



True Crime



All the books on this list are non-fiction—either accounts of true crimes or investigative reports that have been published in book form. Some crimes are capers and frauds, but most books on this list are about murders that happened to real people who left real survivors and sometimes went unsolved.

So speculate about the culprits, murderers, and thieves, and try to figure out the real life mysteries. Few on this list are for the Cozy lover, so hold on for a bumpy ride and keep the lights on!

Frank Abagnale
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Catch Me If You Can: The Amazing True
Story of the Most Extraordinary Liar in the
History of Fun and Profit (2000)

George Anastasia
Anne Marie Fahey

The Summer Wind: Thomas Capano and the
Murder of Anne Marie Fahey (1999)

Mark Arax
Ara Arax

In My Father's Name: A Family, a Town
(1993)

Trevor Armbrister
Joseph A. Yablonsky
Act of Vengeance: The Yablonski Murders
and Their Solution (1975)





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Edward Ball

The Inventor and the Tycoon: A Gilded Age Murder and the Birth of Moving Pictures (2013)

Jackie Barrett

The Haunting of Gemini: A True Story of New York's Zodiac Murders (2014)

Bill Bass & Jon Jefferson. (Also writes The Body Farm forensic thrillers as Jefferson Bass.)

Beyond the Body Farm: A Legendary Bone Detective Explores Murders, Mysteries, and the Revolution in Forensic Science (2014)

Reader comment: Really enjoyed the details and what goes into solving crimes forensically.

Death's Acre: Inside the Legendary Forensic Lab, the Body Farm Where the Dead Do Tell Tales (2003)

Edward Baumann

Step Into My Parlor: The Chilling Story of Serial Killer Jeffrey Dahmer (1991)

Alex Beam

American Crucifixion: The Murder of Joseph Smith and the Fate of the Mormon Church (2014) Reader Comment: Excellent but not sure it should be on a True Crime list—really a well-written history. Another reader agreed that it was more a historical context of that time in Mormon history—not True Crime.

John Berendt

Jim Williams

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: A Savannah Story (1994) Reader Comment: Fascinating and at times rather crude but difficult to put down once she was into it.



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David Black

Helen Hagnes Mintes

Murder at the Met (1984)

Jana Bommersbach

Winnie Ruth Judd

The Trunk Murderess, Winnie Ruth Judd: The Truth About American Crime Legend Revealed at Last (1992)

Mark Bowden

Lawrence Lavin

Doctor Dealer: The Rise and Fall of an All-American Boy and his Multi-Million Dollar Cocaine Empire (2001)

Joey Coyle

Finders Keepers: The Story of the Man Who Found \$1 Million (2002)

Susan Braudy

Ann & Billy Woodward

This Crazy Thing Called Love: The Golden World and Fatal Marriage of Ann and Billy Woodward (1992)

Arnold R. Brown

Lizzie Borden

Lizzie Borden, the Legend, the Truth, the Final Chapter (1991)

Ethan Brown

Zackery Bowen

Shake the Devil Off: A True Story of the Murder that Rocked New Orleans (2009)

Anthony Bruno

Richard Kulkinski

Iceman: The True Story of a Cold-blooded Killer (1993) reissue (2013)



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Jessica Buchanan and Erik Landermalm with Anthony Flacco
Impossible Odds: The Kidnapping of Jessica Buchanan and Her Dramatic Rescue by
SEAL Team Six (2013)

Vincent Bugliosi
Charles Manson
Helter Skelter: The True Story of the Manson Murders (1974)

Mary Jo Buttafuoco
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Getting it Through My Thick Skull: Why I Stayed, What I Learned, and What Millions
of People Involved with Sociopaths Need to Know (2009)

Regina Calcaterra
Etched in Sand: A True Story of Five Siblings Who Survived an Unspeakable
Childhood on Long Island (2013) Reader comment: Not sure should be on this list—
abuse of children & neglect the crime—could not put down—really a story about human
spirit triumphing over evil.

