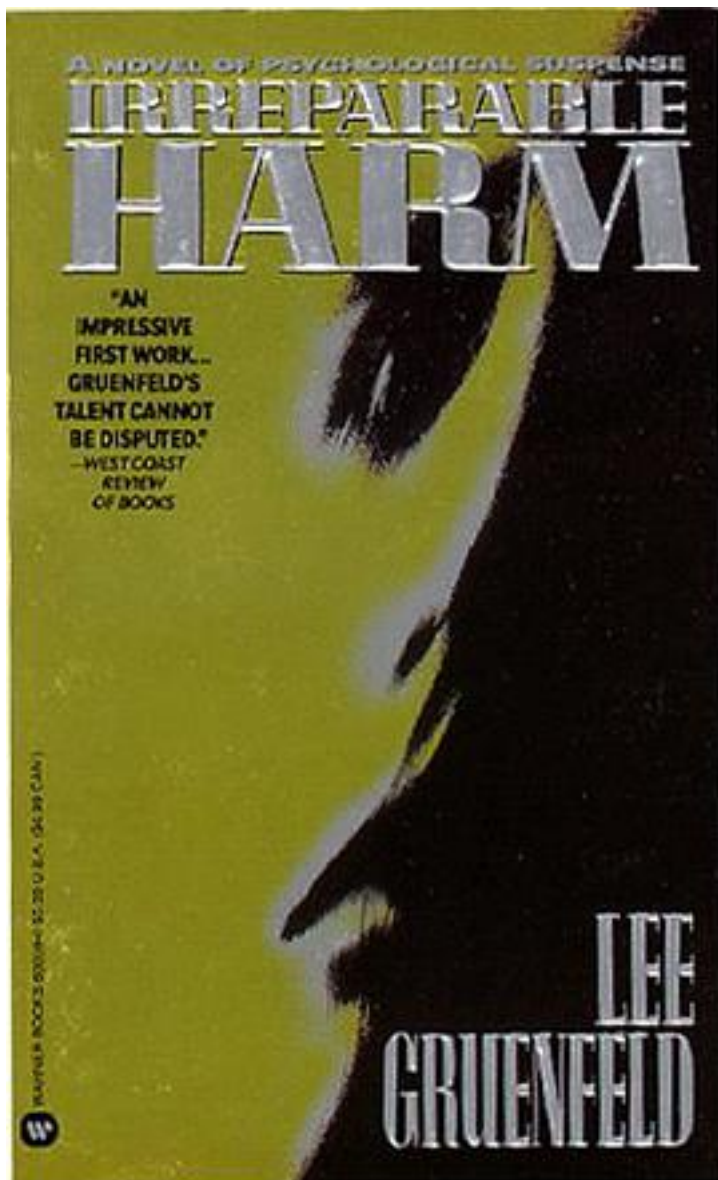


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WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN THE 2000 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION – AND CAN IT HAPPEN AGAIN?

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