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LOVE LIES - AMANDA LAMB 2015-09-22

A SUBURBAN HOUSEWIFE'S PICTURE-PERFECT LIFE IS SHATTERED IN THIS RIVETING TRUE CRIME BOOK FROM THE AUTHOR OF *EVIL NEXT DOOR*. WHEN NANCY COOPER MOVED FROM CANADA TO CARY, NORTH CAROLINA, WITH HER NEW HUSBAND BRAD, THEIR FUTURE WAS BRIGHT. LIVING IN ONE OF THE MOST PICTURESQUE TOWNS IN THE UNITED STATES, THE COUPLE MINGLED WITH NEIGHBORS, ATTENDED PARTIES, AND RAISED TWO DAUGHTERS. THEN, ON JULY 14, 2008, THE FAÇADE CAME CRASHING DOWN WHEN NANCY'S STRANGLER BODY WAS FOUND IN A STORM POND. NANCY'S HUSBAND CLAIMED SHE HAD GONE FOR A JOG AND NEVER CAME BACK. BUT AS THE POLICE INVESTIGATION DEEPENED, A COMPLEX WEB OF AFFAIRS AND LIES INVOLVING MULTIPLE RESIDENTS OF CARY'S IDYLIC NEIGHBORHOODS WAS UNCOVERED, AND BRAD WAS BROUGHT TO TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE. AT THE HEART OF IT STOOD THE COOPERS' SOURED MARRIAGE, NANCY'S THREAT TO LEAVE WITH THE CHILDREN, AND HER OWN COLD-BLOODED MURDER. IT WOULD TAKE A MOUNTAIN OF DAMNING EVIDENCE BEFORE JUSTICE WAS SERVED.

TO HAVE AND TO KILL - JOHN GLATT 2008-12-02

DOCUMENTS THE CASE OF MELANIE MCGUIRE, A NEW JERSEY NURSE INVOLVED IN A LONG-TERM AFFAIR WITH A MARRIED DOCTOR, WHO WAS ARRESTED AND CONVICTED OF MURDERING AND DISMEMBERING HER HUSBAND, WILLIAM.

BLIND LOVE - PETER MEYER 2011-04-01

A HANDSOME OVERACHIEVER... A BEAUTIFUL HONORS STUDENT... TOGETHER THEY WOULD COMMIT SAVAGE MURDER... A TEENAGE LOVE PACT SEALED IN BLOOD OUTSIDE A SMALL TEXAS TOWN BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE BEAUTY ADRIANNE JONES LAY WITH HER SKULL BASHED IN AND TWO BULLETS IN HER HEAD. SHE HAD BEEN DRIVEN TO AN ISOLATED SPOT OUTSIDE OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS BY STAR STUDENT DAVID GRAHAM WHILE DAVID'S GIRLFRIEND, DIANE ZAMORA, HID IN THE TRUNK. FIRST DAVID TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO BREAK ADRIANNE'S NECK, THEN DIANE CAME OUT OF THE TRUNK TO ATTACK HER WITH A SET OF WEIGHTS. TO FINISH OFF THE JOB, DAVID SHOT HER BETWEEN THE EYES. FOR MONTHS, THERE WERE NO LEADS ON THE KILLING UNTIL DIANE CONFESSED TO HER MILITARY SCHOOL ROOMMATES ABOUT THE SECRET SHE AND HER BOYFRIEND WOULD TAKE TO THEIR GRAVES... TAINTED LOVE THE BRUTAL KILLING SHOCKED THE ENTIRE TOWN OF MANSFIELD. EVEN MORE SHOCKING WERE THE KILLERS, DAVID AND DIANE, MODEL TEENAGERS, DEVOTED HIGH SCHOOL SWEETHEARTS, MILITARY ACADEMY-BOUND HONORS STUDENTS-- AND DESPERATE LOVERS WHO FEARED THAT ADRIANNE'S SEXUAL ENCOUNTER WITH DAVID HAD COME BETWEEN THEM. KILLING ADRIANNE WAS "THE ONLY THING THAT COULD SATISFY [DIANE'S] VENGEANCE," SAID DAVID IN HIS CONFESSION TO POLICE-- THE ONLY WAY, SHE TOLD DAVID, TO RESTORE THE 'PURITY' OF THEIR LOVE... PURE VENGEANCE HERE IS THE UNBELIEVABLE TRUE STORY OF A MACABRE LOVE TRIANGLE-- AND THE STARTLING LENGTHS ONE COUPLE WENT TO IN THE NAME OF... **BLIND LOVE**