Truman Capote
Richard Hitchcock & Perry Smith
In Cold Blood: a True Account of a Multiple Murder and Its Consequences (1964)

Lorenzo Carcaterra
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A Safe Place: The Story of a Father, a Son, a Murder (1993)

Teresa Carpenter
Robin Benedict/Massachusetts
Missing Beauty: A True Story of Murder and Obsession (1988)



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Howie Carr

Rifleman: THE Untold Story of Stevie Flemmi, Whitey Bulger's Partner (2013)

Lowell Cauffiel

Catherine May Wood

Forever and Five Days (1992)

Alston Chase

Theodore John Kaczynski

Harvard and the Unabomber: The Education of an American Terrorist (2003)

Rabia Chaudry

Adnan Syed

Adnan's Story: the Search for Truth and Justice after Serial (2016)

Dave Cullen

Columbine (2009) Reader Comment: Enlightening and very well written.

Wensley Clarkson

Andrew Cunanan, Kevin Spann

Death at Every Stop (1997)

The Mother's Day Murder (2000)

Kevin Cook

Kitty Genovese: The Murder, the Bystanders, the Crime that Changed America (2014)

Patricial D. Cornwell

Jack the Ripper

Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper, Case Closed (2002)



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Kieran Crowley

Gail Bierenbaum

The Surgeon's Wife: A True Story of Obsession, Rage, and Murder (2001)

Kevin Cullen and Shelley Murphy

Whitey Bulger: America's Most Wanted Gangster and the Manhunt that Brought Him to Justice (2013)

Jeanine Cummins

Julie & Robin Kerry

A Rip in Heaven: A Memoir of Murder and Its Aftermath (2004)

Lionel Dahmer

Jeffrey Dahmer

A Father's Story (1994)

Ryan D'Agostino

Bill Petit

The rising: Murder, Heartbreak, and the Power of Human Resilience in an American Town (2015)

Michael D'Antonio

Mortal Sins: Sex, Crime, and the Era of Catholic Scandal (2013)

Don Davis

Ken Arrasmith

A Father's Rage (1997)

William Dear

Dean Milo

Please Don't Kill Me: The True Story of the Milo Murder (1989)



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John Douglas & Mark Olshaker.

The Cases that Haunt Us: From Jack the Ripper to JonBenet Ramsey, the FBI's legendary mindhunter sheds new light on the mysteries that won't go away. (2000)
Law & Disorder (2013)

Timothy Dumas

Martha Moxley

Greentown: Murder and Mystery in Greenwich, America's Wealthiest Community (1998)

Peter Earley

Jeffrey Lundgren

Prophet of Death: The Mormon Blood-atonement Killings (1991)

Andy Edmonds

Thelma Todd

Hot Toddy: The True Story of Hollywood's Most Sensational Murder (1989)

Diane Fanning

Raynella Dossett Leath

Her Deadly Web (2012)

Laura Jean Ackerson

Bitter remains: a Custody Battle, a Gruesome Crime, and the Mother Who Paid the Ultimate Price. (2016) Reader comment: Gruesome story with graphic details. Kept her guessing.

Michael Fleeman

Margaret Ruding-John David Smith

Stranger in My Bed (2003)



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Stranger in My Bed (2003)

Maria Flook
Christa Worthington
Invisible Eden: A Story of Love and Murder on Cape Cod (2003)

Kevin Flynn and Rebecca Lavoie
Ken Carpenter
Notes on a Killing: Love, Lies, and Murder in a Small New Hampshire Town (2013)

Nick Foster
William Dathan Holbert
The Jolly Roger Social Club: A True Story of a Killer in Paradise (2016)

Johnny France
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Incident at Big Sky: The True Story of Sheriff Johnny France and the Capture of the Mountain Men (1986)

Dan Friedman
Jack the Ripper
The Strange Case of Dr. Doyle: A Journey into Madness and Mayhem (2015)

