



Bar-Girls, Betrayal, and Murder on South Beach

Dear Readers,

I'm happy to introduce you to **BUM RAP**, which brings together rugged trial lawyer Jake Lassiter with squabbling law partners Steve Solomon and Victoria Lord. They're my favorite characters, and now they're embroiled in Miami's hottest murder trial.

Here's the setup. Just as Lassiter is ready to hang up his shingle for good, he gets a frantic call from Victoria. Solomon is charged with killing a South Beach club owner and the only witness who can clear him — a Russian bar-girl — has disappeared. It's going to be a brutal case, and they need the hardest hitting lawyer in Miami.

"Law is a contact sport. Buckle your chinstrap."

BULLETIN: BUM RAP HITS NUMBER ONE!

BUM RAP soars to the top of the Amazon Kindle Store Bestseller List. It's Number One on both the "legal thrillers" and "mysteries" lists and Number Four overall out of 3.5 million titles! The novel is available in [ebook](#), [paperback](#), and [audio](#) formats.

Lassiter tumbles into an ethical morass involving a runaway witness, perjured testimony and his growing feelings for Victoria. It's an emotional powder keg that could destroy the defense — and Lassiter — on the eve on an explosive trial.

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I hope you have at least half as much fun reading BUM RAP as I had writing it!

Paul Levine

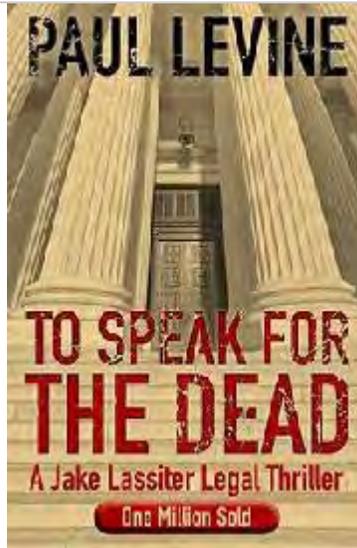
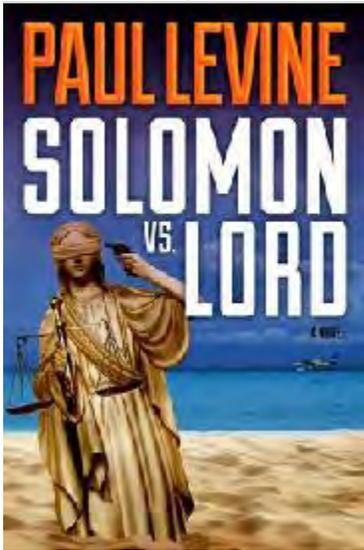
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“The pages fly by and the laughs keep coming in this irresistible South Florida crime romp. A delicious mix of thriller and comic crime thriller.” — *Booklist* (starred review)

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REAL MIAMI TRIAL INSPIRES “BUM RAP”

“Paul, where do you get your ideas?” It’s the question I’m most asked by readers.

Answer: I rip them from the headlines. Last year, this story in The Miami Herald caught my eye:

“Tears Flow Over Guilty Verdicts at End of ‘Bar Girls’ Federal Trial”

The sub-headline read:

“A federal judge ordered three convicted bar owners into custody, prompting loud wails by relatives.”

Bar girls. Federal charges. Wailing relatives. The glitz of South Beach. It’s music to a crime novelist’s ears. Reading the transcript, I discovered a treasure trove of drama, humor, and chicanery. And BUM RAP was born.

I immediately knew that Lassiter would run headfirst into trouble in a B-girl bar, and I knew there would be a murder.

SOUTH FLORIDA READERS: MEET-AND-GREET PAUL

Paul will be signing **BUM RAP** and bantering with readers at Books & Books, 285 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Friday July 17 at 8 PM. Same deal at Murder on the Beach, 273 Pineapple Grove Way, Delray Beach, Friday July 24 at 7 PM.

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