OPEN SECRETS - CARLTON STOWERS 2002-03-15

ON A FALL AFTERNOON IN 1983, IN AN UPSCALE DALLAS SUBURB, ROZANNE GAILIUNAS WAS FOUND STRIPPED, BOUND TO HER BED, AND SHOT THROUGH THE SKULL. HER FOUR-YEAR-OLD SON HAS BEEN NAPPING PEACEFULLY IN THE NEXT ROOM WHEN SHE WAS KILLED. ROZANNE'S HUSBAND, DR. PETER GAILIUNAS--AND HER LOVER, LARRY AYLOR--IMMEDIATELY FELL UNDER SUSPICION. UNTIL A SURPRISE INFORMANT IDENTIFIED THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE MURDER AS AYLOR'S OWN WIFE, JOY--A WOMAN SO DRIVEN BY JEALOUSY AND GREED THAT SHE PUT OUT A CONTRACT ON BOTH ROZANNE AND LATER HER OWN HUSBAND. ON THE RUN AND MANAGING TO ELUDE INVESTIGATORS FOR EIGHT YEARS, THE TWO-YEAR SEARCH FOR THE SOCIALITE WOULD EVENTUALLY END IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE. THERE, AUTHORITIES FOUND THE ELUSIVE FEMME FATALE, LIVING AS COMFORTABLY AMONG THE WORLD'S ELITE AS SHE WAS AMONG HIRED KILLERS. AT LAST, THE AUTHORITIES' QUESTIONS WOULD BE ANSWERED, TO REVEAL A SHOCKING INSIGHT INTO THE HEART OF AN UNLIKELY KILLER, AND A SMALL-TOWN TEXAS CRIME THAT MADE INTERNATIONAL HEADLINES.

WHERE DREAMS DIE HARD - CARLTON STOWERS 2009-04-30

DOWN FARM ROAD 308, AN HOUR'S DRIVE SOUTH OF DALLAS, AMIDST SPRAWLING FIELDS OF COTTON LIES A SMALL COMMUNITY-- PENELOPE, TEXAS (POPULATION 211). HERE, WHERE THE ONLY THRIVING BUSINESSES ARE THE GRANARY AND THE POST OFFICE, UNLESS YOU COUNT THE SOFT-DRINK MACHINE IN FRONT OF THE FIRE STATION, TWO-TIME EDGAR AWARD-WINNING WRITER CARLTON STOWERS DISCOVERED A SPECIAL TOWN THAT CAME TOGETHER, NOT ONLY TO SUPPORT THEIR SIX-MAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM--THE PENELOPE WOLVERINES--THROUGH THICK AND A LOT OF THIN, BUT ALSO, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, EACH OTHER. WHERE DREAMS DIE HARD IS A WARM AND REVEALING PORTRAIT OF THE AMERICAN HEARTLAND--AND OF ONE SMALL TOWN'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE TEAM THAT UNITES IT. "THROUGH HIS UNFORGETTABLE DEPICTION OF INNOCENCE, GOODNESS, LOYALTY, AND FRIENDSHIP...CARLTON STOWERS GIVES US A MOVING PORTRAIT OF A COMMUNITY THAT, IN THE WORDS OF ONE OF THE PENELOPE FAITHFUL, IS LIKE 'STEPPING INTO A NORMAN ROCKWELL PAINTING.'" (BILLIE LETTS, AUTHOR OF WHERE THE HEART IS) "HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL IN TEXAS IS BOTH SPORT AND RELIGION, AND STOWERS BRILLIANTLY BRINGS THIS TO LIGHT IN WHERE DREAMS DIE HARD." (JIM DENT, AUTHOR OF THE JUNCTION BOYS)

