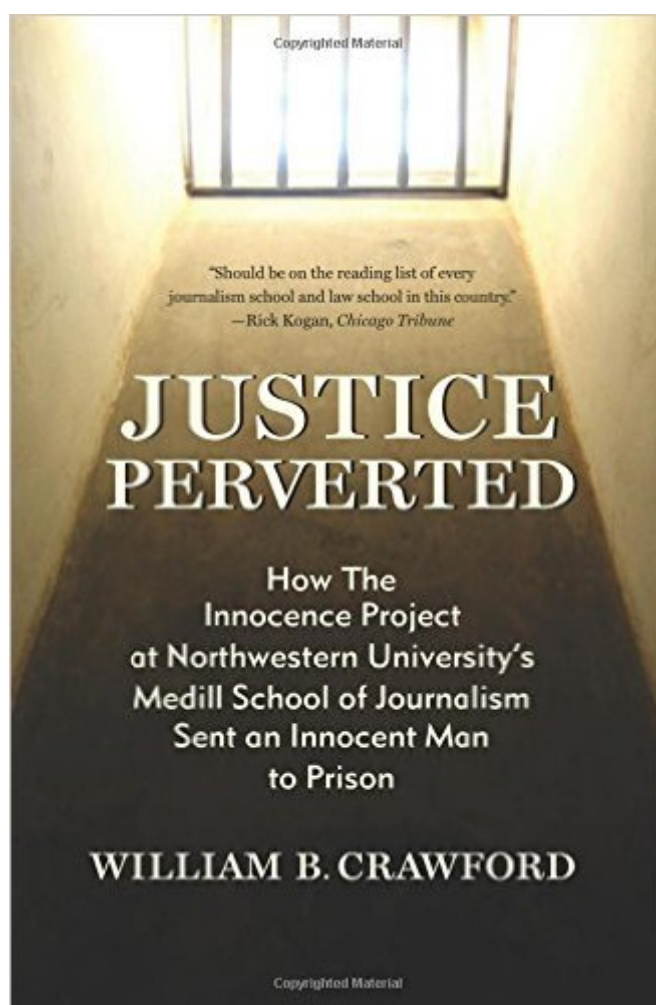


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# Justice Perverted: How The Innocence Project At Northwestern University's Medill School Of Journalism Sent An Innocent Man To Prison



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on his mental competency. It was at this point that David Protess, a professor of Journalism, and his group of Northwestern University Innocence Project students decided to get involved with Porter's cause, effecting his subsequent release from prison. Shortly after this, a Milwaukee resident by the name of Alston Simon was convicted of the murders. Unfortunately, that is not where the story ended. Simon has since been released and cleared of all charges, and is now pursuing legal action against the Innocence Project and David Protess for more than \$40 million. This is the story of how Simon came to take Porter's place in prison." "Justice Perverted by William B Crawford is a real eye opener. We all know that miscarriages of justice take place on a far too regular basis, but few of us are invited to hear the stories behind them. Thanks to William Crawford, we have been given a rare insight into how the wheels of justice turn, be they forward or backwards. Being a true crime aficionado, I was thoroughly hooked by this story. The footwork and research that has gone into it is phenomenal and it shows as the story unfolds.

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