



Arcade CrimeWise to Publish Yocum Thriller, *The Sacrifice of Lester Yates*

NEW YORK, NY (Sept. 24, 2020) – Arcade CrimeWise, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, has announced the signing of Edgar-nominated author Robin Yocum for the rights to his political thriller, *The Sacrifice of Lester Yates*.

The novel is scheduled for release April 6, 2021.

“We are thrilled to publish *The Sacrifice of Lester Yates*,” said Lilly Golden, a senior editor at Arcade. “This book is Robin Yocum at his best: suspenseful, political and smart. We’re looking for big things from this novel.”

The book marks the return of Hutchinson Van Buren, the protagonist in Yocum’s 2011 novel, *Favorite Sons*, which was the USA Book News Book of the Year for Mystery/Suspense.

Lester Yates is the notorious Egypt Valley Strangler, one of the country’s most prolific serial killers. Or, is he? Yates is two months from his date with the executioner when Van Buren, now Ohio’s attorney general, is presented with evidence that could exonerate him.

But Yates is a political pawn, and forces exist that don’t want him exonerated, regardless of the evidence. To do so could derail presidential aspirations and change the national political landscape. Yates’ execution will clear a wide political path for many influential people, including Van Buren, who must battle both the clock and a political machine of which he is a part.

Robin Yocum has been compared with E. Annie Proulx for his authenticity of place, and Elmore Leonard for his well-laid plots and perfect pacing.

The Sacrifice of Lester Yates retails for \$25.99. It is available for preorder.

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