THE MAGICIAN AND THE CARDSHARP - KARL JOHNSON 2006-07-25

A FAMOUS MAGICIAN'S JOURNEY TO FIND THE GREATEST CARDSHARP EVER EVOKES THE FORGOTTEN WORLD OF MAGIC WHERE AMERICANS FOUND ESCAPE DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION IT HAS THE NOSTALGIC QUALITY OF AN OLD-FASHIONED FABLE, BUT KARL JOHNSON'S THE MAGICIAN AND THE CARDSHARP IS A TRUE STORY THAT LOVINGLY RE-CREATES THE SPARKLE OF A VANISHED WORLD. HERE, SET AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF AMERICA STRUGGLING THROUGH THE DEPRESSION, IS THE WORLD OF MAGIC, A REALM OF STARS, SLEIGHT OF HAND, AND SIN WHERE DREAMS COULD BE REALIZED - OR STOLEN AWAY. FOLLOWING THE CRASH OF '29, DAI VERNON, KNOWN BY MAGICIANS AS "THE MAN WHO FOOLED HOUDINI," IS TRAMPING DOWN MIDWESTERN BACKROADS, BARELY MAKING ENDS MEET. WHILE SWAPPING SECRETS WITH A MEXICAN GAMBLER, HE HEARS OF A GUY HE DOESN'T QUITE BELIEVE IS REAL - A LEGENDARY MYSTERY MAN WHO DEALS PERFECTLY FROM THE CENTER OF THE DECK AND WHO LOCALS CALL THE GREATEST CARDSHARP OF ALL TIME. DETERMINED TO FIND THE RECLUSIVE GENIUS, VERNON SETS OUT ON A JOURNEY THROUGH AMERICA'S SHADY, SLICK, AND SINFUL SIDE - FROM MOB-RUN KANSAS CITY THROUGH RAILROAD TOWNS THAT LOOKED SLEEPY ONLY IN THE DAYTIME. DOES HE FIND THE SHARP? WELL, KARL JOHNSON DID - AFTER YEARS OF RESEARCH INTO VERNON'S COLORFUL QUEST, RESEARCH THAT LED HIM TO PLACES HE NEVER KNEW EXISTED. JOHNSON TAKES US TO THE CARDSHARP'S DOORSTEP AND SHOWS US HOW HE BESTOWED ON VERNON THE GREATEST SECRET IN MAGIC. THE MAGICIAN AND THE CARDSHARP IS A UNIQUE AND ENDLESSLY ENTERTAINING PIECE OF HISTORY THAT REVEALS THE ARTISTRY AND OBSESSION OF A SPECIAL BREED OF AMERICAN SHOWMEN.

AN HOUR TO KILL - DALE HUDSON 2001-03-02

AFTER 17-YEAR-OLD CRYSTAL TODD WAS FOUND BRUTALLY MURDERED IN HER SOUTH CAROLINA HOMETOWN IN 1991, HER BEST FRIEND, KEN REGISTER, WAS THE LAST PERSON ANYONE WOULD SUSPECT. BUT WHEN DNA TESTS CONFIRMED HE RAPED AND STABBED CRYSTAL, THEIR SMALL TOWN WAS STUNNED. PHOTOS. MARTIN'S PRESS.

EVIL TWINS - JOHN GLATT 1999-05-15

THEY GIVE A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO THE PHRASE "DEAD RINGERS" IDENTICAL TWINS, WITH THE EXACT SAME GENETIC INFORMATION, ARE A FASCINATING STUDY IN HUMAN BEHAVIOR. IT IS A KNOWN FACT THAT WHEN SEPARATED AT BIRTH, THEY WILL OFTEN END UP WITH VERY SIMILAR LIVES, WITHOUT EVER HAVING MET ONE ANOTHER. SO IT SEEMS TO FOLLOW THAT IF ONE TWINS TURNS OUT TO BE A "BAD SEED," THE OTHER WILL ALSO GO TO THE DARK SIDE. THE SHOCKING STORIES IN EVIL TWINS PROVE THIS TO BE THE CASE TIME AND TIME AGAIN. AND EVEN MORE ASTOUNDING ARE STORIES OF TWINS TURNING UPON EACH OTHER IN FURIOUS RIVALRIES THAT MAY DATE BACK TO THE WOMB. HER IS JUST A SAMPLING OF THE COMPELLING TRUE STORIES ABOUT EVIL TWINS: SINS OF THE MOTHERS: HARVARD-EDUCATED CHEMICAL ENGINEER JANE HOPKINS STABBED HER TWO YOUNG CHILDREN TO DEATH BEFORE KILLING HERSELF-SIX YEARS AFTER HER TWIN SISTER JEAN HAD TRIED TO POISON HER OWN TWO CHILDREN... MY BROTHER'S KILLER: IDENTICAL TWINS JEFF AND GREG HENRY WERE CLOSE AS BROTHERS COULD BE, INVENTING THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AND OFTEN EXCHANGING IDENTITIES. BUT THEY GREW UP TO BECOME VIOLENT ALCOHOLICS, AND ON ONE FATEFUL BINGE, JEFF TURNED ON HIS OWN TWIN BROTHER AND SHOT HIM IN THE HEART WITH A SHOTGUN... LOATHSOME LOATHARIOS: HANDSOME, CHARMING TWIN BROTHERS GEORGE AND STEFAN SPITZER WENT TO HOLLYWOOD TO BECOME FAMOUS ACTORS. BUT THEIR MOVIE-STAR GOOD LOOKS NEVER LANDED THEM ANY PARTS-EXCEPT IN THE LURID HOME MOVIES THEY SHOT OF THEMSELVES RAPING THE UNCONSCIOUS WOMEN THEY DOPED UP ON "ROOFIES"... EVIL TWINS: DOUBLE THE DEADLINESS...WITH EIGHT PAGES OF SHOCKING PHOTOS!

