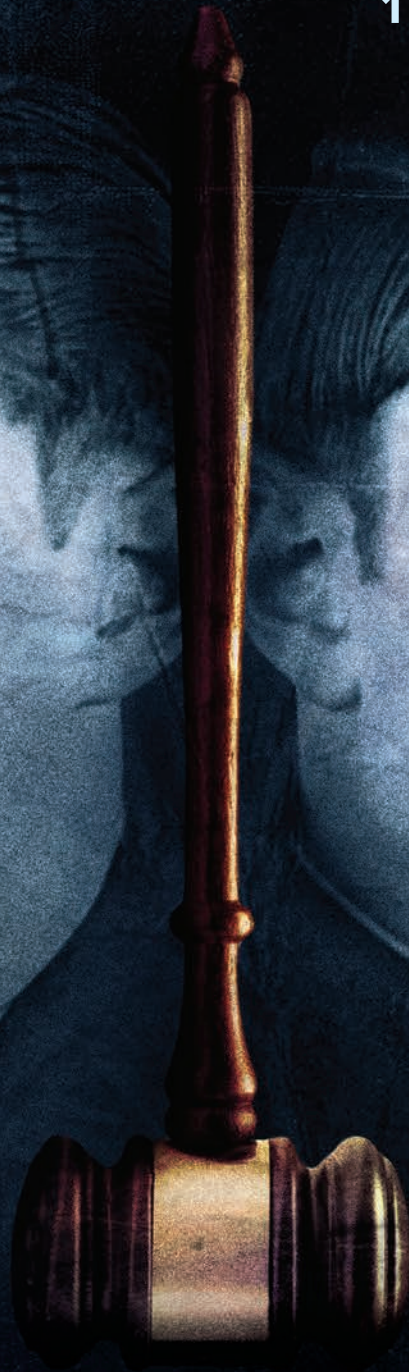


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In 1924, the murder of a 14-year-old boy by two wealthy college students shocked the United States. But more horrifying than the brutal killing—the boy was bludgeoned to death—was the motive. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb admitted they planned to abduct and kill a child at random to prove that they were smart enough to get away with it. Legendary defense attorney Clarence Darrow summoned experts to show that the murderers had been shaped by childhood trauma and that it was society and its barbaric death penalty that deserved to be put on trial. Set in 1920s Chicago—a city of gin joints, gangsters and political corruption—*The Perfect Crime* tells a story that set off a national debate about morality, individual responsibility and capital punishment.

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