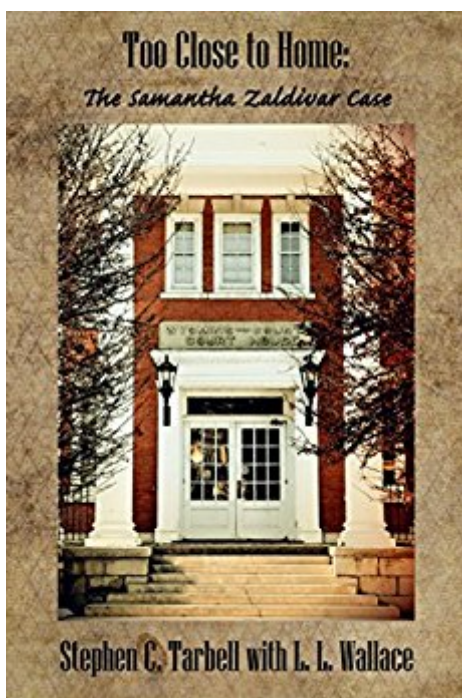


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Synopsis

There are some cases that a law enforcement officer can't forget. This is one of them. Seven-year-old Samantha Zaldivar is reported missing in February 1997. Despite the best efforts of the community and law enforcement to find her, it seems the first grader has disappeared without a trace until the forensic evidence leads a multi-agency task force to an ugly possibility. Months later, an unlikely turn of events reveals the young girl's fate, which rocks the rural county in Western New York. Dedicated and meticulous police work brings a murderer to justice, but not without a cost to those involved. Stephen C. Tarbell, a retired Wyoming County Sheriff's investigator shares his personal account of the investigation into the disappearance and murder of Samantha Zaldivar.

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This happened very close to where I am from. Very quick read, and well written. Very sad case for all involved.

Excellent! Well written account of a tragic crime. Could not put it down till I finished.

Great read; very well written!!

I was 13 years old when Samantha went missing. I remember watching the news and crying for her, praying she be found safe. Now 20 years later as I read this book it brings back all of those emotions. This book is very well written. The details are clear and easy to follow. As a member of Wyoming county I am extremely grateful for our law enforcement and all of those that helped to bring Samantha's killer to justice. I have also had the pleasure of knowing Mr Tarbell and his family almost my entire life. As a community we are all so blessed to have had him in our corner.

This is an extremely well written book. It describes all aspects of a criminal investigation which now I appreciate the long hours and dedication put in by all the agencies involved in this case. I have known the author for many years and his dedication to solving this case made the book so interesting.

I bought this book because I live in the county where it happened and I remember a lot of the story. I recommend it because it is an excellent book. It gives you insight into what happens behind the scenes in all of these cases and how hard the officers and investigators work to solve a crime. As an outsider we just want the criminal caught and punished, but this book shows you why it isn't that easy and how you get from the crime to the sentence. I found this book fascinating.

This is an excellent read by one of the primary investigators. The author takes us through all of the small but important details that are necessary to put together to make a case complete. It certainly gives you an appreciation for what law enforcement has to do to put together a case. While very detailed it is a fast read.

This book hit close to home since I know so many of those involved in the investigation, but it's so much more than that. The details of the murder investigation were so insightful, and the relentless pursuit of justice by our law enforcement personnel makes me proud. The killer was brought to justice by so many dedicated professionals and each step is laid out so well in this book. I read the book in one day as I couldn't put it down!

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