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NIGHTMARE IN NAPA

BY PAUL LAROSA

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On Halloween night, 2004, two young women—a transplanted Southern beauty queen and a popular engineering graduate from the Napa area—were brutally stabbed by an intruder who entered their home through a first-floor window. **NIGHTMARE IN NAPA** (Pocket Star; April 2007; \$7.99) by Paul

LaRosa reveals the twin murders that horrified and shocked a community, especially because they occurred in Napa, California, the idyllic capital of one of the world's most beautiful wine countries.

The community was aghast and frightened that a serial killer or a satanic cult might be on the loose. But were the murders random or were they directed at one of the young women? A guessing game began in the Napa community—which one of the women was the intended target? There was talk that the killer had been going after the beauty queen. She was, after all, the new girl in town and had left a trail of broken-hearted men in her wake. The second victim was a local woman who had been raised in the nearby town of Calistoga.

As the murder investigation dragged on for months, no one was more frightened than the third young woman who had been in the house that night. She had escaped the killer only to find her two close friends bleeding to death. She could protect herself from obvious threats but what if the killer was not a stranger but someone from their inner circle, someone who knew all three of them?

NIGHTMARE IN NAPA is complete with up-to-the-minute court action and the stunning crime scene breakthroughs that turned the case around.

About Paul LaRosa:

Paul LaRosa is an Emmy Award-winning producer for the CBS newsmagazine *48 Hours*. He won a Primetime Emmy for the acclaimed CBS documentary *9/11*, and has also won a Peabody Award, a Christopher Award, and an Edward R. Murrow Award. For sixteen years he was a reporter for the *New York Daily News*, where he was the co-winner with Anna Quindlen of the Meyer Berger Award given by Columbia University's School of Journalism. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and their two children.

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