morton went to work at his usual time. By the end of the day, his wife Christine had been savagely bludgeoned to death in the couple's bed--and the Williamson County Sheriff's office in Texas wasted no time in pinning her murder on [him] ... Michael was swiftly sentenced to life in prison for a crime he had not committed ... It would take twenty-five years--and thousands of hours of effort on the part of Michael's lawyers, including the team at the New York-based Innocence Project--before DNA evidence was brought to light that would ultimately set Michael free"--

**The Dreams of Ada** Mar 28 2022 For fans of *Serial* and *Making a Murderer*, the true, bewildering story of a young woman's disappearance, the nightmare of a small town obsessed with delivering justice, and the bizarre dream of a poor, uneducated man accused of

murder. On April 28, 1984, Denice Haraway disappeared from her job at a convenience store on the outskirts of Ada, Oklahoma, and the sleepy town erupted. Tales spread of rape, mutilation, and murder, and the police set out on a relentless mission to bring someone to justice. Six months later, two local men—Tommy Ward and Karl Fontenot—were arrested and brought to trial, even though they repudiated their "confessions," no body had been found, no weapon had been produced, and no eyewitnesses had come forward. *The Dreams of Ada* is a story of politics and morality, of fear and obsession. It is also a moving, compelling portrait of one small town living through a nightmare. "A riveting true story of a brutal murder in a small town and the tragic errors made in the pursuit of justice."—John Grisham

**Hell's Prisoner** Jun 26 2019 Prepare yourself for a journey into the Indonesian penal system, a world where murder, torture and fights to the death are the norm. *Hell's Prisoner* is the powerful story of one man's battle to survive in some of the world's cruellest and most inhumane prisons. Christopher Parnell, wrongly accused of drug trafficking, found himself catapulted into the maelstrom of madness and degradation that exists within Indonesian jails. Surrounded by murderers and sadistic, violent criminals, he soon learned that life can be as cheap as a bowl of rice or a cigarette. During his imprisonment, Parnell was subjected to unthinkable sessions of torture, both physical and psychological. Left to starve and fight every day for his survival, he was forced to eat everything from cockroaches to human flesh. This is an incredible tale of fatalism and bureaucracy, of corruption and the horrors of prison, but most of all it is a no-holds-barred account of what the human spirit can endure.

**Ghost of the Innocent Man** Jun 30 2022 One of the Best Books of 2017: National Public Radio, San Francisco Chronicle, Library Journal, Shelf Awareness "Remarkable . . . Captivating . . . Rachlin is a skilled storyteller." --New York Times Book Review "A gripping legal-thriller mystery . . . Profoundly elevates good-cause advocacy to greater heights--to where innocent lives are saved." --USA Today "A crisply written page turner." --NPR A gripping account of one man's long road to freedom that will forever change how we understand our criminal justice system During the last three decades, more than two thousand American citizens have been wrongfully convicted. *Ghost of the Innocent Man* brings us one of the most dramatic of those cases and provides the clearest picture yet of the national scourge of wrongful conviction and of the opportunity for meaningful reform. When the final gavel clapped in a rural southern courtroom in the summer of 1988, Willie J. Grimes, a gentle spirit with no record of violence, was shocked and devastated to be convicted of first-degree rape and sentenced to life imprisonment. Here is the story of this everyman and his extraordinary quarter-century-long journey to freedom, told in breathtaking and sympathetic detail, from the botched evidence and suspect testimony that led to his incarceration to the tireless efforts to prove his innocence and the identity of the true perpetrator. These were spearheaded by his relentless champion, Christine Mumma, a cofounder of North Carolina's Innocence Inquiry Commission. That commission--unprecedented at its inception in 2006--remains a model organization unlike any other in the country, and one now responsible for a growing number of exonerations. With meticulous, prismatic research and pulse-quickening prose, Benjamin Rachlin presents one man's tragedy and triumph. The jarring and unsettling truth is that the story of Willie J. Grimes, for all its outrage, dignity, and grace, is not a unique travesty. But through the harrowing and suspenseful account of one life, told from the inside, we experience the full horror of wrongful conviction on a national scale. *Ghost of the Innocent Man* is both rare and essential, a masterwork of empathy. The book offers a profound reckoning not only with the shortcomings of our criminal justice system but also with its possibilities for redemption.

**The Desert Murders** Dec 01 2019 "The Desert Murders: How Junk Science, Witness Contamination, and Arizona Politics Condemned an Innocent Man" reconstructs the case of Scott Lehr, a man sentenced to death in Arizona - despite abundant evidence of his innocence. In 1991-92, an epidemic of seven rapes in the desert outskirts of Phoenix mystified local law enforcement. Television and newspaper reports described the assaults against girls and women ranging in age from 10 to 47 as related, for the victims had all accepted rides from personable men, whom some of the women described as generally similar. The theory quickly evolved that one man - nicknamed the I-17 rapist or the baby-seat rapist - was guilty of all the attacks. When the bodies of Margaret Christorf, Michelle Morales, and Belinda Cronin were found in the desert over a six-month period, investigators assumed that the hypothetical serial rapist had committed those murders as well. Based

