



## Book details

### Searching for Patty Hearst

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## Publicity

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## Media events

Roger has 11 events booked in California for Jan/Feb 2024. We have press and radio interviews lined up and an extensive social media campaign. Much more info at [pattyhearst.com](http://pattyhearst.com)

Fifty years on from her legendary kidnapping, the definitive novel has finally been written.

“Roger Rapoport brings his own extensive knowledge of the case, to this gripping, evocative, and suspenseful novel.”  
*Adam Hochschild—author American Midnight & King Leopold’s Ghost.*

“grabs your attention and holds you hostage until the very last page.”  
*Ronald G. Shafer former Wall Street Journal Washington political features editor*

On the night Patty Hearst was kidnapped, February 4th, 1974, journalist Roger D. Rapoport was a short drive away in his Bay Area home. He quickly became one of the primary reporters covering the saga as it unfolded in real-time. His reporting gave local and national readers a window into one of the most bizarre and polarizing crimes in U.S. history. Now fifty years later, he has written a novel that draws us back to that time. In this compelling new book, he explores alternative theories of the crime and delves into the complex psychology of many of the key actors in a drama that kept the country riveted. Using the techniques of fiction, Rapoport gives voice to much of the story that fell outside of the bounds of journalistic coverage.

With Rapoport’s wry sensibility and insider knowledge *Searching for Patty Hearst* is able to go beyond the tabloid headlines to tell the story in depth.

***Why did Patty participate in the kidnapping of a high school student hours before six of the SLA kidnapers were killed in a firefight with the Los Angeles police department?***

***Did celebrity coroner Thomas Noguchi mishandle the autopsies of six SLA victims?***

***Why did Patty’s lawyers dump her fiancé Steve Weed as a key witness at her trial at the last minute?***

***Does trauma bonding or the Stockholm have anything to do with this?***

It’s often said that fiction can offer insights into the truth that reporting can’t. If that is the case, the story of Patty Hearst, the SLA, and the kidnapping that carved them into the American psyche just may be told here for the first time.

## About the Author: Roger D Rapoport

Roger D. Rapoport is an award-winning author, filmmaker, and playwright. His work has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Wired*, *The Atlantic*, *Esquire*, *the Los Angeles Times*, *the San Francisco Chronicle*, and many other outlets. His award winning films have shown at film festivals around the world. You can find out more about Roger and his work at [rogerrapoport.com](http://rogerrapoport.com). “I wrote this novel,” says Rapoport, “because I believed the American public deserved nothing but the truth. Very sorry about the delay. This book took a lot longer that I expected. Hope it was worth the wait.”

Materials, maps, the history and timeline behind the case are all available from our dedicated website [pattyhearst.com](http://pattyhearst.com). We are bringing this fascinating and unique story to a new generation who feed off True Crime podcasts.