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## **One of America's Darkest Moments Revealed: The Mormon Church and its Secret**

(Irvine, CA) – Charles M. Larson has written a masterpiece of historical fiction that exposes one of America's most obscured tales of murder and scandal.

In 1857, Mormon followers of Brigham Young were sworn to secrecy and silence for a massacre they committed at Mountain Meadows, Utah. 150 years later a deranged killer seeks nothing less than to avenge the massacre by exposing a secret that promises to bring the entire structure of the Church of Latter Day Saints crashing to its knees.

An entire family is found hanged, murdered in their quiet suburban home in southern Utah. A cryptic message left on the wall, "FOR AND ON BEHALF OF DUDLEY LEVITT, WHO IS DEAD. DAN. 9.11," casts suspicion on Utah's polygamous underground. The murder is viewed as a terrorist threat against the governor for his recent crackdown on polygamists, and Homeland Security enters the fray. Along with Orrin Christensen of Utah Attorney General's Office, agent Bill Woodard traces lead after lead as another family is found murdered, followed by another and another.

The investigators journey deep into contemporary Mormon thought and culture in an attempt to discover the killer's motive, but the only common thread that ties the murders together proves baffling. It appears as though the killer is staging vicarious executions using descendents of the perpetrators of the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre as stand-ins for the hangman's noose.

*Destroying Angel* propels the reader headlong into the fascinating and little understood world of Mormonism and its polygamous subculture as it exists in the American West. In this fast paced tale of murder – both modern and ancient – is found a critical contribution to the understanding of Mormon history in what one critic has called "...the first accurate portrayal that both sides may accept."

Please contact Uriah Cho at Zyrus Press for an advanced copy of *Destroying Angel* or to arrange an interview with Charles M. Larson. Reviews, book signings and additional information are also available at [www.zyruspress.com](http://www.zyruspress.com). Media Contact: Uriah Cho at [ucho@zyruspress.com](mailto:ucho@zyruspress.com).

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