Thomas French
George A. Lewis
Unanswered Cries: A True Story of Friends, Neighbors, and Murder in a Small Town (1992)



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Shirley Frondorf
Steven Steinberg
Death of a Jewish American Princess(1988)

Mark Fuhrman
Martha Moxley
Murder in Greenwich: Who Killed Martha Moxley?(1998)

Terry Ganey
Charles R. Hatcher
St. Joseph's Children: A True Story of Terror and Justice (1989)

Gregory Gibson
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Gone Boy: A Walkabout (1999)

John Glatt
Marie Noe
Cradle of Death (2000)

Peter Graham
Anne Perry and the Murder of the Century (2013) Reader comment: Compelling and well-done—not to be classic but author did his research although no footnotes. Several references to the movie Heavenly Creatures.

Robert Graysmith
David Joseph Carpenter/Robert Hall Starr
The Sleeping Lady: The Trailside Murders Above the Golden Gate (1990)
Zodiac Unmasked: The Identity of America's Most Elusive Serial Killer Revealed (2002) Reader Comment: Disappointed in style and writing but about a really fascinating horrifying serial killer.



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John Grisham.

An Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town. (2006)

Jeff Guinn

Manson: The Life and Times of Charles Manson (2013)

Brenda Gunn

Shannon Richardson

Deadly Deception: A True Story of Duplicity, Greed, Dangerous Passions, and One Woman's Courage (2001)

Deborah Halber.

The Skeleton Crew: How Amateur Sleuths are Solving America's Cold Cases. (2014)

Reader Comment: Fascinating. Blogs at war with one another over material and very obsessed amateurs truly solving cases.

Bob Halloran

Impact Statement: A Family's Fight for Justice Against Whitey Bulger, Stephen Flemmi, and the FBI (2013)

Richard Hammer

Joyce Aparo Joseph J. Coffey

Beyond Obsession (1992)

The Vatican Connection (1982)

Miles Harvey

Joseph Gilbert Bland

The Island of Lost Maps: True Story of Cartographic Crime (2000)

David Heilbroner

Virginia McGinnis

Death Benefits: A Lawyer Uncovers a Twenty-year Pattern of Seduction, Arson, and Murder (1993)



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Darcy Henton
Charles Chitat Ng
No Kill, No Thrill (1991)

Hal Higdon
Nathan F. Leopold & Richard Loeb
Leopold and Loeb: The Crime of the Century (1999)

Jayne A. Hitchcock (J.A.)
True Crime Online: Shocking Stories of Scamming, Stalking, Murder, and Mayhem
(2013) Reader comment: I found the facts in the book spine chilling....we as a society
need to stay vigilant for the powerful predators constantly at work on the dark side of
the Internet.

Steve Hodel
Elizabeth Short
Black Dahlia Avenger: A Genius for Murder (2003)

William Hoffer
Ron Goldman
His Name Is Ron (1997)

Skip Hollandsworth
The Midnight Assassin: Panic, Scandal, and the Hunt for America's First Serial Killer
(2016)

Sue Horton
Joe Hunt
Billionaire Boys Club (1989)

Gary Indiana
Andrew Cunanan
Three Month Fever: The Andrew Cunanan Story (1999)



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Stephen Jimenez

The Book of Matt: Hidden Truths About the Murder of Matthew Shepard (2013)

Joyce Johnson

Joel Barnet Steinberg

What Lisa Knew: The Truth and the Lies of the Steinberg Case (1990)

Aphrodite Jones

Dianne Whipple

Red Zone: The Behind-the-scenes of the San Francisco Dog Mauling (2003)

Sebastian Junger

The Boston Strangler

A Death in Belmont (2006)

Brian Kates

Phyllis Iannotta

The Murder of a Shopping Bag Lady (1985)

Susan Kelly

Henry Albert De Salvo

The Boston Stranglers (1999)

Robert Francis Kennedy

Michael Skakel

Framed: Why Michael Skakel Spent Over a Decade in Prison for a Murder he Didn't Commit (2016)

David Kent

Lizzie Borden

Forty Whacks: New Evidence in the Life and Legend of Lizzie Borden (1992)



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David King

Death in the City of Light: The Serial Killer of Nazi-Occupied Paris. (2011) Reader Comment: Gruesome and difficult to read at times because of the detail but politics and detection of the time and place well done.

