Bestselling author William P. Wood spins this dark, riveting tale of a beloved Sacramento cop killed in a bizarre accident, and the hunt to track down his killer—a fast-paced thriller of murder, deceit, haunting pasts, and one man’s dangerous scheme to fight for those he loves.

Officer Tommy Ensor did not see the car that struck him down on a rainy night in California’s capital. No ordinary cop, Ensor is a hero, winner of the Medal of Valor, and a devoted family man who helps at-risk kids. But the hit-and-run driver isn’t ordinary either. He’s Judge Frank Stevenson an up-and-coming member of the bench. In a split second, his uncharacteristic reaction behind the wheel irrevocably changes his life and that of his family.

Detective Terry Nye, head of Major Crimes, is a just weeks from retirement. He’s trying to pack 30 years of hard lessons into that time for his new partner, Rose Tafoya, a young detective, who is smart, ambitious, and a bit insecure. Together, she and Nye are a powerhouse team. He’s determined to find Ensor’s assailant and make sure Rose doesn’t make the same mistakes he did, especially the unforgivable one that still haunts him.

Stevenson comes up with a brilliant scheme to throw Nye and Tafoya off the track. But even if it works, Stevenson is tormented by wondering how he can now sit in judgment of others.

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