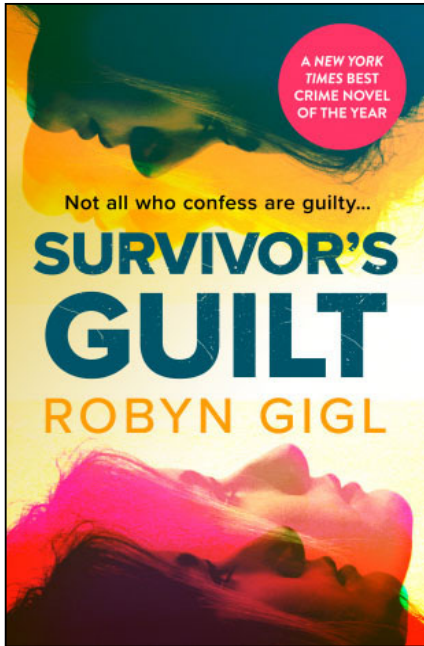


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MARKETING & SALES POINTS

The second instalment in attorney, speaker and activist Robyn Gigl's 'ground-breaking' (NYT Book Review) legal thriller series, which can be read as a standalone

Survivor's Guilt was selected as a *New York Times* Best Crime Novel of the Year in the US

The series tackles the complexities of gender, race, power and public perception, featuring transgender defense attorney Erin McCabe front and centre as she takes on ripped-from-the-headlines legal cases

Robyn Gigl is a refreshing and uniquely powerful voice in the legal thriller genre; as well as being compulsive and action-packed, her writing is authentic, intelligent and hopeful. She won the 2023 Joseph Hansen Award for LGBTQ Crime Writing

VERVE published *By Way of Sorrow* - the first book in the series - in March 2023. It was reviewed in the *Times* & *Sunday Times Crime Club* and launched with a fantastic online event, 'Thrillers with a Conscience', in collaboration with Kia Abdullah

VERVE have also secured the rights to the third and fourth instalments in the series, which are scheduled for publication in 2024

THE BOOK

Not all who confess are guilty...

The death of millionaire businessman Charles Parsons seems like a straightforward suicide. There's no sign of forced entry or struggle in his lavish New Jersey mansion - just a single gunshot wound from his own weapon.

But days later, a different story emerges. Computer techs pick up a voice recording that incriminates Parsons's adoptive daughter, Ann, who duly confesses and pleads guilty.

After the case is brought to her attention by an unlikely source, Erin McCabe and her law partner, Duane Swisher, soon realise that pieces of Ann's story don't fit together. Ann clearly knows more than she's willing to share, even if it means a life sentence. Who is she protecting, and why?

As their investigation deepens, Erin and Swish find themselves caught in a web of human exploitation, unchecked greed, and murder - before learning the horrifying truth...

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'I was mightily impressed with Robyn Gigl's debut, *By Way of Sorrow*... but *Survivor's Guilt* is even better. A ground-breaking series now stands to become a definitive one' - *New York Times* (Best Crime Novels of the Year)

'Another great merger of legal mystery and psychological thriller' - *CrimeReads*

'Stunning... Gigl delightfully flips the usual terms of the genre with a murder victim readers are quickly drawn to hate and a murderer whom they will be rooting for. Her takes on big questions of justice, revenge, and the nature of victimhood will resonate with many' - *Publishers Weekly* (STARRED REVIEW)

'Intricate, intelligent and wholly compulsive, *By Way of Sorrow* is part classic page turner and part complex portrayal of gender, race, privilege and prejudice. Like all the best fiction, it will start a thousand conversations' - *Kia Abdullah*

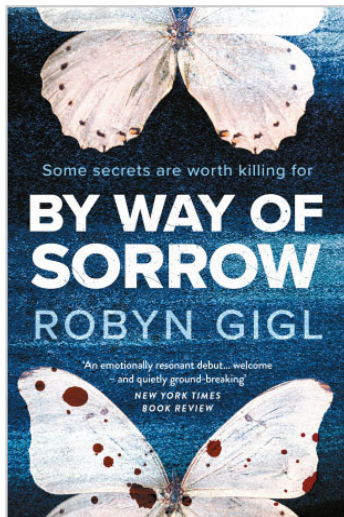
'Gigl's accomplishment here is to parse the serious flaws with the legal system... by way of subtle characterisation and seamless plotting. We get engrossing originality - and a brilliant point in a larger argument for the benefits of greater representation in our beloved genre' - *Lambda Literary*

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ROBYN GIGL is the author of the Erin McCabe legal thriller series and an attorney, speaker, and activist who has been honoured by the ACLU-NJ and the New Jersey Pride Network for her work on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community. Robyn is a partner at Dilworth Paxson, LLP in Freehold, New Jersey, where she handles complex commercial and employment litigation. She has been selected as a NJ Super Lawyer since 2010 and as one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in NJ in 2020, 2021 & 2023 and one of the Top 100 Lawyers in NJ in 2023. Robyn is a member of the Board of Directors of Garden State Equality, NJ's largest LGBTQ+ Civil Rights Organization. A frequent lecturer on diversity issues, she lives in New Jersey where she continues to practice law by day and work on her next novel by night. Fortunately, she has a very boring social life.



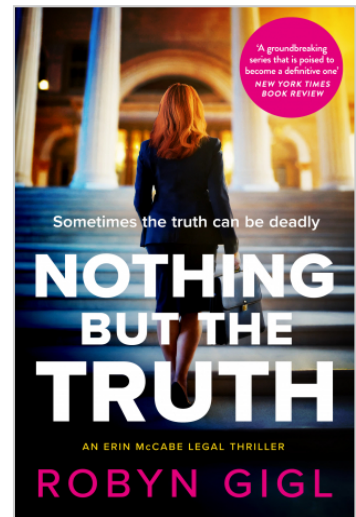
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