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Dr. S. Lee Funk Wins 2026 Pacific Book Award for Best in Psychology for *Why Rampage Killers Emerge*

The honor marks the third major book award for Dr. Funk's examination of the conditions and characteristics associated with rampage violence.

Sacramento, Calif. — [DATE] — *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics* by Dr. S. Lee Funk has been named a **2026 Pacific Book Awards Winner for Best in Psychology**.

The award marks the third major recognition for the book, following its selection as a **Fall 2025 NABE Pinnacle Book Achievement Award Winner** and a **2025 Storytrade Book Awards Winner in the True Crime category**.

The Pacific Book Awards recognition is particularly significant for a work centered on understanding the psychological, social, and situational factors that may contribute to rampage violence. Rather than reducing these acts to a single cause or explanation, Dr. Funk examines the conditions and patterns that can interact over time and influence how individuals interpret themselves, other people, and the world around them.

"These recognitions are meaningful because the purpose of this work has always been to deepen the conversation," said Dr. Funk. "Rampage violence cannot be understood through headlines or simple explanations. We have to be willing to examine the psychological and social conditions involved with evidence, context, and care."

The book's recognition across Psychology, True Crime, and broader publishing achievement reflects the interdisciplinary nature of Dr. Funk's work and its contribution to informed discussion surrounding violence and prevention.

About the Book

Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics examines the conditions, characteristics, and patterns associated with rampage violence. The book offers a research-informed framework for considering how individual, psychological, social, and situational factors may interact over time.

About the Author

Dr. S. Lee Funk is the author of *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics* and *How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Worlds*. His work focuses on the psychological, social, and interpretive dimensions of rampage violence, with an emphasis on advancing informed public understanding and prevention-focused discussion.

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