

# Regret

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Frighteningly believable!

This fictional work is built around the intersecting lives of several diverse people who come together with devastating results.

William is a life counselor, mentored by the church, frustrated prayerful counseling fails to cure gays of their sinful lifestyle. Monsignor Drollings is his church contact and source of funds. Dr. Riles is a medical researcher looking for funding for his research project – finding and identifying the “gay gene.”

John is a detective assigned to investigating the suspicious deaths of a series of gay young men. His straight partner is sure they have this assignment because his partner is gay, and should therefore have “insight” into the cause.

Brad Windhauser blends these lives with the lives and deaths of the gay men solicited for William’s and Dr. Riles projects. He writes of each individual’s ability to subjugate their sense of right and wrong to serve the greater good of the community in which they live.

Monsignor Drollings hides from William’s activities, not wanting to know whether William is involved in the deaths of so many men from his therapy group. Dr. Riles allows his need for funding to blind him to questioning the source of the young male cadavers he is using in his research. And John allows his dedication to finding the killer to harm his relationship with his boyfriend.

The murders themselves – and the perpetrator – are not much of a mystery, since they are identified early on. But as the story unfolds, we begin to recognize the interrelationships of the people involved – and their developing regret for their actions.

*Reviewed by Dave Parker*