



Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00

**"In the Evil Day: Individual Rights, Town Government, and
the Crime that Stunned the Nation"**

Presented by: Richard Adams Carey

On August 19, 1997, in little Colebrook, New Hampshire, a 62-year-old carpenter named Carl Drega, a man with long-simmering property rights grievances, murdered state troopers Scott Phillips and Les Lord at a traffic stop in a supermarket parking lot. Then Drega stole Phillips's cruiser and drove downtown to settle some old scores. By the end of the day three more were dead, Drega among them, and four wounded. Occurring on the eve of America's current plague of gun violence, this tragic event made headlines all over the world and shocked New Hampshire out of a previous innocence. Touching on facets of North Country history, local governance, law enforcement, gun violence, and the human spirit, Richard Adams Carey describes a community that was never a passive victim but rather a brave and resilient survivor.



Richard Adams Carey is a writer whose byline has appeared in magazines ranging from *Alaska* to *Yankee*. He is the author of four award-winning books of literary nonfiction, including *Raven's Children: An Alaskan Culture at Twilight* (a New York Public Library Book to Remember) and *Against the Tide: The Fate of the New England Fisherman* (the New Hampshire Literary Prize for Nonfiction). A Connecticut native, Harvard graduate, and long-time New Hampshire resident, he has taught school in the Alaskan Bush, odd-jobbed on a Western ranch, worked on fishing boats, tracked caviar smugglers, served as president of the New Hampshire Writers' Project, and now teaches in Southern New Hampshire University's MFA in Fiction and Nonfiction program.



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