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Beware the Vampire in the 1988 Firebird

Classic Horror Meets Dark Comedy in "Totally" Retro Tale

NAPERVILLE, Ill. – Bust out the Metallica, tease out that bleach-blond hair and prepare for a last gasp of 1980s-style summer headbanging. Just beware of the unusual party-crashers that have come to town in *Vampire: 1989* (now available through AuthorHouse), the new comedic horror story by Brett A. Contreras. It is August, 1989, and Mike Aufiero only wants to savor his last days of summer freedom before his freshman year of college. However, his family's annual escape to the Adirondacks is not panning out to be the thrill he had hoped. Luckily, his father nominates him to run an errand for a friend that requires him to return early to their home on Long Island. Mike seizes the opportunity to hang with his friends and have the run of his parents' house and sets out immediately for Massapequa with his sister in tow.

Unfortunately, his seemingly harmless errand has brought a dark presence to his hometown, and it turns out Mike is not the only one with end-of-summer plans. Before long, the carefree teenager and his party-hopping friends find themselves embroiled in a vampire's plot to found a new coven on Long Island, and the unholy creature will suffer no interference.

Finding little to no support from local parents or police, the teens are forced to confront the vampire and his rapidly-growing legion of undead, which now includes several of their friends. As those with fresh blood still coursing through their veins struggle to save their necks, it is anyone's guess as to who will be left standing or who will fall to this beastly newcomer. "Will anyone survive or will freshman college orientation have been in vain?" quips Contreras. The answer lies within the pages of this humorously horrifying tale.

Infused with music from the period, from classic rock to metal to early alternative, *Vampire: 1989* pays an over-the-top tribute to the times and offers horror-fiction lovers everywhere a throwback scare. A native of Long Island, Contreras attended John Jay College in Manhattan. He currently lives near Chicago with his wife and two children. *Vampire: 1989* is his first published novel, although he has written several short stories and a privately-circulated sports column. For more information, visit www.vampire1989.com.

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