primarily on a vague resemblance among the cars used in some of the assaults, detectives arrested 32-year-old Scott Lehr, a devoted father of three with no criminal history. Lehr was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to two death sentences and 982 years in prison - despite troubling flaws in the investigation and blatant falsehoods in the testimony against him. "The Desert Murders" analyzes the crime investigations and offers a front-row seat on the prosecution of Scott Lehr. Exhaustively researched from police reports, trial transcripts, correspondence, interviews, and news articles, the book provides information the juries that convicted him never knew, including inconsistent eyewitness testimony, false allegations by the prosecution, scanty, possibly tainted forensic evidence, and the fact that similar crimes continued to occur in the area after his incarceration. In addition to detailed coverage of the crimes and the trials, the book includes chapters on Lehr's interaction with Maricopa County's Sheriff Joe Arpaio and on the botched 1991 Temple Murders case, which helped set the stage for Lehr's prosecution. "The Desert Murders" puts a personal face on such issues as the inadequacy of representation for poor defendants, the workings of plea bargaining, attorneys' and judges' human failings, and the probability of error in death penalty trials. Anyone concerned with injustice and the politics of the death penalty will want to read it.

Precious Victims Jul 28 2019 In June 1986 the police in Jersey County, Illinois accepted Paula Sims's story of a masked kidnapper who snatched her baby girl Lorelei from her bassinet. Three years later her second newborn daughter suffered an identical fate and this time the police were unable to stop searching until they had discovered the whole, horrifying truth. This is the full terrifying story of twisted sexuality and hate seething below the surface of a seemingly normal family, and of the massive investigation and nerve shattering trial that made the unthinkable a reality. Written by the lawyer who won the case and the reporter who covered its entirety, the reader is given a unique close-up of the riveting drama that unfolds, painting a dark picture of the depraved family who lived with a murderous secret.

**Oklahoma's Atticus** Sep 21 2021 Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1953: an impoverished Cherokee named Buster Youngwolfe confesses to brutally raping and murdering his eleven-year-old female relative. When Youngwolfe recants his confession, saying he was forced to confess by the authorities, his city condemns him, except for one man—public defender and Creek Indian Elliott Howe. Recognizing in Youngwolfe the life that could have been his if not for a few lucky breaks, Howe risks his career to defend Youngwolfe against the powerful county attorney's office. Forgotten today, the sensational story of the murder, investigation, and trial made headlines nationwide. Oklahoma's Atticus is a tale of two cities—oil-rich downtown Tulsa and the dirt-poor slums of north Tulsa; of two newspapers—each taking different sides in the trial; and of two men both born poor Native Americans, but whose lives took drastically different paths. Hunter Howe Cates explores his grandfather's story, both a true-crime murder mystery and a legal thriller. Oklahoma's Atticus is full of colorful characters, from the seventy-two-year-old mystic

who correctly predicted where the body was buried, to the Kansas City police sergeant who founded one of America's most advanced forensics labs and pioneered the use of lie detector evidence, to the ambitious assistant county attorney who would rise to become the future governor of Oklahoma. At the same time, it is a story that explores issues that still divide our nation: police brutality and corruption; the effects of poverty, inequality, and racism in criminal justice; the power of the media to drive and shape public opinion; and the primacy of the presumption of innocence. Oklahoma's Atticus is an inspiring true underdog story of unity, courage, and justice that invites readers to confront their own preconceived notions of guilt and innocence.

*Lance is an innocent man* Mar 04 2020 Lance is an innocent man, he never really did anything wrong and people just outright hate him so he wrote this book to prove to everyone that he's a good person and that he would never do anything wrong.

*Five Years of My Life* Oct 23 2021 A former prisoner at Guantanamo describes how he was arrested during a visit to Pakistan, sold to U.S. forces, and imprisoned, and how he endured years of torture, interrogation, and solitary confinement before being released.

An Innocent Man Oct 30 2019 500 years in the future, technology has changed. Humanity has not. One man's fate lies in the hands of a team of corrupt prosecutors bent on making their prosecutorial mark for personal gain. Standing in the path of injustice is Inspector Thomas Sullivan and an acquaintance from the past. Murder, political corruption, greed, and scandal combine for danger in Capital City on the frozen world of Beta Prime. At stake is a man's life, the very souls of others, and the integrity of the entire Planetary Alliance's justice system. Join Sully and his team as they try to exonerate An Innocent Man!

Strictly Personal Jan 02 2020 Strictly Personal documents a criminal conspiracy conducted by dishonest federal agents to incarcerate a man solely because he wouldn't inform on others. Their case was based on betrayal, deception, vindictiveness and malice.

*The Innocent* May 18 2021 America has enemies--ruthless people that the police, the FBI, even the military can't stop. That's when the U.S. government calls on Will Robie, a stone cold hitman who never questions orders and always nails his target. But Will Robie may have just made the first--and last--mistake of his career . . . THE INNOCENT It begins with a hit gone wrong. Robie is dispatched to eliminate a target unusually close to home in Washington, D.C. But something about this mission doesn't seem right to Robie, and he does the unthinkable. He refuses to kill. Now, Robie becomes a target himself and must escape from his own people. Fleeing the scene, Robie crosses paths with a wayward teenage girl, a fourteen-year-old runaway from a foster home. But she isn't an ordinary runaway--her parents were murdered, and her own life is in danger. Against all of his professional habits, Robie rescues her and finds he can't walk away. He needs to help her. Even worse, the more Robie learns about the girl, the more he's convinced she is at the center of a vast cover-up, one that may explain her parents' deaths and stretch to unimaginable levels of power. Now, Robie may have to step out of the shadows in order to save this girl's life . . . and perhaps his own.