Mark Godsey 2018-02-05 In this unprecedented view from the trenches, prosecutor turned champion for the innocent Mark Godsey takes us inside the frailties of the human mind as they unfold in real-world wrongful convictions. Drawing upon stories from his own career, Godsey shares how innate psychological flaws in judges, police, lawyers, and juries coupled with a "tough on crime" environment can cause investigations to go awry, leading to wrongful convictions. His stories are engaging, thoughtful, and surprising, offering an inside look at the human struggles that can lead to misjudgments and unfortunate outcomes.

A Mind for Murder

Tina Dirmann 2012-04-30 Thomas and Jackie Hawks had big plans. The couple wanted to sell their retirement home—a hard earned 55-foot yacht named Well Deserved—and move onto land to spend more time with family. So when a baby-faced buyer, Skylar Deleon, wanted to test drive the yacht, the Hawks were overjoyed. However, Skylar—with his troubled past as a flamed-out child actor, a dishonorably discharged Marine and a suspect in the mysterious deaths of his parents—was the farthest thing from a good investment. From Skylar’s first meeting with the Hawks, it was obvious that he was not the type of guy who was going to make a good investment. Skylar’s strange behavior, as well as the strange circumstances surrounding his parents’ deaths, made it clear that Skylar was not to be trusted. The Hawks had a gut feeling that something was not right, but they were unable to put their finger on it. They never could have imagined that their decision to trust Skylar would lead to a series of events that would change their lives forever. In the end, Skylar’s true intentions were revealed, and the Hawks were left to deal with the consequences of their decision to trust Skylar.
The People's Police
John D. Ehrlich 2020-02-21 In The People's Police, New York Times bestselling author John D. Ehrlich reveals the tragedy of the Watts Family, whose seemingly perfect lives played out on social media—but the truth was much less colorful. In the early morning hours of August 13th, 2014, Brandon Watts was shot dead at his home by a college friend returning from a breakup trip. It was not the first time such violence would occur in his life. By the next day, Brandon's sisters and young daughters, Delia and Celina, had reported missing, and he had been declared missing and endangered. John Watts, his younger brother, appeared on the local news, pleading for his family's return. But John Watts already knew that his social media followers were the only way he would ever see his brother again. Less than two hours after the disappearance, Watts made a shocking announcement to the public: he had intrigued John's propose with desire and surrounded their daughter, dumping her bodies in a wooded area of the Destruction. This left Watts with a sense of guilt and a profound, lifelong need for forgiveness. This is the story of Watts's quest for redemption, the tireless work he put into their daughter's case, and the unexpected discovery that would bring him the closure he had been searching for.

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Nightmare of Crime and Punishment
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