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## **Dr. S. Lee Funk Earns 2025 NABE Pinnacle Book Achievement Award for *Why Rampage Killers Emerge***

The award follows the book's 2025 Storytrade Book Awards win in the True Crime category.

**Sacramento, Calif. — January 13, 2026** — *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics* by Dr. S. Lee Funk has been named a **NABE Pinnacle Book Achievement Award Winner for Fall 2025** by the **National Association of Book Entrepreneurs**.

The recognition follows another major honor for the book: its selection as a **Winner of the 2025 Storytrade Book Awards** in the **True Crime** category, where it was recognized “for demonstrating exceptional literary craft, excellence, and innovation.”

Together, these awards highlight the growing recognition of Dr. Funk's work and its contribution to informed, evidence-based discussion around violence, prevention, and the social and psychological conditions that can contribute to acts of extreme harm.

*Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics* examines the broader conditions, patterns, and characteristics associated with rampage violence. Rather than relying on simplified explanations, the book offers a careful framework for understanding how individual, social, and situational factors may interact over time.

“These awards are deeply meaningful because this work was written to encourage a more serious and responsible conversation,” said Dr. Funk. “Understanding why rampage killers emerge requires looking beyond headlines and assumptions. It requires evidence, context, and a willingness to examine difficult questions with care.”

The NABE Pinnacle Book Achievement Awards recognize books that demonstrate excellence in their respective categories. Dr. Funk's Fall 2025 award adds to the momentum surrounding his broader body of work on rampage violence, interpretation, and prevention.

### **About the Book**

*Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics* explores the conditions and characteristics associated with rampage violence, offering readers a research-informed perspective on one of society's most difficult and urgent subjects.

## **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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