

Crime scribe hopes 'Find My Killer' does just that

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By Ian Robertson

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New Book Talks About Randy Rankin Murder

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For more on Millar's book from the Toronto Sun, please click the first link below. For more information on Rankin, please click the second link below for a story from earlier this year by CTV Ottawa.

Hot on cold cases

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Book about unsolved murders just released

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By Andrew Palamarchuk

Patrick Jay Santos and his girlfriend were at separate downtown nightclubs in the early hours of Sept. 17, 2006. They briefly spoke on the phone at 5 a.m. The girlfriend asked Santos where he was. "I'll get back to you. I love you babe," was the reply. What happened in the next couple of hours remains a mystery.

Santos, 21, was found dead by his dad at 7:27 a.m. in the backyard of their Scarborough home.

The case is among 258 unsolved murders featured in a newly published book by retired Toronto Star reporter Cal Millar.

"The goal was to put together an open-ended Crime Stoppers appeal," Millar said. "The book is basically an appeal for people to call Crime Stoppers if they know anything about any of the crimes."

Find My Killer - Crime Stoppers: Unsolved Homicides, a 326-page paperback, highlights cases from both Canada and the U.S. Rewards for the cases total \$5.5 million.

"One of the things that relatives and friends of murder victims want is for an arrest," said Millar. "And interestingly enough they never ever get closure."

Police had said they don't have a motive in the Santos case and the killer was likely familiar with the victim and where he lived.

"Someone out there knows what happened. I need to know what happened," Santos' mom Juliet told The Scarborough Mirror in a 2007 interview. "He had so many dreams: to have his own auto shop, to move in with his girlfriend."

Another case featured in the book is of Mohamed Adbi Warsame. The 16-year-old North York boy told his mom he was going with friends to a movie theatre to see Iron Man the night of May 3, 2008. He never returned home. At 2 a.m. the next day, his mother Ayan Dahir called police to report the teen missing. He was found murdered 12 hours later in the stairwell of an apartment building on Cougar Court in Scarborough.

"He didn't have any friends that we know of at the building or that area. That's not the area where he used to hang out," family friend Faisa Mahamud said at the time. "We don't know what happened. We need answers."

Three other Toronto cases are featured in the book: the fatal shooting on May 21, 2007 of Mark Smith, 40, on Weston Road at Imogene Avenue; the June 23, 2001 shooting of Justin Shephard, 19, on the Howard Street foot bridge across Rosedale Valley and the Feb. 15, 2003 slaying of Edwardo Daley at the Etobicoke apartment building where he lived with his parents and sister.

Daley, 24, was a religious Christian and a Humber College student.

"He was a very friendly, caring, intelligent person. He was an achiever," Daley's pastor Rev. S. A. Morrison told The Etobicoke Guardian prior to the funeral. "We would like to see the perpetrator caught."

Other cases in Find My Killer include the shooting death of a federal prosecutor in Seattle, Washington; the killing of the sheriff's wife in Alexandria, Virginia; the homicidal beating of a homeless woman in Rochester, Minnesota; the murder of a clown in Canada and the slaying of a young girl in Arlington, Texas that led to the establishment of the Amber Alert system.

Millar spent nearly two years combing through newspaper articles, public records and computer files to get information about the crimes.

In some cases, police have the unidentified murderer's DNA. "And they've checked all the known criminals," Millar said. "But if they had somebody who would suggest who it might be, they would then be able to do a DNA sample and that would confirm yea or nay."

Millar, who is vice-chair of Halton Crime Stoppers, hopes his book will be put in prison libraries so inmates can read it. "The co-ordinator at Halton (Crime Stoppers) is going to see if he can get it up to the jail in Maplehurst. But that hasn't been done yet," he said.

Find My Killer is available at www.amazon.com

Tony Doucette Morning Show

**CBC Radio 1550 AM
Windsor, Ontario
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Fifteen minute interview with Tony Doucette regarding homicides in Essex and Lambton County and the slaying of a soon-to-be-married Windsor woman in New York City.

