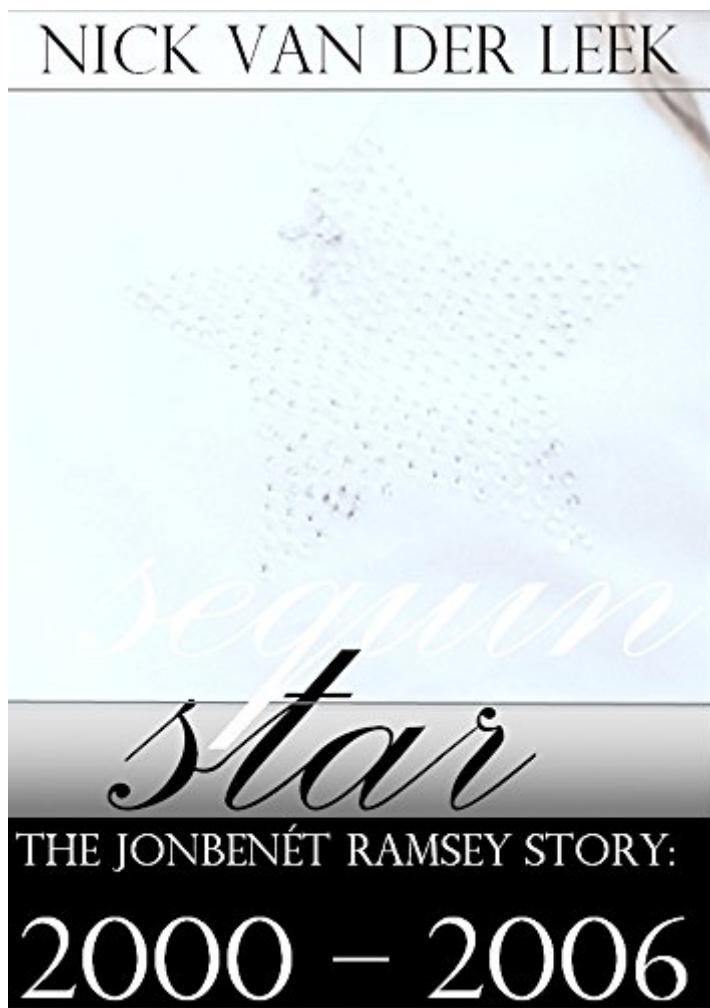


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Sequin Star: 2000 - 2006 (The JonBen t Ramsey Story Book 1)

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Synopsis

The sequin star trilogy interrogates the sixteen years of a "post-truth" surrounding the unsolved JonBenét Ramsey case. The first narrative spans nine lawsuits, two books, John Ramsey's first political campaign and the circumstances surrounding Patsy's death all during the first six years after the Grand Jury trial was railroaded. It also interrogates the psychological fabric holding these "sequins" together. Besides testing aspects from the original timeline, the sequin star narrative examines the arch account of the Ramsey case; that treatise of "post-truth" penned by the prime suspects themselves, as well as the writer of the arch counter-narrative, detective Steve Thomas. In this narrative, writes LA-based true crime researcher Lisa Wilson, we will seek parallels between some of these historiographical concepts and the criminological elements of this case. The Logos is the first "day" of Christmas, when "word" is made "flesh", when a star is born, where God enters into the world he has made in the form of a baby. How this literally translates to this case, adds van der Leek, is through lawsuits. These lawsuits were essentially a bickering contest over semantics. "From 2000 onwards the Christmas spirit is inverted. Instead of peace, joy and love for all mankind, words are made cash. Whenever the Ramseys won their suits, millions flowed back to them. Investigative journalist Nick van der Leek plumbs the Justin Ross Harris case to seek insight and potential allegory into how a reckless and distracted parent may attempt to conceal this fact. The Harris case induces a real star in the death of a child. The son is killed by the power of the sun acting in the closed cubicle of Harris' vehicle. The test is whether this is intentional or not? Does Harris have a shiny record as a parent or a heart of darkness? Are Harris' claims plastic or authentic? Through their sequin star narratives van der Leek as narrator and Wilson as researcher go far further into the human story and deeper into human psychology than the veneers of other narratives anchored to this particular crime. The sequin star series is an attempt to understand through the Ramseys in Boulder what our society was and is becoming, and who we are becoming. Is there a cosmic significance to the extinguishing of a single tiny star in the curtain of night above a small hamlet? Can today's society stand as JonBenét did, perched under a gigantic but artificial star on the edge of a Continental divide, and know what it is to fall from those dizzying, glittering heights into an abyss?

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Customer Reviews

Can't wait for part 2 too be released!!!

Readers: give yourselves up to this next Ramsey case trilogy. This is the stuff! This relentless post-mortem of the gratuitous post-truth of this investigation is van der Leek & Wilson better-than-ever! You will be angered, energized and well-informed in ways that will likely spill into your own personal battles with post-truth abuses of your intelligence (from your consumption of the current media - to calling out a fraudulent bill-collector- you won't take anything passively at face-value anymore after reading these trilogies!) The authors prove once again that they are more than equal to the job of translating to the reader the psychological and behavioral "black holes" that swallow up the human spirit of those who shine and are burned by the blinding starlight and reflected glory of manufactured fire.

This book, and the ones following in this series, are for people who are into true crime cases that have never been solved. There's much to be discovered in them, facts that weren't known if one just follows media coverage. The mental exercises that are set forth within are really eye-opening when it comes to psychological behavior.

I read Sequin Star II first, then I. Very very powerful books, comprehensive, thorough, with a poetic

intensity that quite frankly blew my mind. If you are interested in this case and do not wish to be led down a primrose path of irrational suppositions, then these books are for you. I will continue to expand my knowledge of interesting crime stories via the authorship of Van Der Leek and Wilson and I highly recommend their story telling to all. Pauline

I am a huge fan of Nick and Lisa and this is the most in depth look at the Jonbenet Ramsey case I have ever read. They brilliantly use an analogy which compares the sequin star found on the poor little girl to the many bizarre misdirections within the case. I enjoy the sarcasm and humor inserted when needed to break the intensity. I also enjoy the many links to photographs and video clips. Very much looking forward to sequin star part 2 and a huge thanks to the authors for tackling this mammoth case and breaking it down for those who 20 years later want to know what really happened.

I am a fan of Nick and Lisa's collaborations, and a fan of their newest installment in the Ramsey series as well. The symbolism of the sequin star JB wore in death is artistically woven throughout the narrative, in a poignant way. Just when you think you know all there is to know about JonBenet's murder. . .

Very good detail and insight definitely for advanced readers of this case. Intriguing ideas and theories very believeable and interesting.

Biased conclusions by the author.

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