

# Sacramento Book Review



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## **Fresh Kills**

*By Bill Loehfelm*

*Putnam, \$24.95, 336 pages*

When John Sanders, Sr. dies, his son John Sanders, Jr. and daughter Julia reunite in their childhood home on Staten Island. After years on violence and abuse, John snaps and goes down a dangerous and destructive path to seek justice, at first because he wished it was him that murdered the man. Two detectives stand in his way—one an old friend and the other a veteran block—both acting as detours to his mission of vengeance. Hooking up with his childhood sweetheart further puts him down as the roller



coaster of emotions bring him deeper into memories of a hateful childhood. All the while, his sister is secretly hiding her own pain while being the responsible sibling and getting her dead father's memorial and funeral set up. When John finally comes within reach of revenge, he must make a decision to stay on the path of violence or to make the even more painful choice: changing and turning his life around.

Bill Loehfelm is a wonderful author who takes the bland "tough guy out for revenge" story and turns it into a spectacular read.

Reviewed by James Rojek