Walter Kirn.

Clark Rockefeller

Blood Will Out: The True Story of a Murder, A Mystery, and a Masquerade (2014)

Sidney Kirkpatrick

William Desmond Taylor

A Cast of Killers (1986)

Lawrence Klausner

David Richard Berkowitz

Son of Sam: Based on the Authorized Transcription of the Tapes, Official Documents and Diaries of David Berkowitz (1981)

Dena Kleiman

Cheryl Pierson

A Deadly Silence: The Ordeal of Cheryl Pierson, a Case of Incest and Murder (1988)

Michelle Knight with Michelle Burford.

Cleveland kidnappings

Finding Me: A Decade of Darkness, A Life Reclaimed: A Memoir of the Cleveland Kidnapping (2014)

Janice Knowlton

George F. Knowlton

Daddy Was the Black Dahlia Killer (1995)



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Amanda Knox

Waiting to Be Heard: A Memoir (2013)

Gera-Lind Kolarik

Larry Eyler

Freed to Kill: The True Story of Larry Eyler (1990)

Robert Kolker

Craigslist serial killer

Lost Girls : An Unsolved American Mystery (2013)

Taya Kyle

Chris Kyle

American Wife: Love, War, Faith, and Renewal (2015)

Tom Lange

O.J.Simpson

Evidence Dismissed: The Inside Story of the Police Investigation of O.J.Simpson (1997)

Erik Larson

Herman W. Mudgett

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America (2003)

Dick Lehr

Whitey Bulger

Black Mass: The True Story of an Unholy Alliance Between the FBI, and the Irish Mob (2001)

Dick Lehr and Gerald O'Neill

Whitey: The Life of America's Most Notorious Mob Boss (2013)



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Jill Leovy

Ghettoside: A True Story of Murder in America (2015)

James D. Livingston.

Evelina Bliss

Arsenic and Clam Chowder: Murder in Gilded Age New York. (2010) Reader comment: Matricide in the late 1890S, well-done.

Joseph K. Loughlin and Kate Flora

Finding Amy: A True Story of Murder in Maine. (2007) Reader Comment: Dogged and dedicated detection but hard to read as a grandmother

Rod Lurie

Jon Emr

Once Upon a Time in Hollywood: Moviemaking, Con Games, and Murder in Glitter City (1995)

Harry N. MacLean

Ken Rex McElroy

In Broad Daylight (1988)

Peter Manso

Christa Worthington

Reasonable Doubt: The Fashion Writer, Cape Cod, and the Trial of Chris McCowen (2011)

Juan Martinez

Jodi Arias

Conviction: The Untold Story of Putting Jodi Arias Behind Bars (2016)

Dary Matera

John Dillinger: The Life and Death of America's First Celebrity Criminal. (2004)



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Brian Masters

Dennis Andrew Nilson

Killing For Company: The Story of a Man Addicted to Murder (1993)

McDermid, Val.

Forensics: What Bugs, Burns, Prints, DNA, and More Tell Us About Crime. (2015)

Reader comment: Really interesting and detailed. Journalistic training shows.

Brian McDonald

Jennifer Hawke-Petit

In the Middle of the Night (2009)

Jeannie McDonough with Paul Lonardo

Caught in the Act: A Courageous Family's Fight to Save Their Daughter from a Serial Killer. (2011) Reader Comment: Moved along and really showed how happenstance can really altered someone's life.

