The Prosecutors: A Year in the Life of a District Attorneys Office by Gary Delsohn

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Depicting American justice at its best and worst, The Prosecutors lifts the lid off today's legal system with details that are more shocking and graphic than any television show or bestselling novel.

Allowed unprecedented access to spend a year inside an urban prosecutors office, Gary Delsohn provides a riveting, behind-the-scenes look at how America's increasingly overburdened judicial system really functions. Seen through the eyes of the main characters in this true-life drama—John O'Mara, a tough, jaded homicide chief and Jan Scully, an accomplished former sex-crimes prosecutor who is now the D.A.—The Prosecutors shows us these dedicated public servants at work. The cases they encounter within this one year are as shocking as they are indelible:

* A simple robbery in Sacramento, California, goes bad and shatters a family forever.

* A serial killer is caught only after a nationwide manhunt.

* A well-respected doctor is accused of murdering his own daughter.

* A twenty-five-year-old cold case involving Patty Hearst and the SLA explodes and brings incredible pressure and scrutiny to the D.A.'s office.

* The son of a high-ranking California state prosecutor faces a possible death penalty for kidnap, rape, and murder.
The Prosecutors chronicles the real-life legal dramas that are waged daily in our courtrooms. It is a book that enlightens, educates, entertains, and even infuriates at times with the miscarriages of justice, but, ultimately, shows in stark detail the intricacies that make our legal system work.

My Personal Review:
An absolutely outstanding writer! This is a book you can't put down, but don't want to finish reading because you don't want the pleasure to end. The writer captures your interest from the very beginning and weaves his story through multiple cases, which are all in the legal process at the same time, but he does not lose the reader. His descriptions of tragic cases never reek of sensationalism, nor are they gory, yet the writer's style gets the message of mayhem across and exudes concern for victims' families without being schmaltzy. This is an incredible insider's view of all the players in local Sacramento law. What an eye opener. A peepers delight. What an incredible year of investigation this man lived! What a flawless recreation of those experiences! From time to time the reader has to remind themself that this is not fiction, this is reality, this occurred. What he writes is historical. Facts. While this is his first effort, this book leaves the reader yearning for his next novel. Please don't make us wait too long.

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