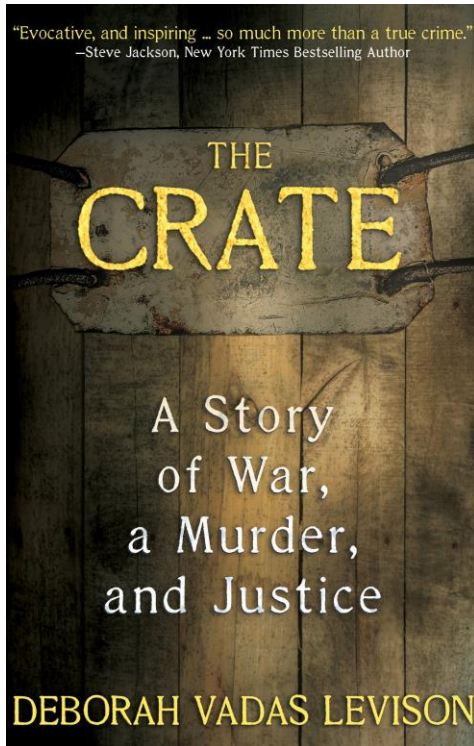


Debut author tells the true story of a grisly discovery – and a family of Holocaust survivors forced to confront evil at their doorstep



DENVER. June 5, 2018: After surviving the Holocaust – in ghettos, on death marches, and in concentration camps – a young couple seeks refuge in North America. They settle into a new life, certain that the terrors of their past are behind them. They build themselves a cozy little cottage on a lake, a cottage that becomes emblematic of their victory over the Nazis. The charming retreat is a safe haven, a refuge from haunted memories.

That is, until a single act of appalling violence defiles their sanctuary. Poking around the dark crawl space beneath their cottage, they discover a wooden crate, nailed tightly shut and almost hidden from view.

Nothing could have prepared them for the horror of the crate's contents – or how the peace and tranquility of their existence would be shattered.

[***THE CRATE: A Story of War, a Murder, and Justice***](#) is the debut book by author Deborah Vadas Levison (WildBlue Press, 2018). It recounts the true story of her family's discovery and its shocking aftermath.

Narrated by Levison in searing, lyrical prose, ***THE CRATE*** is the extraordinary true story of a gruesome crime and the family members it left reeling: the victim's mother and sister, along with Levison's elderly parents, her husband and young children, and her brother, a suspect. The book traces the effects of violence over generations, like a stone dropped into the middle of a pond that sends out ripples for years to come. It questions how violence can alter the texture of relationships and awaken long-buried traumas.

"***THE CRATE*** is true crime at its best," said K.J. Howe, Executive Director of ThrillerFest and bestselling author of *The Freedom Broker* and *Skyjack*. "Seamless prose, profound emotional texture, and a very human voice chronicle this unforgettable story."

Detective Dave Allen, lead investigator of the case, reflected on the real-life drama of the family being thrust into a police investigation. "The angle of this story is one not often told," he said. "These are bone-chilling facts weaved through a story of survival." Allen and his team of police officers won Investigation of the Year for their work in solving the murder.

Levison is an award-winning journalist whose columns and articles can be found throughout North America and beyond. She lives in Connecticut.

"This is a story of unspeakable evil – those who survived it, and those who didn't," Levison said. "It spans several decades, but its themes resonate today more than ever: of racial hatred and domestic violence; of refugees and the need for sanctuary; of leaving behind loved ones and struggling to make a fresh start.

"At its core, ***THE CRATE*** is a universal story about family, love, and loss," she added.

Reviewers hailed ***THE CRATE*** as "excellent," "first-rate," and "a necessary book that should be read as

much for its historical content as for its entertainment value.”

[THE CRATE: A Story of War, a Murder, and Justice](#) releases June 19, 2018 in print and e-book from WildBlue Press and audio by Tantor Media. To arrange an interview with the author or receive a review copy of the book, please contact WildBlue Press at promos@wildbluepress.com. More details, including a photo gallery of the people, places and events depicted, can be found on the author website at www.debbielevison.com.

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“Levison opens wide the door to her world full of memories.”

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