Dennis McDougal

Randy Steven Kraft

Angel of Darkness (1991)

Joe McGinniss

Bonnie & Lieth Von Stein, Jeffrey MacDonald

Cruel Doubt (1991)

Fatal Vision: Reinvestigating the MacDonald murders (1995)

Michael McLean

Irish King of Winter Hill: The True Story of James J. "Buddy" McLean (2013)



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Michele McPhee

Christian Paciello, Rachel Entwistle, Julissa Brisman. Seth Bishop, Shirley Reine
A Mob Story (2002)

Heartless: The True Story of Neil Entwistle and the Cold Brutal Murder of his Wife and
Child (2008)

When Evil Rules: Vengeance and Murder on Cape Cod (2009)

A Date with Death (2010)

A Professor's Rage: The Chilling True story of Harvard Ph.D. Amy Bishop, Her
Brother's Mysterious Death, and the Shooting Spree that Shocked the Nation (2011)

Angus McLaren

Thomas Neill Cream

A Prescription for Murder: The Victorian Serial Killings of Dr. Thomas Neill Cream
(1993)

Lyle Menendez

Lyle Menedez

The Private Diary of Lyle Menedez: In His Own Words, As Told to Norma Novelli,
with Mike Walker (1995)

Joyce Milton

Victoria Lynn Morgan

Vicki (1986)

Errol Morris.

Jeffery MacDonald revisited

A Wilderness of Error (2012)

Rebecca Musser with M. Bridget Cook

The Witness Wore Red: The 19th Wife, Who Brought Polygamous Cult Leaders to
Justice (2013) Reader Comment: Not for readers who do not like sexual abuse stories
but a comprehensive look at a cult and the way people are coerced into staying in them.
Chilling.



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Gene Mustain

Roy DeMao

Murder Machine: A True Story of Murder, Madness, and the Mafia (1992)

Michael Newton

Harvey Glatman Charles Starkweather

Rope: The Twisted Life and Crimes of Harvey Glatman (1998)

Waste Land (1998)

Martin Obler

Devon Cardou

Fatal Analysis: A True Story of Professional Privilege and Serial Murder (1997)

Darcy O'Brien

John Dale Cavaness

Murder in Little Egypt (1989)

Gregg Olsen

Sharon Lynn Nelson

Confessions of an American Black Widow: A True Story of Greed, Lust, and a Murderous Wife (1998)

Jack Olsen

George Russell, Jr. Keith Hunter Jespersen

Charmer: The True Story of a Ladies' Man and His Victims (1994)

I: The Creation of a Serial Killer: The Creation of a Serial Killer (2002)

Maureen Orth

Andrew Cunanan & Gianni Versace

Vulgar Favors: Andrew Cunanan, Gianni Versace, and the Largest Manhunt in FBI History (1999)



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David Owen

Forensic Science

Hidden Evidence: 40 True Crimes and How Forensic Science Helped Solve Them (2000)

Richard Lord Parry

Lucie Blackman in Japan

People who eat darkness: the true story of a young woman who vanished from the streets of Tokyo and the evil that swallowed her up (2012)

Douglas Perry

Eliot Ness: The Rise and Fall of the Man Behind the Untouchables (2014)

William M. Phelps

Jan Roseboro, Adrienne Reynolds

Love Her to Death (2011)

Too Young to Kill (2011)

Richard T. Pienciak

Eric Napolitano

Mama's Boy: The True Story of a Serial Killer and His Mother (1996)

Nicholas Pileggi

Mafia

Wiseguy: Life in a Mafia Family (1986)

Joseph D. Pistone

Mafia

Donnie Brasco: My Undercover Life in the Mafia: A true Story (1997)

Margaret L. Press

Martha Brailsford

Counterpoint: A Murder in Massachusetts Bay (1996)



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A Scream on the Water: A True Story of Murder in Salem (1996)

Douglas J. Preston with Mario Spezi

Monster of Florence

The Monster of Florence (2008)

