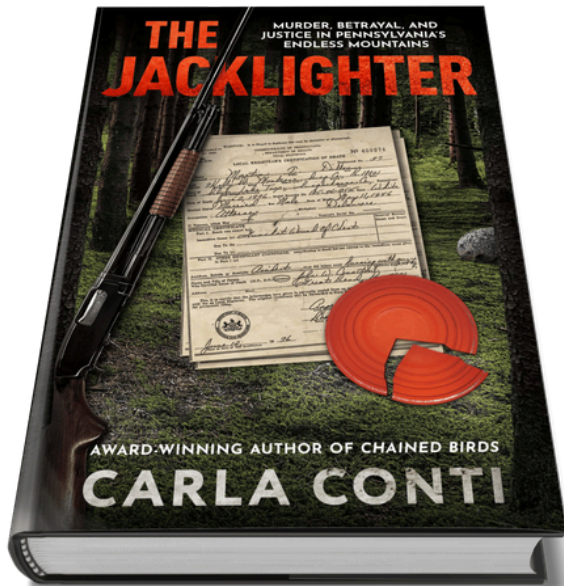


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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Carla Conti is a former investigative journalist who covered the police beat and criminal courts, and the award-winning author of *Chained Birds: A Crimemoir*. Her next book, *The Jacklighter: Murder, Betrayal, and Justice in Pennsylvania's Endless Mountains* releases in Fall 2026.

She has appeared on over a dozen podcasts and radio shows, and publishes *Crimemoir Confidential*, a true crime newsletter with 5,000+ subscribers on Substack.

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AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW

Carla Conti is available to speak with reporters and editors about the Dillon case and *The Jacklighter*.

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ABOUT THE JACKLIGHTER (DUE FALL 2026)

In the shadows of Pennsylvania's Endless Mountains, attorney Martin Dillon went hunting with his best friend—and never came home. The official story seemed straightforward: a tragic accident during an afternoon of skeet shooting. But when the only witness was Dr. Stephen Scher, the man having an affair with Dillon's wife, the victim's family refused to believe it.

Then Scher did the unthinkable: he married Dillon's widow and raised her children as his own, living a stolen life for 20 years—until Martin's body was exhumed. Some secrets never stay buried.

The Jacklighter follows a decades-long quest for justice that tore apart a small Pennsylvania town and a prominent family. From the suspicious "accident" in 1976 to an explosive murder trial 20 years later—to the killer's eventual release from prison—award-winning author Carla Conti uncovers the dark secrets beneath Montrose, Pennsylvania's Victorian charm: betrayal, forbidden love, and a killing method as cowardly as it is calculated.

With unique access to hometown victims and key witnesses, Conti reveals how one shotgun blast shattered multiple lives and tested whether justice can survive when everyone in town thinks they already know the truth. **And in a revelation never before made public, Conti uncovers the one secret that could have changed everything—and the reason it was never told.**



"Chained Birds was mesmerizing. I finished it in 2 days. I'm sitting on pins and needles waiting for *The Jacklighter*."

— Reader Ann, from Palm Harbor, Fla



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