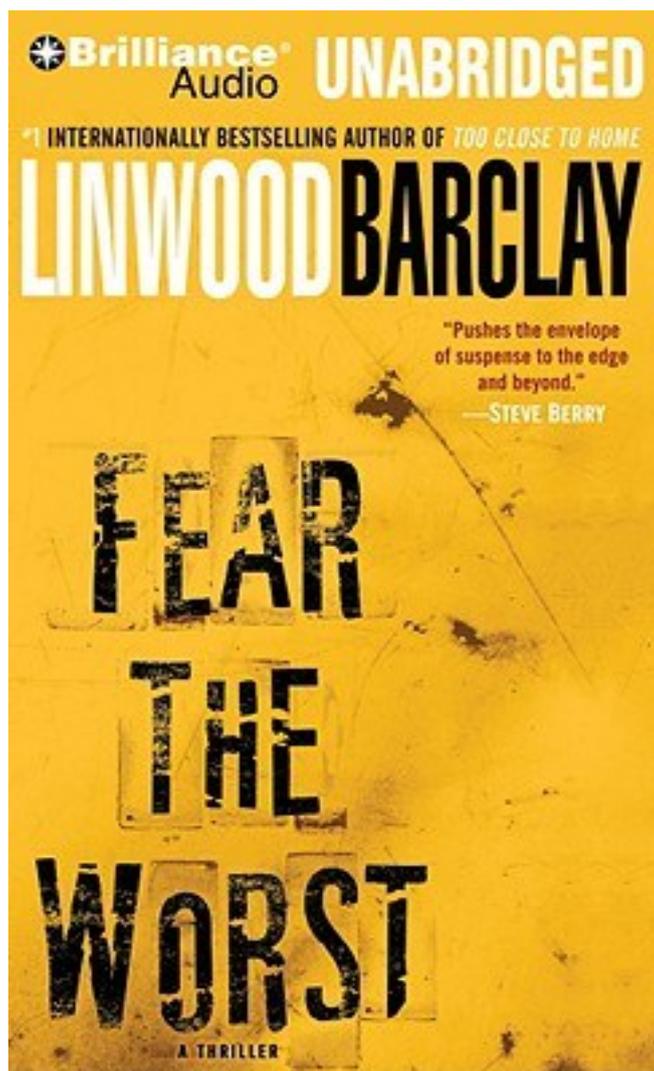


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The worst day of Tim Blake's life started out with him making breakfast for his seventeen-year-old daughter Sydney. Syd was staying with him while she worked a summer job - even if he wasn't entirely sure what her job at the Just Inn Time motel actually was - and Tim hoped this quality father-daughter time would somehow help her deal with his divorce. When she didn't arrive home at her usual time, he thought she'd probably gone to the mall to hang with her friends. When she didn't answer her phone he began to worry. When she didn't come home at all, he began to panic. And when the people at the Just Inn Time said they had no Sydney Blake working at the motel and never had, he began to see his life going into freefall. If she hadn't been working at the Just Inn Time every day, what had she been doing? Something she couldn't - or wouldn't - tell her own father about? To find his daughter Tim doesn't need to simply track her down - he needs to know who she really was, and what could have made her step out of her own life without leaving a trace. Only one thing has him convinced the worst hasn't already happened: the fact that some very scary people seem just as eager as he is to find her. The question is: who's going to find her first?

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已婚，育有二子，現居多倫多。曾在加拿大發行人數第一的主流媒體《多倫多星報》擔任記者、編輯，後成為該報最受歡迎的幽默專欄作家，退休後專職寫作。

林伍德出生於美國，父親是一名商業藝術家，其汽車插畫常出現在《LIFE》、《LOOK》、《週末晚郵》等刊物中。後來他父親因接受加拿大一家廣告公司的聘僱，不到四歲的林伍德隨家人遷居加拿大。在林伍德青少年時期，其雙親帶著他搬離多倫多郊區，到美麗的卡沃薩湖區經營度假村及拖車營區，這段生活對林伍德有深刻的影響。二〇〇一年，他出版一本成長回憶錄《最後的度假村》（直譯，Last Resort），描述有趣又心酸的鄉間生活，此書被列入「史帝芬李科克幽默文學獎」（Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour）的精選名單中。二〇〇四年，他開始出版推理小說系列，《搬錯家》（直譯，Bad Move）、《壞蛋》（直譯，Bad Guys）、《孤狼》（直譯，Lone Wolf）和《石雨》（直譯，Stone Rain）。他的第一本單行本驚悚小說No Time for Goodbye於二〇〇七年出版，不僅獲得評論家的肯定，在全球也造成轟動。

《目擊者》是林伍德至今的代表作。不僅榮獲史帝芬·金、泰絲·格里森等眾多名家盛讚力薦，更引爆環球及華納兄弟影業競價改編電影版權，林伍德也因此躍上Variety雜誌封面。

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