Gary Provost

Konstantine Fotopoulos & Dee Casteel, Art Venecia

Perfect Husband: The True Story of the Trusting Bride Who Discovered Her Husband Was a Cold-blooded Killer (1991)

Without Mercy: Obsession and Murder Under the Influence (1990)

John Ramsey

JonBenet Ramsey

The Death of Innocence: The Untold Story of JonBenet's Murder and How Its Exploitation Compromised the Pursuit of Truth (2000)

The Other Side of Suffering: The Father of JonBenet Ramsey Tells the Story of his Journey from Grief to Grace (2012)

Katherine M. Ramsland

The Devil's Dozen: 12 Notorious Serial Killers Caught by Cutting-edge Forensics (2013) Reader Comment: Enjoyed the forensics in each piece and great companion to Starr's The Killer of Little Shepherds.

Ann Rule

Thomas Capano, Sheila Bellush, Pat Allanson, David Arnold Brown, Anthony Pignataro, Ted Bundy

–And Never Let Her Go: Thomas Capano, the Deadly Seducer (1999)

Empty Promises and Other True True Cases (2001)

Every Breath You Take: A True Story of Obsession, Revenge, and Murder (2002)

Everything She Ever Wanted: A True Story of Obsessive Love, Murder, and Betrayal (1993)

If You Really Love Me: A True Story of Desire and Murder (1991)

Last Dance, Last Chance: And Other True Cases (2003)

The Stranger Beside Me (2000)



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Michael Russell with Patrick W. Picciarelli

Undercover Cop: How I Brought Down the Real-life Sopranos (2013)

Eli Sanders

Isaiah Kalebur

While the City Slept: A Love Lost to Violence and a Young Man's Descent into Madness (2016)

Aram Saroyan

Andrea Sand

Rancho Mirage: An American Tragedy of Manners, Madness, and Murder (1993)

Harold Schechter

Jesse Harding Pomeroy

Fiend: The Shocking True Story of America's Youngest Serial Killer (2000)

Ed Gein

Deviant: The Shocking True Story of the Original Psycho (1998)

Lawrence Schiller

JonBenet Ramsey

Perfect Murder, Perfect Town: JonBenet and the City of Boulder (1999)

Eric Schneider

The Choir Boy: Why I Turned to a Life of Crime with the Whitey Bulger Gang After Being Raped by My Scoutmaster (2014)

Robert Scott

Gabriel Morris

Kill the Ones You Love (2013) Reader Comment: Hard to believe that intelligent people do some of the things that they do from murder itself to turning a blind eye to someone being a serial killer. Gruesome.

Gitta Sereny

Mary Bell

Cries Unheard: Why Children Kill: the Story of Mary Bell (1999)



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Joe Sharkey

Charles Stuart

Deadly Greed: The Riveting True Story of the Stuart Murder Case that Rocked Boston and Shocked the Nation (1991)

Casey Sherman

Henry Albert DeSalvo

A Rose for Mary: The Hunt for the Real Boston Strangler (2003)

David Simon

Baltimore, MD PD

Homicide: A Year on the Killing Streets (2006)

Elizabeth Smart with Chris Stewart.

My Story (2013)

Carlton Smith

Kenneth Fitzhugh, Cary Stayner

Blood Will Tell (2003)

Murder at Yosemite (1999)

David Smith

Susan Smith

Beyond All Reason: My Life with Susan Smith (1995)

Frank Spiering

Lizzie Borden

Lizzie (1984)

Justin St. Germain

Debbie St. Germain

Son of a Gun (2013)

Andy Stack. Ann Rule writing as Andy Stack.

Randall Brent Woodfield

The I-5 Killer (2000)



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Douglas P. Starr

Birth of Forensic Science

The Killer of Little Shepherds: a true crime story and the birth of forensic science.

(2010) Reader Comment: Great history of forensics. Another reader found it very compelling and informative.

