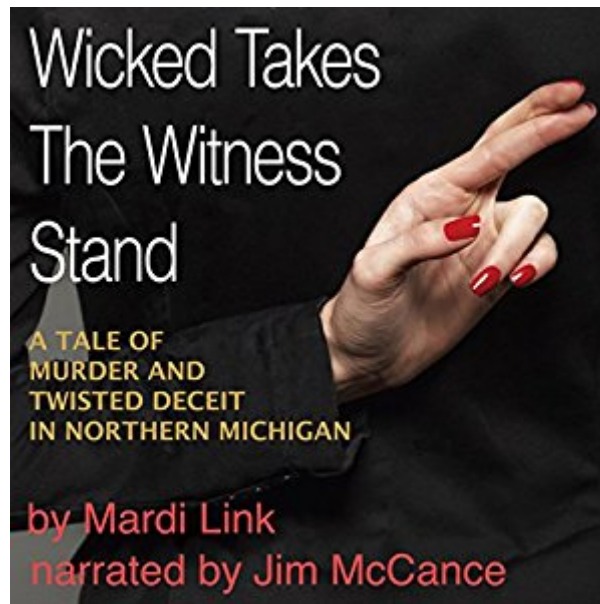


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# Wicked Takes The Witness Stand: A Tale Of Murder And Twisted Deceit In Northern Michigan



## Synopsis

A New York Times best seller! On a bitterly cold afternoon in December 1986, a Michigan State trooper found the frozen body of Jerry Tobias in the bed of his pickup truck. The 31-year-old oil field worker and small-time drug dealer was curled up on his side against the truck's bare metal, pressed against the tailgate, clad only in jeans, a checkered shirt, and cowboy boots. Inside the cab of the truck was a fresh package of expensive steaks from a local butcher shop, the first lead in a case that would be quickly lost in a thicket of bungled forensics, shady prosecution, and a psychopathic star witness out for revenge. Multiple award-winning author Mardi Link's third book of Michigan true crime, *Wicked Takes the Witness Stand*, unravels this mysterious and still-unsolved case that sucked state police and local officials into a morass of perjury and cover-up, and ultimately led to the separate conviction and imprisonment of five innocent men. This unbelievable story will leave the listener shocked and aching for justice.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a really amazing book. First of all, everyone who has ever intersected the portion of The Twilight Zone known as Otsego County, Michigan should read this book. Likewise, it should be mandatory reading for every high-school student in Northern Michigan and is strongly recommended for everyone who lives in small or remote communities where criminal networking within local government occurs as a matter of routine. Now, finally, more than a quarter century after this wicked and utterly ludicrous true story began, readers can receive a reasonable, fair, and

largely unbiased condensed examination of unspeakably evil behavior perpetrated by prosecutors, police, and perhaps judges against five entirely innocent men, two of whom spent nearly eight years imprisoned not only for a crime they did not even commit but for a death which may simply have been nothing more than a drug overdose. If this story were a novel, it would be gut-wrenchingly horrifying. The fact that it actually happened and that (presumably) every detail written is supported by court documentation is the most horrifying aspect of all. This can happen to absolutely anyone who happens to live in any place where the police and courts operate as a single gang Hellbent on pursuing its own goals, regardless of justice or decency.

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