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Book offers tips to protect children

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Submitted photo Monroe County Sheriff's investigator Patrick Crough did a book signing event Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Bagel Bin Café in Brighton. Pictured are Jennifer Keirsbilck, of Canandaigua National Bank, who sponsor the "Books at the Bin" series, left, Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn, Crough and Sen. Joe Robach.

By Dan Goldman, staff writer Brighton-Pittsford Post Posted Dec 09, 2009 @ 04:00 PM

Brighton, N.Y. — Patrick Crough has been an investigator with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office for more than 20 years. Many of his cases have involved sexual predators.

After giving several presentations on how to protect children through The Child Abuse Network in Rochester, the organization's founder, the Rev. John Walker, suggested he write a book.

Drawing on his experience as an investigator, Crough penned "The Serpents Among us."

"It's written for parents and guardians of children for the purpose of raising their awareness and arming them with information of how to protect their children from child predators from a police investigator's perspective," Crough said.

The book offers case examples he has encountered over the years, including as a coach, friend of the family, neighbor or teacher.

Crough created Millstone Justice, a non-profit organization, for the proceeds to go to, allowing more books to be published.

He allows parents to name their price for the book.

"We don't want anyone at presentations to walk away without a book," said Crough. "Some people pay \$20, some pay \$2. The money helps us get the message out there."

Crough said the purging of registered sex offenders in New York from MySpace and Facebook is a step in the right direction. However, he urged parents not to get a sense of security from that and other laws.

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“The integral part of protecting children from predators is to be the shepherd overlooking the flock,” Crough said. “You have to be there and have to be watching. Nothing replaces that.”

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