Region Briefs

London Free Press

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By Sun Media Staff

SARNIA - A former reporter is hoping his new book can breathe life into a number of unsolved homicide cases, including the slaying of a Sarnia woman 21 years ago. Cal Millar, formerly of the Toronto Star, has published *Find my Killer*, a book that highlights 250 unsolved homicides in North America. "A lot of work has been done on this case," he said of the 1988 Sarnia slaying of Morag Davies. The local real estate agent was fatally stabbed in the bedroom of her Retlaw Dr. home. Her killer has never been identified, but a suspect's DNA profile dominates the ongoing Sarnia police investigation. "That's key to this case," Millar said of the DNA evidence. "And there's probably someone out there who has a suspicion, but just hasn't voiced it."

New book highlights unsolved homicides in Niagara

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By Amanda Roth

Former Toronto Star reporter, Cal Millar, spent two of the five years since he left the profession working on a book, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, highlighting 250 unsolved homicide cases across North America.

Millar, 65, who volunteered for Crime Stoppers for 25 years, spent much of this time conducting research for his first book.

The book's title, *Find My Killer*, is drawn from a 2004 Crime Stoppers campaign, upon which Millar participated, that drew in many vital tips for the police to work with and consider in ongoing investigations.

The 326-page book highlights 26 cases from Ontario, four of which occurred in the Niagara Region.

Beginning in August of 1992, Niagara Falls resident Frank Perry, 62, was found dead in his home, after what an autopsy showed to be blunt-force trauma to the back of his head.

November of 1995 brought the second case, where Joseph Marsala, 47, was found dead on Kalar Road in Niagara Falls after being shot several times.

The final two occurred in 1999, when in January, retired shop teacher John Horvath, 75, was killed in his Welland home after what appeared to have been a break-in; and finally Nadine Gurczenski, 26, an exotic dancer from the GTA, was found in a ditch on a rural Vineland street in May.

Details of these four cases, as well as the rest in the newly released book, hold hopes that readers will identify with a case and contact Crime Stoppers with a tip that will help close many of these mysteries.

Millar's hopes are that the details provided within this book will help put the murderers of these victims behind bars.

Millar's book, *Find My Killer*, is available on amazon.com for \$21.95.

Local Woman's Death Featured In New Book

**Times Record
Fort Smith, Arkansas
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By Amy Sherrill

A 30-year-old unsolved homicide from the Fort Smith area is one of 250 cases featured in "Find My Killer. Crime Stoppers: Unsolved Homicides."

Written by Cal Millar, the book released last month highlights unsolved homicide cases in both the United States and Canada.

Millar, who retired as a reporter from the Toronto Star after a lengthy career, also has been involved with Crime Stoppers for the past 25 years.

Crime Stoppers, a nonprofit organization, works to bring the community, media and law enforcement together to solve crimes, according to the Crime Stoppers Web site.

The Fort Smith case featured in Millar's book is the kidnapping and homicide of Lois Maxine Ensey in the evening hours of July 19, 1979.

Ensey, 23, was working her second night at J's Nite Owl Grocery in Fort Smith when the store was robbed and she was kidnapped. Her body was not found until July 28, 1979, off Treece Road and U.S. 71 in Sebastian County.

Authorities were called at 7 p.m. July 19 by a customer who reported that there was no clerk at the store, 6400 Hwy. 271 S, and the property was unsecured.

A mother and her children were in the store minutes before and the mother told police then she felt extremely uncomfortable while she was at the store. The woman just bought milk and left the store hurriedly with her children because of two men who were there hanging out by the candy rack.

The case has joint jurisdiction between the Fort Smith Police Department and the Sebastian County Sheriff's Office. This past July, investigators with both departments met and planned to schedule a meeting of all former detectives who have worked the case. Many have retired from both departments since the case began more than 30 years ago.

"The purpose of this book is to acquaint the public with some of the unsolved homicides and hopefully trigger something in someone's mind that will produce the clues that police require to find a killer," Cal Millar said in a news release.