BLOOD LEGACY - JAMES PYLANT 2008-04-01

IN 1925 TEXANS WERE STUNNED WHEN A YOUNG MAN'S SEVERED HEAD WAS FOUND IN AN ABANDONED FARMHOUSE NEAR THE TOWN OF STEPHENVILLE. AN INVESTIGATION LED TO EX-CONVICT F. M. SNOW AND THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES OF HIS WIFE AND MOTHER-IN-LAW. BUT THIS SHOCKING, BLOODY SAGA BEGAN 50 YEARS EARLIER . . . BEAUTIFUL, VIVACIOUS SAMANTHA JONES HAD A PENCHANT FOR DANGEROUS MEN. HER TEENAGE MARRIAGE TO GAMBLER AMOS SMITH ENDED WHEN HE WAS GUNNED DOWN IN A HIT ORCHESTRATED BY HIS WIFE'S ALLEGED LOVER, WHO WAS LYNCHED. THE WIDOW THEN MARRIED THE ABUSIVE BILL OLDS, WHO WAS LATER ARRESTED FOR THEFT, FORGERY AND MURDER. VIOLENCE STALKED THE NEXT GENERATION WHEN SAMANTHA'S DAUGHTER, MAGGIE OLDS, WAS TWICE WIDOWED WITH THE BRUTAL MURDERS OF HER SECOND AND FOURTH HUSBANDS. YET MAGGIE'S UNFORTUNATE CHOICE FOR A FIFTH HUSBAND, F. M. SNOW, LED TO A GRUESOME, TRIPLE TRAGEDY. IN BLOOD LEGACY: THE TRUE STORY OF THE SNOW AXE MURDERS, JAMES PYLANT DELVES INTO FAMILY HISTORY AND SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON A TALE OF TWENTY

SHOCKING DEATHS FUELED BY GREED, INSANITY AND REVENGE. "FROM HITS TO LYNCHINGS TO BLACK WIDOWS, THIS CHRONICLE PROVES ENDLESSLY INTRIGUING." —THE MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW "SET IN THE SEEMINGLY QUIET ISOLATION OF SMALL-TOWN TEXAS, BLOOD LEGACY IS A WELL-WRITTEN, WELL-RESEARCHED TRUE TALE WITH GOTHIC OVERTONES AND MORE THAN A HINT OF STEPHEN KING-STYLE HORROR." —CARLTON STOWERS, BEST-SELLING AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR
TO KILL AND KILL AGAIN - JOHN COSTON 2016-10-18

