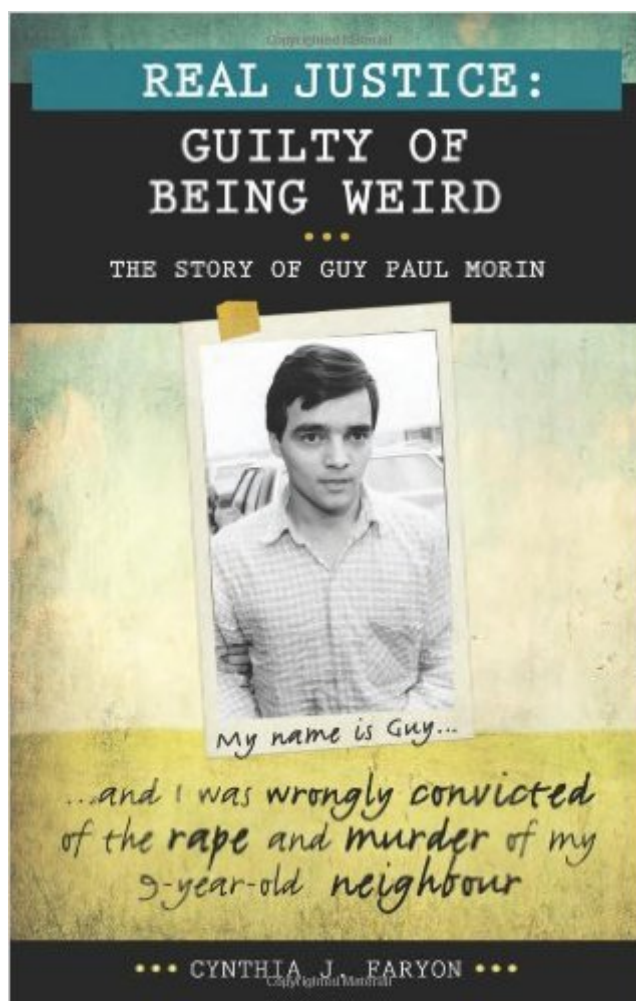


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At twenty-four, Guy Paul Morin was considered a bit strange. He still lived at home, drove his parents' car, kept bees in the backyard, and grew flowers to encourage the hives. He played the saxophone and clarinet in three bands and loved the swing music of the 1940s. In the small Ontario town where he lived, this meant Guy Paul stood out. So when the nine-year-old girl next door went missing, the police were convinced that Morin was responsible for the little girl's murder. Over the course of eight years, police manipulated witnesses and tampered with evidence to target and convict an innocent man. It took ten years and the just-developed science of DNA testing to finally clear his name. This book tells his story, showing how the justice system not only failed to help an innocent young man, but conspired to convict him. It also shows how a determined group of people dug up the evidence and forced the judicial system to give him the justice he deserved. [Fry Reading Level - 5.0]

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“ For reasons that now seem naive, it was assumed that the justice system always reached a correct result; that the wisdom of twelve jurors always resulted in the people being sent to prison. In fact, verdicts were so unquestioned that the phrase ‘wrongful conviction’ had yet to be coined. Guy Paul Morin had his life and that of his families turned upside down when he was arrested, tried and convicted of the murder for 9 year-old Christine Jessop. The little girl was his neighbor and although their family wasn’t close the two families were always friendly. Guy Paul

maintained his plea of being innocent from day one and never changed his story throughout his entire ordeal. He had lost years of his life, he had been called names, frowned upon and spent countless nights in a jail cell where he didn't belong. He went through two court hears and an appeal. Finally, it was the appeal that proved through DNA testing that it was not him that had murdered the little girl. The DNA evidence proved he had been wrongfully convicted and his verdict was overturned and he was set free. October 03, 1984, Christine Jessop went missing. After reading this entire story I can understand how things turned out how they did. I cannot understand how the police, the Forensics Unit, and the neighbors were so negligent in their actions, that such a tragedy of mis-justice had taken place. When the investigation began the case was ruined. The police and detectives on scene did nothing correctly. They didn't treat the Jessop house as a part of the crime scene. They didn't yellow tape of the girls room. They didn't keep a list of the names of people that were in and out of the Jessop house, they didn't preserve finger prints.

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