

# Former Correctional Officer Writes Riveting Fiction Set Behind Bars

*Karen MacLeish's 'He Had It Coming' gets re-print*

CHICAGO, IL, UNITED STATES, October 16, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As the truism goes, "write what you know." And as a former corrections officer, Karen MacLeish certainly knows what life is like behind bars. With life experience serving as a basis for her narrative, she penned a riveting and authentic novel following convicts trying to survive: "[He Had It Coming](#)." And now it is getting reprinted.

MacLeish's book follows Johnny Bates who is incarcerated in the minimum-security correctional facility and doing his best to stave off boredom. When he learns that one of the prison guards has committed a grave injustice against some convicts in the maximum-security wing,

he sets out to right the wrong. And finally have something interesting to do. Bates hatches a scheme to get in maximum security and has a joyful reunion with some old friends from his previous stay, convicts and guards alike. After this, he must work his way into the position he needs to complete his mission.

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But finding out the patterns of his target and other guards and inmates is not so simple. A lot has changed since his last stay and he finds himself violently thrust into the current conflicts between the inmates and the prison administration. Namely, juveniles who have been sentenced as adults.



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In the pages of "He Had It Coming," readers will have their expectations subverted as they follow

a convicted criminal's gambit to punish wrongdoing and exact justice. And MacLeish gives them a genuine look into prison culture, a way of living that is slightly out of step with that of free society yet similar in frightening ways.

"The book illustrates that prison is not entirely a war between good (security staff) and bad (convicts)," MacLeish elaborates, saying that it is a way of life with love and hate, fear and humor, and pleasure as well as hard knocks. "In prison as well as on the outside, life is what you make of it with the cards you're dealt."

#### About the Author

Karen MacLeish worked as a correctional officer in both maximum and minimum security prisons in the Midwest. Her career began when hiring women to work in male institutions was new. After relocating, she worked as an Intensive Surveillance Officer. Then she attended law school at the University of Arizona. She has had several short stories published in Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine, and has a new book, "[A Loaf of Dead, A Jug of Crime, and Thou](#)", an anthology of short stories just recently published.

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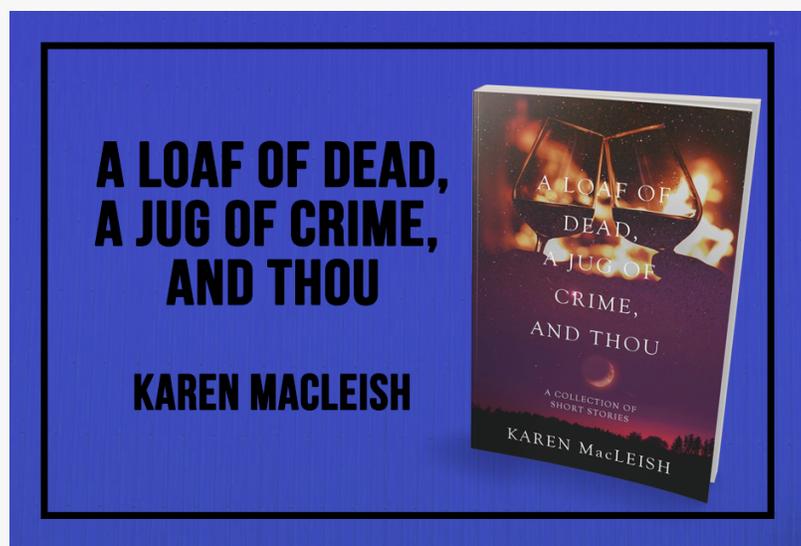
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