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## Chasing Justice

Kerry Max Cook, author



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**4:30pm**

**Adamson Wing  
136A Baker Hall**

*This is a story about why government lawyers can't be trusted with the death penalty; it's also a story about the triumph of the human spirit, forgiveness, the existence of God, and the importance of never turning the light out on your dream.*

*The Mystery Writer's of America nominated CHASING JUSTICE for the Edgar Award. It is a Dallas Morning News best seller.*

*Reader's Digest awarded CHASING JUSTICE "Book of the Year" for Non-fiction.*

*The Houston Chronicle called me the most persecuted man in America. For two decades I sat in a 5 by 9 cell, dying to live and living to die, convicted of a crime I didn't commit, chasing justice.*

*Prison was so primitive, brutal and violent; it was ruled unconstitutional as violating principles of human decency.*

*I was forgotten by the legal system, and ultimately abandoned by all of humanity and would have died but for the media intervention of The Dallas Morning News, Centurion Ministries, and a dedicated, crusading lawyer.*

*Human Rights Watch called me the most brutalized man in an American prison.*

*I was also called the man who wouldn't die: the State of Texas couldn't kill me, the other prisoners couldn't kill me, and in the end, I couldn't even kill myself.*

