

A Conversation on *Anatomy of Innocence* and the Innocence Project

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Wrongful conviction is a nightmare, for the individual and for society.

Long thought to be rare anomalies in an otherwise sound justice system, in fact, convictions of innocent men and women happen with frightening regularity. In *Anatomy of Innocence: Testimonies of the Wrongfully Convicted*, fifteen high-profile crime writers tell the heartbreaking, harrowing, yet ultimately hope-filled stories of fifteen innocent people, each of whom was found guilty of a serious crime, cast into the maw of a vast and deeply flawed American criminal justice system, then eventually—miraculously—believed and exonerated.

Anatomy of Innocence editors Laura Caldwell and Leslie S. Klinger are joined by Linda Starr, co-founder and legal director of the Northern California Innocence Project, and contributor Laurie R. King to talk about the ways people are falsely convicted, how the Innocence Project works to exonerate them, and what happens to the people they help set free.

Laura Caldwell, bestselling author of 14 novels, practiced as civil trial attorney and is now a professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. She founded Life After Innocence to help exonerees re-enter society and reclaim their rights as citizens.

Leslie S. Klinger is a *New York Times*-bestselling, award-winning editor of many crime collections who practices business law in Los Angeles. Born and raised in Chicago, Klinger is a longtime supporter of Loyola University Chicago's Life After Innocence project and has volunteered his assistance on tax matters.

Linda Starr, professor at Santa Clara University School of Law, is the co-founder and legal director of the Northern California Innocence Project.

Laurie R. King is an award-winning, bestselling crime writer and president of Mystery Writers of America, NorCal, sponsors of this conversation along with Book Passage, the bookseller at the venue.

Free, but seating is limited—tickets here: <http://tinyurl.com/kqfxvjw>

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