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PAMELA WOOLFORD'S DEDICATION



In 1989 after one Hispanic and four black teenagers are accused of raping a white woman and before they are tried, Donald Trump takes out full page ads in four newspapers, including *The New York Times*, with the headline “BRING BACK THE DEATH PENALTY.”

Fifteen-year-olds Yusef Salaam and Antron McCray, 14-year-olds Raymond Santana and Kevin Richardson, and 16-year-old Korey Wise are forced to linger in jail for thirteen years before their convictions are vacated because they are innocent. They

had been children convicted on the basis of confessions forced by police officers.

Two years after Donald Trump’s full-page ads, 18-year-old Desiree Washington, who is black, is raped. After her rapist’s conviction, Donald Trump calls a press conference proposing that the rapist not be jailed. “This is a case that’s unique...,” he says. “As everybody knows, I am very strong on

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the death penalty,” he tells *Newsday*, but in the case of Desiree’s rape he believes society would be better off if the rapist, Mike Tyson, whose fights are then making Donald Trump millions, donates money to rape victims instead.

At the press conference Donald Trump is asked if the same should be done if his sister were raped. “I think every individual situation is different,” he says.

I dedicate my No-Trump Vote to Desiree, Yusef, Antron, Raymond, Kevin, and Korey; to teenage victims; to black victims; to Latino victims; to all victims of the racism Donald Trump stands for, and those who fight against it.

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PAMELA WOOLFORD writes both fiction and creative nonfiction, for which is the recipient of a number of honors, including a Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award. Her current project is a multi-discipline memoir, *Meditations on a Marriage*, which is an upcoming book with an accompanying short film, a film about a dance about a book about emotional abuse. Woolford is a Tucson Festival of Books Literary Awards finalist for excerpts from *Meditations on a Marriage*. More about her work can be found at www.about.me/pamelawoolford.

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