

Speak for Me, Mom

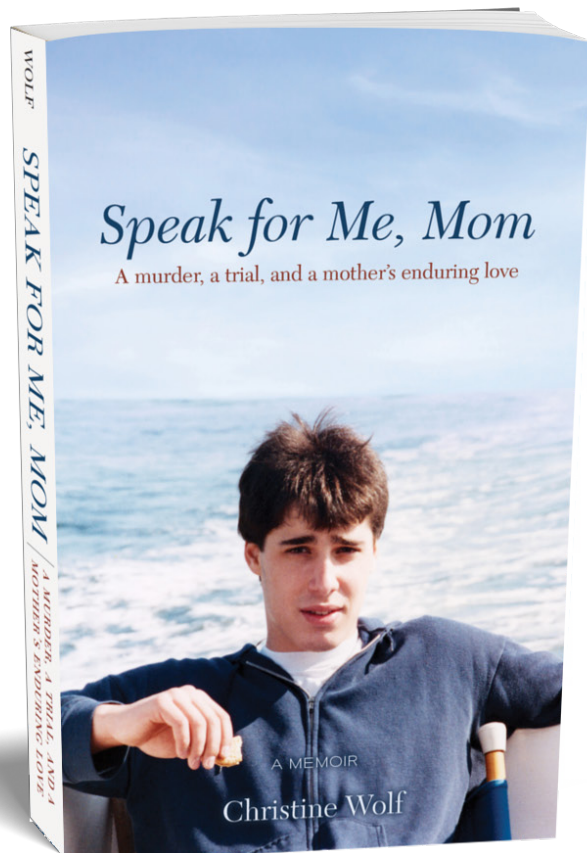
A murder, a trial, and a mother's enduring love

By Christine Wolf

In early June 1989, nineteen-year-old Andreas Dresp had been home from college just a few short weeks. He was in high spirits, carefree, and happy as he headed out on a Saturday evening to meet up with some friends. But just a few short hours later, he was dead. Another teen, a stranger, had lethally attacked Andreas just two blocks from his home.

Speak for Me, Mom is Christine Wolf's unvarnished firsthand account of the emotionally charged time that began the night of her son's murder and recounts the homicide investigation, the arrest of the murder suspect, the grueling trial, and the aftermath of a crime that ultimately impacted and changed the trajectory of so many lives.

Based on the author's handwritten journals as well as intimate letters she wrote to Andreas after his death, *Speak for Me, Mom* is a cautionary tale of youth, naivete, and the immense and lasting pain that can result from a single act executed without consideration of consequences. It's a story of the high price exacted by youth violence in America; the confounding labyrinth that is the US court system; an examination of traumatic grief; and one mother's search to find meaning amidst a crushing loss.



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