Gary L. Stewart with Susan Mustafa

The Most Dangerous Animal of All: Searching for My Father...and Finding the Zodiac Killer (2014)

James B. Stewart

Michael Swango

Blind Eye: How the Medical Establishment Let a Doctor Get Away With Murder

(1999)

Carlton Stowers

Joy Aylor

Open Secrets: A True Story of Love, Jealousy and Murder (2001)

Bella Stumbo

Betty & Dan Broderick

Until the Twelfth of Never: The Deadly Divorce of Dan and Betty Broderick (1993)

James B. Sullivan with Peter T. Maiken

John Wayne Gacy

Killer Clown: The John Wayne Gacy Murders (1991)

Randall Sullivan

Tupac Shakur & Notorious B.I.G.

Labyrinth: A Detective Investigates the Murders of Tupac Shakur and Notorious B.I.G., the Implication of Death Row Records' Suge Knight, and the Origins of the Los Angeles Police Scandal (2002)



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Kate Summerscale

Road Hill House Murder

The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher: a Shocking Murder and the Undoing of a Great Victorian Detective. (2008) Read Comment: Really reads like traditional country-house murder, well-researched and paced—great background for anyone interested in the history of detecting in Great Britain or the history of detective novels—forebears of Wilkie Collins, Dickens & Homes. Good companion to The Moonstone. Great audio version.

Robert and Nattie Coombes

The Wicked Boy: The Mystery of a Victorian Child Murderer (2016) Reader Comment: Excellent.

Robert Tanenbaum

Charles Yuki

The Piano Teacher: The True Story of a Psychotic Killer (1987)

Tejada, Susan M.

Sacco & Vanzetti

In search of Sacco and Vanzetti: double lives, troubled times, and the Massachusetts murder case that shook the world (2012)

Melanie Thernstrom

Sinedu Tadesse, Roberta Lee

Halfway Heaven: Diary of a Harvard Murder (1997)

The Dead Girl (1990)

Steve Thomas

JonBenet Ramsey

JonBenet: Inside the Ramsey Murder Investigation (2000)

Helen Thomson

George Parkman

Murder at Harvard (1971)



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Jeffrey Toobin. *American Heiress: the Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst* (2016)

Reader comment: Well-written and considered overview of Hearst's kidnapping and trial.

James Tully

Jack the Ripper

Prisoner 1167: The Madman Who Was Jack the Ripper (1997)

Eric Van Hoffmann

Gerald Armand Gallego

A Venom in the Blood (1990)

Jane Velez-Mitchell

Exposed: The Secret Life of Jodi Arias (2013)

Kent Walker

Sante Kimes

Son of a Grifter: The Twisted Tale of Sante and Kenny Kimes, the Most Notorious Con Artists in America: A Memoir by the Other Son (2001)

Michael Wallis.

Pretty Boy Floyd.

Pretty Boy: The Life and Times of Charles Arthur Floyd. (1992) Reader comment: blue-collar hero or gangster? Probably both. Underscored that some people saw themselves as having few choices in the early decades of 1900s.

John Walsh

America's Most Wanted

No Mercy: The Hunt of America's Most Wanted Hunts the Worst Criminals of Our Time—in Shattering True Crime Cases (1998)



True Crime



Joseph Wambaugh

Susan Reinert, Karl Hettinger

Echoes in the Darkness (1987)

The Onion Field (1973) Reader comment: Classic for a reason—still stays with her from high school as she re-read it. Good classic discussion title.

Ronald J. Watkins

Suzanne Maria Rosetta

Evil Intentions: The Story of How an Act of Kindness Led to Senseless Murder (1992)

Mike Weiss

Dan White

Double Play: The San Francisco City Hall Killings (1984)

Sheila Weller

Diane Pikul

Marrying the Hangman: A True Story of Privilege, Marriage and Murder (1998)

Linda Wolfe

Richard Caputo, Jennifer Levin

Love Me to Death (1998)

Wasted: The Preppie Murder (1989)

William Wright

Claus Von Bulow

The Von Bulow Affair (1983)