The first Crime Stoppers program began Sept. 8, 1976, in Albuquerque, N.M., and was the brainchild of a young detective working a homicide of a young college student, according to the Web site.

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A second case in Arkansas features a more recent case in El Dorado. While walking in the vicinity of a train yard near Pony Street in El Dorado, 51-year-old Walter Dewayne Bradley was killed during an argument with two men around 8:46 p.m. Sept. 11, 2007, according to the book.

Millar's book is being sold exclusively on Amazon.com.

Today, community and student Crime Stoppers programs are represented by the United States, Canada, Caribbean and Latin America, Europe, Australia, and the

South/Western Pacific, according to the program's Web site. Fort Smith's local Crime Stoppers, a cooperative between KFSM Channel 5 and law enforcement, may be contacted at 78-CRIME.

Retired reporter commits mysteries to paper

Oakville Beaver
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By Tim Whitnell

The unsolved murders of two Oakville residents are featured in a new book by a Halton writer.

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Find my killer **Former reporter pens book on 258 unsolved murders**

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The Adriano case in Oakville has been unsolved for nearly 30 years.

On Sept. 26, 1982, Halton police believe 25-year-old Delia Adriano was seen being forced into a vehicle near her central Oakville home.

It was seven days before Delia's birthday. The dark-haired woman was not seen again until her badly-decomposed nude body was discovered in a wooded area near Second Line and No. 3 Side Road in rural Milton on Nov. 6, '82.

She left behind her parents Augustino and Carmen and sisters Zelia, Lynn and Elena. The book's other Halton unsolved murder is that of William McIntyre. The 32-year-old OPP undercover officer was found shot to death in his Oakville apartment in April 1984. Other cases covered in Millar's book include the shooting death of a federal prosecutor in Seattle, Washington, the murder of a clown in Canada and the slaying of a girl in Arlington, Texas, which led to the Amber Alert system. Find My Killer is only available online from amazon.com. The book's cover price is \$21.99.

Heating up cold cases

Sarnia Observer
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By Tara Hagan

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The author and former Toronto Star reporter has released, "Find my Killer," which highlights 250 unsolved homicide cases in North America.

In most cases -- including the Sarnia murder -- police need only tiny fragments to piece together the puzzle and put the killers behind bars, Millar said.

"A lot of work has been done on this case," he said of the 1988 slaying of Morag Davies. The local real estate agent was fatally stabbed in the bedroom of her Retlaw Drive home.

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By documenting such cases, Millar said he hopes to acquaint the public with some of the unsolved homicides and hopefully trigger something in some-one's mind that will produce clues, he said.

"There are so many people affected by homicide," he said. "And our population moves around so much; a witness could be anywhere.

"There may be people living in the U. S. or other parts of the world that saw something when a murder occurred but are not even aware they witnessed a crime."

The Davies case file is still active, and is currently featured on the Sarnia Police Service website homepage.

"Anything in the public eye that keeps people talking is a good thing," said Staff Sgt. Chris Oram, who has been working on the case since the late 1990's.

Davies' body was found Aug. 25, 1988 by co-workers after she didn't report to work for two days. She was stabbed multiple times while dressed in sleepwear. The edged murder weapon has never been found.

A trail of blood leading away from her body caused police to believe the attacker was cut during a life-and-death struggle with the woman.

Police still receive "the odd phone call," said Oram, and are now in the process of digitizing the entire file -- which includes tens of thousands of pages

"We still continue seeking out DNA samples as we speak," said Oram. The killing of Davies is one of 26 Ontario murder cases in the book.

Some of the other homicides include the 1998 slayings of William Staples, 67 and his 38-year-old daughter, Rhonda Borelli, at their farm in a rural area of Hamilton; the mysterious shooting death in 2007 in Morewood of Randy Rankin, who played Koo-Koo the Clown, and the 1982 abduction and murder of Delia Adriano, 25, in Oakville.