THE TWELVE-YEAR RAMPAGE OF "MISSOULA MAULER" WAYNE NANCE—AND THE SHOCKING END TO HIS MURDER SPREE TO HIS NEIGHBORS, WAYNE NANCE, A FURNITURE MOVER FROM MISSOULA, MONTANA, APPEARED TO BE AN AFFABLE, CONSIDERATE, AND TRUSTWORTHY GUY. NO ONE KNEW THAT NANCE WAS THE "MISSOULA MAULER," A PSYCHOPATH RESPONSIBLE FOR A SERIES OF SADISTIC SEX SLAYINGS THAT ROCKED THE IDYLIC TOWN BETWEEN 1974 AND 1986. NANCE'S ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR MURDER WAS ACCESSIBILITY—A PREACHER'S WIFE, A TEENAGE RUNAWAY, A FEMALE ACQUAINTANCE, A MARRIED COUPLE. PUTTING ON A FRIENDLY FAÇADE, HE COULD EASILY GAIN HIS VICTIMS' TRUST. THEN, ONE SEPTEMBER NIGHT, THIRTY-YEAR-OLD NANCE PUSHED HIS LUCK, PREYING ON A COUPLE WHO LIVED TO TELL THE TALE. A TRUE STORY WITH AN INCREDIBLE TWIST, WRITTEN BY FORMER WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITOR JOHN COSTON AND COMPLETE WITH PHOTOS, **TO KILL AND KILL AGAIN** REVEALS THE DISTURBING COMPULSIONS OF A CHARMING SERIAL KILLER WHO FOOLED EVERYONE HE KNEW, STUMPED THE AUTHORITIES, TERRIFIED A COMMUNITY, AND NEARLY GOT AWAY WITH IT.

SUDDENLY GONE - DAN MITRIONE 1996-09-15

THE AUTHOR, A FORMER FBI AGENT, FOLLOWS THE DARK, TWISTED PATH OF MAN WITH ALL THE CUNNING, SEXY GOOD LOOKS AND DEADLY CHARM OF TED BUNDEY, EXPOSING A KILLER'S SECRET BLOODY PAST THAT SHOCKED EVEN THE MOST JADED DETECTIVES. RICHARD GRISSOM, A HANDSOME ONE-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT, KIDNAPPED AND KILLED FOUR YOUNG WOMEN IN WICHITA, KANSAS, BEFORE BEING APPREHENDED BY THE POLICE. 8-PAGE PHOTO INSERT.

TO THE LAST BREATH - CARLTON STOWERS 1999-04-15

ON JANUARY 22, 1994, TWO-YEAR OLD RENEE GOODE PLAYED HAPPILY WITH HER SISTERS AND COUSIN, AS THE FOUR OF THEM ENJOYED AN IMPROMPTU "SLUMBER PARTY" AT THE HOME OF HER FATHER, SHANE GOODE. THE NEXT DAY SHE WAS DEAD. THE LOCAL MEDICAL EXAMINER COULD NOT DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF LITTLE RENEE'S DEATH. BUT HER MOTHER ANNETTE AND GRANDMOTHER SHARON WERE CONVINCED SHE'D BEEN MURDERED--AND THAT THEY KNEW THE IDENTITY OF RENEE'S KILLER: HER HANDSOME FATHER, SHANE GOODE, A MANIPULATIVE, EMOTIONALLY ABUSIVE MAN WHO DISPLAYED VIRTUALLY NO INTEREST IN RENEE--UNTIL HE TOOK OUT A \$50,000 INSURANCE POLICY ON HER LIFE. WITH THE HELP OF A COURAGEOUS FEMALE POLICE INVESTIGATOR AND ASSISTANT DA, SHARON LAUNCHED A CASE AGAINST SHANE AND HAD RENEE'S TINY COFFIN, LOVINGLY FILLED WITH HER FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMALS, EXHUMED FROM ITS FINAL RESTING PLACE. AND HER SMALL CORPSE REVEALED WHAT HER GRANDMOTHER HAD SUSPECTED ALL ALONG: COLD, CALCULATING SHANE GOODE HAD MURDERED HIS OWN DAUGHTER TO CASH IN ON HER DEATH. **TO THE LAST BREATH** IS THE WINNER OF THE 1999 EDGAR AWARD FOR BEST FACT CRIME.

