'Helter Skelter' author is back Attorney pens 2nd book

By SHIRLEE IDEN

An old Chinese provers says "the polest ink is better than the finest memory."

Vincent Bugliosi, the California attoracy who put Charles Manson behind bars, contends his habit of writing everything "on that yellow legal pad" has helped him both as an attorney and as an author.

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Bugliosi, who was an assistant district attorney in Los Angeles County when the Manson family came to trial for murder, successfully prosecuted the bizarre group and then co-authored the best-selling "felter-Skelter." His latest book, "fill Death Do Us Part," written with Ken Hurwitz, tells the story of his most disturbing murder case and how he managed to get a conviction in a case with no hard evidence, no confession, no murder weapon.

It is based on a case that began in Los Angeles in 1966 when a man named Henry Stockton was found dead from multiple bullet wounds in his burning home.

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A second murder, 16, months later, involved another shooting. This time 22-year-and 22-year-and 12-year-and 12-year-and

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Lee Balley, who said the authors have
"written a crime book that should be
read by every lawyer and every judge
in America."
A graduate of UCLA Law School in
1864. Bugliosi spent eight years as a
prosecutor for the Los Angles District
Attorney's office. During that time he

tried close to 1,000 felony and misdemeanor cases, always writing prodigiously on that yellow legal pad.
Of 108 felony cases, he lost one.
Today he lives in Los Angeles with
his wife, Gall, who he says has "more
common sense that I have," and two
children, Vincent, 13, and Wendy, 15.
No born attorney, Bugliosi, a Minnesota native, said: "No one plays tennis
in northern Minnesota, but I did.
"I won charpionships that were newer before won that I ar north. Tennis
was my life, but I had enough sense to
know I didn't want to be a tennis burn."
The young Bugliosi listed the things
he liked and didn't like and what he
"I didn't like math and I didn't want
medicine or salesmanship," he said. "I
like words and drawing inferences and
so I decided I was only qualified to be
an attorney."

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THE UNIVERSITY of California at Los Angeles (ICLA) Law School agreed he might be right and he was accepted, though he questions whether he would be today.

Bugliosi said law schools are tougher to get into and out of today and the profession is getting overcrowded.

"Ive taught in law schools and I lecture in them from time to time," he said. "I see from 30-5 percent of the students are women and they seem to do better because they are conscientious."

"But what's difficult to understand is how most of those students work so hard in law school and then come to court unprepared."

As to whether the proximity to the Hollywood famtasies have rubbed off on his own courtroom conduct, Buglios admitted he emotes and acts in front of a lury.

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"PEOPLE'S LIVES are at stake in the courtroom and I'm opposed to allowing cameras in. Participants in the courtroom drama should be concernating on what they re doing in one case, where cameras were allowed, hey said one lawyer was wearing. Now working in a private criminal dramatic cases have been treated in his first documentary books.
"I'm just a trial lawyer who had two interested cases," he said. "A Los Angeles reporter approached me to write a book about the Manson case and, since there was no serious work being attempted, I did."
He said the first publisher he approached wanted a quick, sensational book, so he changed publishers. The success of "Helter-Skelter" was as surprise to both its authors and the publisher.

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Bugliosi said his own legal temperament is mercurial and his personality undergoes marked changes when he enters the courtroom.



practice. Bugliosi said it's that criminal lawyer, not the best-selling author or hard-hitting prosecutor, who's the real Vincent Bugliosi.

He did say he might someday write a novel, particularly since his two most walk around the house noticing nothing but when I get into a trial, my senses are heightened and I have intense awareness.

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Bugliosi contends that he would not as a criminal lawyer, defend a client such as Charles Manson.

Not unless I was the only lawyer in town, 'he said. 'The Sixth Amendment of the Constitution gives him the right to counsel, but If I felt there was guilt and no mittigating circumstances, I would draw the line and not get involved."





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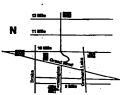
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