Millar, who has been heavily involved in Crimestoppers for the past 25 years, spent nearly two years researching active and cold case murder investigations for the book. "I developed a very strong interest in Crimestoppers, and I can see how effective it is in getting the word out to the public," he said.

At least five cases that were scheduled to be included in the book were solved during the research and writing as a result of DNA technology, and an arrest was made in the slaying of Ronald and Christine Jabalee, 35 miles north of Detroit, Michigan, shortly after the preparation of the book, he said.

"It shows police are working hard to resolve all cases of homicide," he said. "And hopefully this book will help generate tips that will allow detectives to make arrests in all of these killings."

WOELK CASE FEATURED IN NEW BOOK

Killer still walks free over 5 years later

Leamington Post

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By Mark Ribble

A newly-published book is the latest effort to help Crime Stoppers solve more than 250 homicides across North America, including the murder of a Leamington woman five years ago.

Christine Woelk, 49, vanished on May 18, 2004, after she left a friend's home and was last seen driving her van west on Oak Street, apparently arguing with a male passenger. The vehicle was found on Point Pelee Drive two days later, and there were visible signs of a struggle inside the van. Her body was found May 25 at Black Willow Beach in Point Pelee. She had not been sexually assaulted and her body showed no signs of trauma. Her exact cause of death was never determined.

Five-and-a-half years later, the Woelk family still holds out for closure, although nothing new has developed on the case in awhile.

"We hope that someday, someone will come forward with information leading to an arrest," said Christine's brother, John Woelk.

Leamington Police Service detectives are still working on it, according to Constable Kevin O'Neil.

"The case is still active, and we still get information from time to time, but nothing new has developed. We ask anyone with information to call us."

The Woelk case is one of 26 Ontario murder cases in the book.

The case of Stacy-Ann Sappleton, a Windsor resident who was murdered in New York City in May 2004 is also featured in the book.

The author, Cal Millar, who retired after a lengthy career with the Toronto Star, spent almost two years researching and then writing about active and cold case murder investigations, many featured by Crime Stoppers programs in the United States and Canada.

The 326 page book, entitled *Find My Killer – Crime Stoppers Unsolved Homicides*, is available exclusively through Amazon.com and is being printed by one of Amazon's publishing subsidiaries.

Millar is hoping the attention focused on these slayings will turn up people who can provide information that will lead to the arrest of the killers.

"It's no secret that police need help to solve any crime, but sometimes the local media publicity the case receives just isn't enough to reach people who can provide investigators with solid leads," Millar said.

"It's possible there could be a witness in a neighboring city or 2,000 miles away who doesn't realize something they saw or heard might be the key piece of information that investigators are looking for to solve one of these cases," he said. "Today our populations are very transient and a person could have observed an individual in the vicinity of where one of these murders occurred, but is not even aware there was a killing."

Millar, who combed through newspaper articles, public records and computer files to get information on various unsolved crimes, said there is a potential of a worldwide audience seeing the book. "There's a chance a reader will recognize they saw something and realize their information is valuable to assist police in putting the perpetrators behind bars."

"It shows police are working hard to resolve all cases of homicide and hopefully this book will help generate tips that will allow detectives to make arrests in all of these killings," Millar said.

Crime writer's book includes two unsolved Windsor-area murders

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By Dalson Chen

A Toronto author is hoping his new book listing scores of North America's unsolved murders will generate new information about the cases — including two cases from the Windsor and Essex County area.

"There's no shortage of them, I'll tell ya," said Cal Millar, whose book *Find My Killer* was released Sept. 13.

The 326-page volume lists more than 280 open homicide cases in Canada and the United States, dating back to 1976.

Millar, 65, felt compelled to write the book because of his experience as a Toronto Star reporter and Halton Region Crime Stoppers board member.

The book is arranged alphabetically, with the last murder mentioned being the case of Christine Woelk.

The 49-year-old Leamington woman disappeared on May 18, 2004. A week later, her body was found on Black Willow Beach in Point Pelee National Park.

Her body showed no signs of trauma nor sexual assault. To date, investigators have not revealed the cause of death — or if they have even determined it.

