

The Ulster County Department of Social Services' Safe Harbour Program Presents:

A Conversation With Rebecca Godfrey

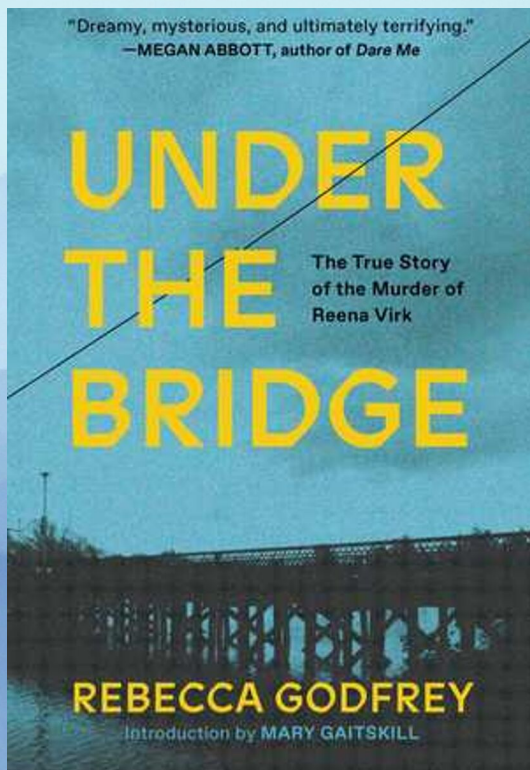
Selected readings and discussion of her acclaimed true crime book,
Under the Bridge: The True Story of the Murder of Reena Virk

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In this award winning tour de force of true crime reportage, author and professor Rebecca Godfrey investigates the 1997 beating and murder of a teenage girl by her peers. *Under the Bridge* is not just a true crime story - it's also a thought provoking & urgent look at issues of identify, race, class, gender, gang culture, policing, the legal system and restorative justice. Drawn from more than three hundred interviews, Godfrey catapults us back to 1997 and into the bedrooms, classrooms, parties, detention centers, foster homes, police stations, and courtrooms in a seemingly idyllic town in the Pacific Northwest.



"Under the Bridge offers an insightful perspective into the challenging & disturbing pressures of adolescent life in the 21st century. A must read for parents and educators."
- ***New York Daily News***

Rebecca Godfrey is the author of the novel ***The Torn Skirt*** and ***Under the Bridge***, winner of the Arthur Ellis Award for Excellence in Canadian Crime writing. She holds an MFA from Sarah Lawrence College and is a recipient of fellowships from Yaddo and the MacDowell Colony. She teaches writing at Columbia University and lives with her family in New York.



Opening Remarks by Michael A. Iapoco, Commissioner of the Ulster County Dept. of Social Services

Introduction by Jackie Arsenuk, Safe Harbour Coordinator for Ulster County Dept. of Social Services

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