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California Author Dr. S. Lee Funk Wins 2025 Storytrade Book Award for *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics*

California, USA – [Insert Date] – Dr. S. Lee Funk’s groundbreaking book, *Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics*, has been named a **Winner of the 2025 Storytrade Book Awards** in the **True Crime** category. The Storytrade judging panel praised the work for “demonstrating exceptional literary craft, excellence, and innovation.”

Published in 2024, the book examines the psychological, social, and cultural conditions that give rise to rampage killers. Unlike sensational accounts that focus on individual cases, Dr. Funk provides a rare scholarly perspective, combining decades of criminological research with real-world insights.

“This recognition is deeply meaningful,” said Dr. Funk. “My goal was to go beyond headlines and explore the human and societal factors that create these tragedies. I’m grateful the Storytrade Awards have acknowledged the importance of this work.”

The **Storytrade Book Awards** celebrate authors across genres who demonstrate originality, rigor, and impact. Winning titles are selected through a competitive process that highlights works of lasting significance and influence.

With over 30 years of research and teaching in criminology, Dr. Funk continues to advance public understanding of violence and its prevention. His work has been recognized internationally for bridging academic scholarship with practical application in law enforcement, education, and policy.

About the Book

Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics explores the common traits and conditions that influence mass violence. Drawing on case studies, research, and professional experience, Dr. Funk provides insights into prevention strategies and the societal changes needed to reduce the risk of future tragedies.


About Dr. S. Lee Funk

Dr. S. Lee Funk is a criminologist, author, and educator based in California. Specializing in the psychology of violence and criminal behavior, he has written extensively on rampage killings, offender decision-making, and the societal contexts that shape crime.

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