Woelk's minivan was found parked among cottages on Point Pelee Drive. There were signs of struggle inside, including Woelk's glasses missing a lens.

Woelk was a mother of two grown daughters. She was a longtime employee of Leamington District Memorial Hospital.

The night that Woelk was last seen alive, she'd gone out with friends. She was later seen on Oak Street arguing with an unidentified man in the passenger seat of her minivan.

"Somebody has to know something," Millar said.

Mentioned elsewhere in the book is the killing of Stacy-Ann Sappleton, 26.

In May of 2004, the Jamaican-born Tecumseh resident was visiting the Queens borough of New York City. She was making arrangements for a wedding.

On May 10, her stripped body was discovered in a dumpster, badly beaten and shot three times.

Sappleton's murder has been featured on the crime show America's Most Wanted.

Not mentioned in Millar's book is the murder of Tecumseh resident Nancy Galbraith-Quick, a 40-year-old teaching assistant.

On the morning of Feb. 23, 2006, Quick was struck by a stolen minivan as she walked to work at St. William Catholic school in Emeryville.

Her injuries were fatal.

The vehicle fled the scene and was later found abandoned. Police consider the incident a homicide, and are still investigating it.

Millar said he hadn't known about Quick's murder.

More than a dozen other unsolved murders in Windsor and Essex County are also not listed in the book.

Millar said he depended on Crime Stoppers and police contacts to provide information on open homicide investigations, both active and cold.

"I collected somewhere around 500-plus cases," Millar said. "I have enough for a second book."

Asked why he wanted to write the book, Millar said he wanted to expand the reach of local media when it comes to appealing for tips on unsolved crime.

"The media does a fantastic job ... but it doesn't get past its boundaries, in most cases. Typically, the crimes in the book are ones that probably nobody has ever heard of outside of their local area."

Millar said he'd love for the book to end up in prison libraries, where it might be perused by "a captive audience" who could have fresh information.

Asked if he ever despairs from reading and writing so much about cases where people got away with murder, Millar said no — because he believes justice never stops pursuing them.

"Somebody's hunting them down. Somebody's on their trail. The book is going to remind them of that, as well. The police never forget the case."

Find My Killer is available for purchase online at Amazon.com.

Learn more about the Windsor and Essex County Crime Stoppers at www.catchcrooks.com.

Find My Killer Crime Stoppers:Unsolved Homicides

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Relatives of murder victims are hoping for justice

Each year about 17,000 people across North America are victims of homicide and the

family members or friends in cases that go unsolved ride a roller coaster of emotion while police work to find the killers. In many cases there are people who know those responsible for taking the life of another individual but for various reasons will not come forward and identify the killer. Crime Stoppers, which originated in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976, has worked to encourage people with the knowledge to solve crime to come forward and anonymously provide the information to police.

This book highlights approximately 250 unsolved homicide cases in both the United States and Canada where police need only tiny fragments of information to piece together the puzzle that will put the killers behind bars. Rewards for these cases total \$5.5 million.

Some of these homicides are high profile cases but others are run of the mill and have not received a great deal of publicity apart from coverage in the local newspaper or broadcast stations.

They run the gamut from contract murders, cop killings and homicides during robberies to deliberately set arson deaths, child murders and mysterious who-dun-its.

Cases include the shooting death of a federal prosecutor in Seattle, Washington; the killing of the sheriff's wife in Alexandria, Virginia; the homicidal beating of a homeless woman in Rochester, Minnesota; the murder of a clown in Canada and the slaying of a young girl in Arlington, Texas that led to the establishment of the Amber Alert system.

There may be people living in the United States or other parts of the world that saw something when a murder occurred but are not even aware they witnessed a crime.

They may have seen someone leaving a building or spotted a car driving from the scene. Because they are not residents in that area, they may not have heard that someone was killed and police are appealing for clues to help them identify the killer.

The purpose of this book is to acquaint the public with some of the unsolved homicides and hopefully trigger something in someone's mind that will produce the clues that police require to find a killer.

