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***How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Worlds* Receives Multiple Honors, Including Firebird Book Award and American Legacy Book Awards Finalist Recognition**

Dr. S. Lee Funk's groundbreaking work on the inner narratives and interpretive frameworks of rampage killers continues to gain national attention.

Sacramento, Calif. — May 13, 2026 — *How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Worlds* by Dr. S. Lee Funk has received major recognition from multiple literary and review organizations, further establishing the book as an important contribution to the study of criminal psychology, violence prevention, and the social interpretation of extreme behavior.

The book was named a **First Place Winner in the “Crime” category** of the **International Firebird Book Awards**, recognizing its original and deeply researched examination of the cognitive patterns, personal narratives, and social meanings that shape how rampage killers understand themselves and the world around them.

Most recently, *How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Worlds* was honored as a **Finalist in the True Crime category** by **The BookFest / American Legacy Book Awards**, a competition recognizing titles from across the publishing industry over a fifteen-year span, from **2010 to 2025**.

In addition, the book recently received a highly favorable review from **The Chrysalis BREW Project**, further affirming its relevance to readers, scholars, and professionals interested in criminal psychology, violence studies, and the interpretive worlds behind acts of extreme violence.

Dr. Funk's book stands apart by moving beyond surface-level explanations and examining the internal worlds of individuals who commit acts of mass violence. Rather than treating these events as random or incomprehensible, the book explores how distorted meaning-making, grievance, identity, isolation, and social interpretation can combine into a dangerous worldview.

“This recognition is meaningful because the book was written to deepen public understanding of a very difficult subject,” said Dr. Funk. “If we want to better understand these tragedies, we must examine not only what offenders do, but how they interpret their lives, their grievances, and their place in the world.”

How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Worlds offers valuable insight for scholars, mental health professionals, criminologists, educators, law enforcement professionals, and readers seeking a more serious understanding of the psychological and social dimensions behind acts of extreme violence.

The favorable review from The Chrysalis BREW Project can be read here:

<https://thechrysalisbrewproject.com/BREW-directory/book-review-how-rampage-killers-interpret-their-worlds-by-s-lee-funk/>

About the Author

Dr. S. Lee Funk is the author of *How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Worlds*, a scholarly work examining the psychological, social, and interpretive processes that contribute to acts of rampage violence. His work focuses on understanding the internal narratives and worldview formation that can precede catastrophic acts.

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