Larry Edwards unmasks the emotional trauma of violent loss and PTSD as he ferrets out new facts to get at the truth of how and why his parents were killed.

In 1977, Larry’s parents, Loren and Joanne “Jody” Edwards, left Puget Sound aboard their 53-foot sailboat Spellbound, destined for French Polynesia. Six months later they lay dead aboard their boat in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, with their 20-year-old daughter unconscious and bleeding from head wounds.

The FBI named Larry’s younger brother as the prime suspect in its murder investigation. But federal prosecutors never indicted him, leaving the case unresolved and the family split into feuding factions.

Three decades later, a dispute over how to respond to a true-crime book by Ann Rule—which contained an inaccurate portrayal of the incident—ripped the tattered family even farther apart.

In Dare I Call It Murder?—A Memoir of Violent Loss, Larry unveils the devastating impact the tragedy had on him and his family, not only at the time but years later.

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