Cal Millar retired from the Toronto Star after a lengthy career as a reporter and has also been involved with Crime Stoppers for the past 25 years.

Find My Killer – Crime Stoppers: Unsolved Homicides is available exclusively at:
www.amazon.com

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This book will be available soon at the Tumbler Ridge Public Library.

Author aims to heat up cold cases

HOMICIDES:

Retired reporter publishes book in co-operation with Crime Stoppers

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By Peter Downs

One of them was found dead in a Vineland ditch 10 years ago.

The body of another turned up on a Niagara Falls road riddled with bullets 14 years back.

A third was found beaten to death in his Welland home. That murder was in 1999. And a fourth killing dates back all the way to 1992. Like the Welland case, the dead Niagara Falls man was found beaten in his home.

In addition to being victims of violence, the dead share one key thing in common -- all these years later, their cases remain unsolved.

But a Toronto writer is hopeful his new book will help heat up four prominent Niagara cold cases, as well as dozens of others across North America.

Cal Millar, a retired Toronto Star reporter, published a book earlier this month in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, highlighting 250 unsolved homicides.

Millar, 65, said he hopes his first book -- Find My Killer -- will generate tips from readers to help investigators put some of the murderers behind bars.

"With homicides, they do get the attention locally, but outside of that reach, nobody knows about it," he said in a phone interview from his home in Burlington.

Millar, who retired from journalism five years ago, spent much of the past two years conducting research for the 326-page book.

"I became engrossed in it. You start to get intimately involved in all the cases."

Among 26 cases from Ontario profiled in the book are four from Niagara.

They are:

- * Frank Perry, 62, who was found dead in bed in his Niagara Falls home on Aug. 27, 1992.

An autopsy confirmed he had been beaten in the back and head with a blunt object.

- * Joseph Marsala, 47, who was found dead on Kalar Road in Niagara Falls Nov. 3, 1995. He had been shot several times.

Marsala was known to police and had a lengthy record as a drug trafficker.

- * John Horvath, 75, who was killed in his Norway Avenue residence in Welland in early January 1999.

Police believe the retired shop teacher may have interrupted a break-in.

- * Nadine Gurczenski, 26, who was found dead in a ditch along Victoria Avenue in rural Vineland May 8, 1999.

Gurczenski was an exotic dancer from the Toronto area.

Inspector Cliff Sexton, who oversees the Niagara Regional Police major crime unit, welcomes any attention Millar's book may shed on the unsolved cases.

"We always operate on the premise that somebody out there knows something," he said.

Millar, who has volunteered for Crime Stoppers for 25 years, said he's confident a book will have more reach than typical news items on unsolved crimes.

He'd like to see the book on the shelves of prison libraries, where inmates could be lured into providing information by the prospect of a financial reward.

"Inmates have an awful lot of spare time," he said.

"You can always make a phone call from prison."

Crime Stoppers programs typically offer rewards of \$1,000 to \$2,000 for anonymous tips that lead to arrests in murder cases, he said.

Additional rewards adding up to more than \$5.5 million combined are being offered by various agencies and levels of government in relation to the 250 cases Millar profiled.

Dave Rutherford Nationally Syndicated Radio Show

Dave Rutherford
CHQR Radio 770 AM
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Half an hour interview with Dave Rutherford on Crime Stoppers and a number of cases in the book, including the deaths of Jane Johnson and daughter, Cathryn, near Calgary.

New true crime book features unsolved Chattooga case

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Christy Stephens, 13, of Chattooga County was murdered in 1990.

An unsolved Chattooga County murder is one of six in Georgia that are featured in the new book "Find My Killer: Crime Stoppers: Unsolved Homicides" by retired journalist Cal Millar.

The book takes a look at the death of Christy Stephens, 13, who disappeared in 1990 from her home in Chattooga County. She was last seen about 7 a.m. the morning of Oct. 1 by her family, and her body was discovered three weeks later within two miles of her home in a wooded area.

Her death was ruled a homicide.

