

NATIONAL ENQUIRER®

Monday November 4, 2013

By DICK SIEGEL, NATIONAL ENQUIRER online editor

MIKE WALKER IS OUT FOR BLOOD!

Photography by: Rommel Demano Getty Images Entertainment



The ENQUIRER's very own MIKE WALKER is feted at book launch hosted by GERALDO RIVERA at posh Ivy Bar & Grill in Manhattan.

The occasion – the publication of the best-selling gossip king's new tome – a fun-filled tale of terror about a vampire gossip columnist.

As a jazz quartet created the smooth jazz vibe eerily reminiscent of New Orleans Bourbon Street, Mike explained the secret origin of his latest masterpiece -- "Out For Blood: Private Diary of A Gossip Vampire".

"Gossip columnists work at night getting all the latest in tasty tidbits from their sources. You know who else is out at night? Vampires!" Mike revealed.

"So I thought to myself – a vampire gossip columnist – now *that's* got possibilities!"

Throwing the wild shindig for The Enquirer's King of Gossip was the host with the most – TV journo supreme Geraldo Rivera.

Gotham's finest purveyors of gossip – blood brothers one all -- the New York Post's Page Six "maestro" Richard Johnson, and the strictly "hush-hush" Lachlan Cartwright from the Daily News' Confidential were also held in thrall by the legendary wordsmith.

As Mike held court signing books for his adoring public, he sipped what appeared to be red wine.

At least – that's what we *think* it was.