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***How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Worlds* Wins First Place in International Firebird Book Awards**

Sacramento, CA — October 26, 2025 — *How Rampage Killers Interpret Their Worlds* by **Dr. S. Lee Funk** has been awarded **First Place in the “Crime” category** of the **International Firebird Book Awards**, recognizing its groundbreaking contribution to understanding one of the most complex and pressing issues of our time.

The International Firebird Book Awards honor authors from around the world for excellence in writing, originality, and impact. Each year, entries are judged by a select panel of professionals in publishing, academia, and the literary arts.

Dr. Funk’s award-winning book provides a deep exploration into the minds of rampage killers—examining how they interpret their environments, construct meaning, and justify their actions through distorted internal logic. Drawing from extensive case analyses, the work sheds light on the psychological, cultural, and social frameworks that give rise to these tragic acts.

“This award affirms the importance of understanding—not sensationalizing—the psychology behind rampage violence,” said Dr. Funk. “Only by seeing how these individuals construct their worlds can we begin to identify intervention points and prevent future tragedies.”

A digital copy of the **First Place Award Certificate** from the International Firebird Book Awards accompanies this release and is also displayed on the *Traceable Evidence* website.

This honor follows growing recognition of Dr. Funk’s interdisciplinary work, which integrates psychology, sociology, and behavioral research to examine extreme violence and its broader social implications.

About the Author

Dr. S. Lee Funk is a behavioral researcher and author whose work explores the psychology of mass violence and decision-making under moral distortion. His writing bridges academic

insight with accessible storytelling to deepen public understanding of human behavior in extreme contexts.

About the International Firebird Book Awards

The **Firebird Book Awards**, hosted by Speak Up Talk Radio, celebrate excellence in independent publishing. Winners are selected for their originality, quality of writing, and contribution to their genre. A portion of entry proceeds supports homeless shelters and domestic violence survivors, amplifying the award's mission to give back through the power of storytelling.

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