Millar, who combed through newspaper articles, public records and computer files to get information on various unsolved crimes, said there is a potential of a worldwide audience seeing the book.

"There's a chance a reader will recognize they saw something and realize their information is valuable to assist police in putting the perpetrators behind bars," he said.

Newly released book covering unsolved homicides includes local case

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The slaying of an 18-year-old Miranda Fenner of Laurel nearly 11 years ago is one of 250 unsolved murders from across North America featured in a newly-published book titled "Find My Killer."

Miranda Fenner was attacked while working alone in a video store on Nov. 15, 1998, when confronted by someone. It's believed the murder occurred during a robbery and she was possibly killed to prevent her from identifying the suspect.

The author, Cal Millar, who retired after a lengthy career with the Toronto Star, Canada's largest newspaper, researched various homicides selected randomly from police and Crime Stoppers files in both countries.

Both Miranda Fenner's mother, Sherry Fenner and Laurel Police Chief Rick Musson said they were not contacted by Millar concerning his book that includes a recap of the 1998 homicide. Sherry Fenner has worked tirelessly since her daughter's death posting reward posters throughout the region asking people with information about her daughter's death to contact the Laurel Police Department at 628-8737 or the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department at 1-800-877-1082.

Although she hasn't read the account of her daughter's death in Millar's book, she said anything that continues to remind the public about what happened here nearly 11 years

ago is a good thing. "Maybe someone will call with the missing information needed to find Miranda's killer," she said.

The 326-page book, available exclusively from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) includes pictures of many of the victims and details of their lives which all ended so tragically. Rewards for the homicides portrayed in the book total more than \$5.5 million.

Millar, who spent almost two years combing through newspapers, public records and computer files to get information on various unsolved cases, said the Fenner homicide is typical of many killings across North America which do not attract a lot of national publicity.

"It's possible there could be a witness in a neighboring city or 2,000 miles away who doesn't realize something they saw or heard might be the piece of information that investigators are looking for to solve one of these cases," he said. "Today our populations are very transient and a person could have observed an individual in the vicinity of where one of these murders occurred, but is not even aware there was a killing."

Millar said police rely on information from the public to solve most crimes and unless the incident receives widespread publicity there's a high possibility witnesses to the incidents are oblivious to the fact they have vital information that police need.

"Hopefully this book which highlights a number of homicides selected randomly from across North America will be widely read," he said. "There's a chance a reader will recognize they saw something and realize their information is valuable and will assist the investigators in putting the killers behind bars."

Traditionally Crime Stoppers has utilized local newspapers and broadcast stations to seek information about unsolved crimes, but the appeals extend only to the newspaper's circulation area or the reach of the broadcast signals. Millar said the book has the potential of being read by people worldwide and provides another avenue for Crime Stoppers to expand the appeal to get information on some of the homicides that are featured.

"I would also like to see Crime Stoppers programs putting this book in the libraries of local holding facilities, jails and the nation's prison system," Millar said. "It's obvious there are inmates who can not only reveal information that will solve some of these murders, but who could also provide tips on all sorts of unsolved crimes that have occurred through the years."

Millar said some Crime Stoppers programs are providing playing cards to prisoners displaying information about unsolved incidents. "This book could be an extension of that program and I am convinced it would have some extremely positive results," he said.

The Fenner case created some difficulty for Crime Stoppers when the local executive director absconded with the reward money, but residents banded together and expressed confidence in the crime-fighting program after representatives of Crime Stoppers International traveled to Laurel to make sure the Crime Stoppers tipline was in place to receive anonymous calls.

Through the years police have followed up numerous leads, including some from Crime Stoppers, but they still don't have the information that will allow them to arrest Miranda's killer.

"I just hope there is someone who reads this book that will have information that will assist police to close the case," Millar said.

The book is being printed by CreateSpace, a publishing subsidiary of [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) which has worldwide distribution rights. He said CreateSpace is utilizing new technology that allows them to print books on demand when orders come in avoiding the necessity of printing and storing a large inventory of books.