

College Girl, Missing: The Truth of How A Young Women Disappeared In Plain Sight
Shawn Cohen

About the book: She visited friends. She walked to a bar. She was right there... until she was gone. College student Lauren Spierer was pursuing her dreams, joining her boyfriend at a party school eight hundred miles from home. Social and gregarious, studying fashion and rooming with friends, Lauren embraced her new adventure with the zeal of a young woman who suddenly had everything she desired. But there was a dark side that she and her inner circle kept secret. And one warm June evening, after heading out with friends, she seemingly vanished. When investigators retraced Lauren's last steps using eyewitness accounts and security camera footage, the evidence ended at the doorstep of a group of wealthy, well-connected male students. With original reporting including new testimony witnesses never shared with police, College Girl, Missing takes readers back to that fateful night and dives into the disappearance that captured front-page headlines around the world. Investigative journalist Shawn Cohen breaks more than a decade of silence as he pursues the truth: what really happened to Lauren Spierer?

About the Author: Shawn Cohen is one of the top crime reporters in the country. He is a senior reporter for the Daily Mail exclusives team where he routinely breaks news on national stories. A native New Yorker, he now lives with his wife and two children in California.

People

Lauren Spierer- Missing College Student

Robert and Charlene Spierer- Lauren's Parents

Jesse Wolf- Lauren's Boyfriend

David Rohn- Friends, Lauren Left with David to go out to the Bars

Corey Rossman- Punched, claims he doesn't remember anything, took Lauren to his apartment. Said he immediately went to bed

Jay Rosenbaum- Last person to see Lauren alive lived next door to Beth and Rossman, Allegedly Lauren and Jay were flirting and kissed and the races.

Mike Beth- Corey Rossman's roommate, Called Rosenbaum to help Lauren

Discussion Questions:

Do you think the book goes into enough detail into the disappearance of Lauren Spierer?

What role did social media and public awareness play in the case, both positively and negatively?

What emotions did the book evoke for you—anger, sorrow, frustration, hope?

Discuss the title: "The Truth of How a Young Woman Disappeared in Plain Sight."

How did your perspective change as more details emerged?

How did the victim's portrayal differ from typical true crime narratives?

What lessons or takeaways do you think the public—or institutions—should draw from this story?

Read Alike:

- As she lay sleeping: a shadowy figure, a brutal murder, an anonymous tip: will justice prevail? by Mark Pryor
- Murder in the dollhouse: the Jennifer Dulos story by Rich Cohen
- A hunger to kill: a serial killer, a determined detective, and the quest for a confession that changed a small town forever by Kim Mager

Friday, June 3, 2011 Timeline

- **12:30 a.m.** – Witnesses report that Spierer left her apartment with a friend named David Rohn. The pair went to Jay Rosenbaum's apartment, and she met up with Corey Rossman, Rosenbaum's neighbor.
- **1:46 a.m.** – Spierer is seen entering Kilroy's Sports Bar.
- **2:27 a.m.** – Spierer is seen exiting the bar with Rossman. Spierer left her cell phone and shoes at the bar. She had taken off her shoes when she walked out onto the sand-covered patio. Rossman walked with Spierer to her apartment complex.
- **2:30 a.m.** – Spierer is seen entering Smallwood Plaza apartments, where her residence is located. A passerby named Zach Oakes noticed her level of inebriation and asked if she was okay.
- **2:48 a.m.** – After she left the apartments, Spierer entered an alley that runs between College Avenue and Morton Street. Security cameras mounted on nearby apartments show her exit the alley at **2:51 a.m.** and walk toward an empty lot. Spierer's keys and purse were found along this route through the alley. Spierer and Rossman arrived at Rossman's apartment shortly afterward. Michael Beth, Rossman's roommate, was at the apartment. Rossman himself was very intoxicated and stumbling. He vomited on the carpet on the way upstairs. Beth stated that he escorted Rossman to bed. He then tried to persuade Spierer to sleep over for her own safety. He claimed Spierer said she wanted to return to her own apartment.
- **3:30 a.m.** – Beth said he then phoned his neighbor, Rosenbaum, wanting him to take care of Spierer. Beth said that Spierer was attempting to get Beth to drink with her at her own apartment. She eventually went to Rosenbaum's apartment, where he observed a bruise under her eye, presumably sustained in a fall earlier that evening. She told him she didn't know how she got the bruise. Two calls were placed from Rosenbaum's phone shortly before she is reported to have left. Rosenbaum said Spierer placed both calls, one to Rohn and one to another friend. Neither picked up, and no messages were left.
- **4:30 a.m.** – Rosenbaum reports that Spierer left the apartment. This is the last reported sighting of her. He reported last seeing Spierer at the intersection of 11th Street and College Avenue, headed south on College. She was last seen barefoot, wearing black leggings and a white shirt.
- Several hours later that morning, Wolff sent Spierer a text. He received a reply from an employee at the bar. Wolff reported Spierer missing.