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February 3rd, 1880. Lucan, Ontario. A horrific plot is about to be executed on this brutally cold night. Using darkness to conceal their movements, a secret society made up of locals converges on the Donnelly homestead. Many are disguised to conceal their identities. In a savage attack, all four family members at home are cruelly bludgeoned to death, their bodies left to be discovered amongst the smoldering remains of the farmhouse. The mob then continues to another Donnelly farm where in cold blood they shoot and kill yet another member of the family.

In the ensuing investigation, two eyewitnesses to this massacre testify in two of the most sensational trials in Canadian history. However, no one is ever found guilty and there are no convictions made. A mass murder occurred, the people involved were arrested, the evidence against them was overwhelming, and yet they walked free. How could this have happened?

125 years later, a cold case detective will attempt to reconstruct the events and find out what really occurred that fateful night. He will try to answer the question of why no one was brought to justice. Using modern ballistic testing, biomechanical engineering, and scientific content analysis this case will be examined deeper than ever before.

*Midnight Massacre: The Donnelly Murders* is a true story of violence, extraordinary love, hatred, revenge and murder, all set against a backdrop of settler life in the New World. Politics and religion clash violently. The story spans two generations and the main characters are compelling – a determined immigrant and his handsome sons, a mysterious drifter with an unwavering hatred for the family, a dogmatic Catholic priest, a child witness to horrible murders, and, finally, a friend's betrayal.

The story will be brought to life by modern investigation and interviews with authors and historians. We will hear for the first time from actual descendants of those who were on trial for the murders as well as descendants of the murdered family. Reenactments will bring this story to life, allowing us to examine this tragic story in vivid detail.



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