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The Fifth Reflection
A Dot Meyerhoff Mystery
By Ellen Kirschman

**A Missing Child. An Eccentric Mother. An Obsessed Investigator. And a Police
Psychologist Trying to Help Them All... At Her Own Peril.**
**DOT MEYERHOFF RETURNS IN 2017'S MOST REALISTIC, RIPPED-
FROM-THE-HEADLINES MYSTERY**

“Ellen Kirschman is one to watch. She [...] provides intimate knowledge of police procedures, sort of like ‘Law & Order’ on steroids.”
-- BookReporter.com

“Brilliantly written. Compelling [and] profoundly realistic.”
-- Foreword Reviews (*The Right Wrong Thing: A Dot Meyerhoff Mystery*)

Since the 2013 release of Ellen Kirschman’s debut novel, *Burying Ben*, readers and critics alike haven’t been able to get enough of Dr. Dot Meyerhoff – a fifty-something police psychologist whose “expertise and warmhearted humanity” (*Publishers Weekly*) bring refreshing perspective, depth and nuance to the often machismo-dominated contemporary mystery fiction community. From the who’s-who of police procedural authors to law enforcement professionals to book clubs across the country, Kirschman’s *Dot Meyerhoff Mystery* novels have been enthusiastically praised for their stunningly realistic portrayal of police work – and kept readers in nail-biting suspense to the very last page.

On July 11, 2017, Kirschman’s highly anticipated third *Dot Meyerhoff Mystery* novel ***The Fifth Reflection*** [Oceanview Publishing] will be released, pulling Dot into the vortex of another terrible crime... this time involving an eccentric photographer whose sultry images of children make her a prime suspect in the disappearance of her own daughter.

In ***The Fifth Reflection***, the principal investigator in the case is a young officer whose dedication to work and obsession with finding the missing child is tearing his own family apart. Trapped between her allegiance to the investigator, her complicated connections to the photographer, and her unstable relationship with the police chief, Dot must find a way to help everyone involved. As Dot’s psychological expertise and determination contribute to solving the

mystery, her involvement with the missing child's extended, dysfunctional family brings her face-to-face with painful issues of her own.

A chilling, intimate look at the psychological strain of investigating Internet crimes against children, the complexities of being married to a cop, and the deadliness of jealousy, *The Fifth Reflection* is, like previous *Dot Meyerhoff* mysteries, strongly informed by Kirschman's background as a veteran clinical psychologist and much awarded authority in the field of police psychology.

"As a police psychologist, I've always understood that investigating crimes involving children is one of the most emotionally difficult assignments law enforcement professionals can undertake," says Kirschman. "What I didn't know until I started researching *The Fifth Reflection* was the magnitude of Internet crimes against children."

"I wrote this book to entertain," she continues. "Still, I ask my readers to not forget the real human suffering that inspired me to write it."

A heart-pounding page-turner that takes readers through an emotionally fraught journey that lifts the veil on the not-seen-on-TV realities of life in the force, *The Fifth Reflection* is a not-to-be-missed addition to this year's contemporary mystery landscape – and will be available wherever books are sold as of July 11, 2017.

About the Author:

Ellen Kirschman, PhD, has been a police psychologist for thirty years. She is the recipient of the California Psychological Association's award for distinguished contribution to psychology, as well as the American Psychological Association's award for outstanding contribution to the practice of police and public safety psychology. Dr. Kirschman is the author of award-winning non-fiction, including *I Love a Cop: What Police Families Need to Know* and *Counseling Cops: What Clinicians Need to Know*. Her acclaimed *Dot Meyerhoff* Mystery fiction series includes *Burying Ben* (2013), *The Right Wrong Thing* (2015) and, as of July 2017, *The Fifth Reflection*.

Find Dr. Ellen Kirschman on [Twitter](#), [Goodreads](#) and <http://www.ellenkirschman.com/>

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