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TWISTED TRIANGLE

By Caitlin Rother, author of *Dead Reckoning*, *Poisoned Love*, *Naked Addiction*, *Body Parts*, and *Lost Girls*, and co-author of *Where Hope Begins/Deadly Devotion* and *My Life, Deleted*

"As the subtitle adequately implies, this breathless, lurid account of two FBI agents' marriage-gone-wrong has it all."

--Booklist

"[Rother] has been able to tell a story that will reach those who need to hear that such pain can be endured and such terror can be overcome, that survival and even triumph over adversity are entirely possible."

--From the foreword by Margo Bennett

"A harrowing tale of one woman's struggle to maintain a balance between being a mother, a FBI agent, and dealing with a corrupt husband also an FBI Agent. A must read."

--Joseph D. Pistone aka Donnie Brasco, author of *The Way of the Wiseguy*

"This book will haunt you. It will move you to look at some of the harsh realities of life in a new way. A powerful story--and masterfully written."

--Aphrodite Jones, best-selling author, *All She Wanted* and *Cruel Sacrifice*

The story of Margo Bennett may sound like the premise of a Lifetime TV movie or a suspense thriller. But the events presented in **TWISTED TRIANGLE** are even stranger than fiction. **TWISTED TRIANGLE: A Famous Crime Writer, a Lesbian Love Affair, and the FBI Husband's Violent Revenge** by Caitlin Rother with John Hess (Jossey-Bass, and imprint of Wiley, April 2009, \$14.95 trade paperback, ISBN: 978-0470442517; May 2008; \$26.95 cloth hardcover; ISBN: 9780787995850) is the first complete account of Margo's kidnapping in 1993, and the events leading up to the attempt on her life in 1996.

What started as a marriage between two powerful FBI agents turned into a highly publicized criminal drama after Margo's husband, undercover agent Gene Bennett, discovered his wife's love affair with best-selling author Patricia Cornwell. After he kidnapped Margo and attempted to murder her, the case made national and international headlines, reported in *Vanity Fair*, *Newsweek*, *People*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*.

TWISTED TRIANGLE reveals the dramatic details of the violent incident, the trial, and the aftermath. Rother relays the famous lesbian affair with celebrity author Patricia Cornwell, the rise and fall of Margo and Gene's FBI careers, Gene's reactive kidnapping and attempt to kill Margo, Gene's insanity defense, the trial details that validate Margo's story, and a happy ending to her tale of survival.

Margo Bennett currently lives in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she is a captain in the University of California, Berkeley campus police department. Gene Bennett is

incarcerated in Virginia, not far from the Washington DC area, where most of the events of this incredible story took place.

Pulitzer-nominated investigative journalist Caitlin Rother is the author or co-author of eight books: *Dead Reckoning*, *Poisoned Love*, *Naked Addiction*, *Body Parts*, *Twisted Triangle*, *Deadly Devotion*, *My Life, Deleted*, and *Lost Girls*. Rother, who worked at daily newspapers for nearly 20 years before becoming a full-time author, has also been published in *Cosmopolitan*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, *The Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Boston Globe*, and *The Daily Beast*. She has done dozens of TV and radio appearances as a crime expert on E!; *Snapped* on the Oxygen Network; Greta Van Susteren's *On the Record*; *Who The Bleep Did I Marry?*, *On the Case With Paula Zahn*, *True Crime With Aphrodite Jones*, *Wicked Attraction*, and *Deadly Women* on Investigation Discovery; *America at Night*; the American Radio Network; various NPR and PBS affiliates, and XM radio. She is the founder of the San Diego Writing Women blog, and teaches journalism and writing workshops at UCSD Extension. Rother's first thriller, *Naked Addiction*, will be released in January 2012, and her next true crime, *Lost Girls*, about the rape and killing of teenagers Chelsea King and Amber Dubois by sexual predator John Gardner, will be out in July 2012. She lives in San Diego.

John Hess, who provided research and firsthand observations for Rother, is a retired FBI supervisory agent and Quantico instructor of 27 years.