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Standing a few feet from where the killers opened fire on Ken Rex McElroy more than three decades ago, Harry N. MacLean tells the story of how he came to write his Edgar Award-winning book in his new true crime short, "The Story Behind 'In Broad Daylight.'"

MacLean had doors slammed in his face, guns pulled on him, and was bitten by a dog. Eventually, he won over the closed community of Skidmore, Mo. The inhabitants shared with him the reign of terror Ken Rex McElroy inflicted for twenty years in Northwest Missouri, and information about his murder on the main street of Skidmore in 1981. Despite 45 witnesses, the case remains unsolved. MacLean tells the story in his book "In Broad Daylight," first published in 1988.

"The Story Behind 'In Broad Daylight'" brings the book up to date and includes several previously unpublished pictures. It also answers many questions about the killing itself, such as who was involved, and what has become of them. The author discusses the nature of the moral consequences of the killing for the town and those involved in the killing. MacLean describes the breakthrough events when key characters agreed to speak with him, and he realized he would finally get the story.

"In Broad Daylight" was a New York Times bestseller for 12 weeks and was made into a movie starring Brian Denehy, Cloris Leachman and Chris Cooper. It was re-released as an e-book on Amazon on July 10, the 31st anniversary of the killing.

Praise for Harry N. MacLean's  
The Story Behind In Broad Daylight

"A riveting behind the scenes look at an author in pursuit of the story about the bully who brought down a town and paid for his sins with his life."

—Diane Fanning, author of "Mommy's Little Girl"

"Honest and intriguing. The riveting backstory of MacLean's true crime classic...a can't miss read!"

— Kathryn Casey, bestselling author of "Deadly Little Secrets"

"The Edgar Award winner takes readers right where they want to go—inside the story."

—Gregg Olsen, bestselling author of "'Fear Collector"

"To understand and truly experience any story in its absolute wholeness, one must go 'behind the scenes' and learn the mechanics of what made it so riveting in the first place. Here, Harry MacLean takes us on a thrill ride into the crazy world beyond one of the most compelling true-crime stories of our time."

— M. William Phelps, star of the hit Investigation Discovery series "Dark Minds" and national bestselling author of 23 books, including "Nathan Hale and his latest, "Kiss of the She-Devil"

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