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California Author Dr. S. Lee Funk Receives 2025 NABE Pinnacle Book Achievement Award for *Why Rampage Killers Emerge*

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Dr. S. Lee Funk's acclaimed book, **Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics**, has been named a **NABE Pinnacle Book Achievement Award Winner for Fall 2025** by the **National Association of Book Entrepreneurs (NABE)**. This most recent honor recognizes the book's contribution to nonfiction publishing and its impact on advancing public understanding of violence, prevention, and social responsibility.

Published in 2024, *Why Rampage Killers Emerge* examines the psychological, social, and cultural conditions that give rise to rampage violence. Rather than focusing on sensationalized individual cases, Dr. Funk offers a scholarly, evidence-based perspective grounded in decades of criminological research and real-world professional experience.

"This recognition affirms the importance of addressing violence through understanding rather than fear," said Dr. Funk. "My intent was to move beyond headlines and examine the broader human and societal conditions that contribute to these tragedies. I am honored that NABE has recognized this work."

In addition to the NABE award, the book was previously 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."

With more than 30 years of research and teaching in criminology, Dr. Funk's work continues to inform discussions on violence prevention, public safety, and policy. His scholarship is widely recognized for bridging academic research with practical application in law enforcement, education, and media analysis.

About the Book

Why Rampage Killers Emerge: Conditions and Characteristics explores the shared traits, environmental pressures, and psychological pathways associated with rampage violence. Drawing on case studies, empirical research, and professional insight, the book offers a

framework for understanding prevention and identifying societal changes necessary to reduce future risk.

About Dr. S. Lee Funk

Dr. S. Lee Funk is a criminologist, author, and educator based in California. His work focuses on the psychology of violence, offender decision-making, and the social conditions that shape extreme criminal behavior. He has written extensively on rampage killings and is recognized for his contributions to public discourse on violence and prevention.