CARELESS WHISPERS - CARLTON STOWERS 2001-01-15

WHEN THE BODIES OF THREE TEENAGERS WERE FOUND ON THE SHORES OF LAKE WACO, TEXAS IN JULY, 1982, EVEN SEASONED LAWYERS WERE TAKEN ABACK BY THE SAVAGE MUTILATION AND DEGRADATION THEY HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO. YET ONLY 52 DAYS AFTER THE GRUESOME TRIPLE-MURDER WAS DISCOVERED, FRUSTRATED AUTHORITIES SUSPENDED THE CASE INDEFINITELY. PATROL SERGEANT TRUMAN SIMONS, WHO HAD BEEN CALLED TO THE SCENE THAT NIGHT, SAW THE CARNAGE FIRST-HAND -- AND VOWED TO FIND THE FEROCIOUS KILLER OR KILLERS. HE SOON BECAME A MAN WITH A MISSION, RISKING HIS CAREER AND HIS FAMILY'S SAFETY IN SEARCH OF EVIDENCE. PLUNGING HIMSELF INTO A NETHERWORLD OF VIOLENCE AND EVIL, SIMONS FINALLY GOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO A MURDEROUS RINGLEADER TO HEAR HIS CARELESS WHISPERS--AND ULTIMATELY, PUT HIM AND HIS THREE ACCOMPLICES BEHIND BARS FOR THE BRUTAL SLAYINGS. NOW, IN HIS EDGAR AWARD-WINNING ACCOUNT OF THE LAKE WACO KILLINGS, ACCLAIMED TRUE CRIME WRITER CARLTON STOWERS LAYS BARE THE FACTS BEHIND THE TRAGIC CRIMES, THE TWISTED PREDATORS, AND THE HEROIC MAN WHO BROKE THE INVESTIGATION--WITH IMPORTANT UPDATED INFORMATION BASED ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE.

WITHIN THESE WALLS - REV. CARROLL PICKETT 2017-02-27

FORMER TEXAS PRISON CHAPLAIN REV. CARROLL PICKETT, WORKING WITH TWO-TIME EDGAR AWARD WINNER AND NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR CARLTON STOWERS, PROVIDES THIS ELOQUENT, UNFLINCHING LOOK AT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. **WITHIN THESE WALLS** IS THE POWERFUL MEMOIR OF REV. CARROLL PICKETT, WHO SPENT FIFTEEN YEARS AS THE DEATH HOUSE CHAPLAIN AT "THE WALLS," THE HUNTSVILLE UNIT OF THE TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM. IN THAT CAPACITY, REVEREND PICKETT MINISTERED TO NINETY-FIVE MEN BEFORE THEY WERE PUT TO DEATH BY LETHAL INJECTION. THEY CAME WITH SINISTER NICKNAMES LIKE "THE CANDY MAN" AND "THE GOOD SAMARITAN KILLER," SOME CONTRITE, SOME ANGRY—A FEW WHO MIGHT EVEN HAVE BEEN INNOCENT. ALL OF THEM FOUND IN REVEREND PICKETT THEIR LAST CHANCE FOR AN UNBIASED CONFESSOR WHO WOULD LOOK AT THEM ONLY AS FELLOW HUMANS, NOT SIMPLY AS THE CONVICTED CRIMINALS THE REST OF SOCIETY HAD ALREADY DISMISSED THEM AS. THIS FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE GAVE REVEREND PICKETT THE UNIQUE INSIGHT NEEDED TO WRITE AN IMPASSIONED STATEMENT ON THE REALITIES OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN AMERICA. THE RESULT IS A THOUGHT-PROVOKING AND COMPELLING BOOK THAT TAKES THE READER INSIDE THE CRIMINAL MIND, INSIDE THE EXECUTION CHAMBER, AND INSIDE THE HEART OF A REMARKABLE MAN WHO SHARES HIS THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS NOT ONLY ABOUT

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, BUT ABOUT THE DARK WORLD OF PRISON SOCIETY

INNOCENCE LOST - CARLTON STOWERS 2004-05-16

RECOUNTS THE MURDER OF A POLICE OFFICER IN A SMALL TOWN IN TEXAS, AND TELLS OF THE INVESTIGATION THAT TURNED UP EVIDENCE THAT THE TOWN'S OWN CHILDREN COMMITTED THE CRIME.

A TWIST OF FAITH - JOHN DONNELLY 2012-07-10

AMERICAN CHRISTIANS, VETERAN REPORTER JOHN DONNELLY HAS DISCOVERED, ARE AN EVER-INCREASING SOURCE OF AID IN AFRICA, WITH SOME EXPERTS ESTIMATING THAT U.S. CHURCHES SUPPLY MORE RESOURCES TO AFRICA THAN USAID. IN A TWIST OF FAITH, HE TELLS THE UNLIKELY STORY OF HOW FAITH AND DETERMINATION COMPELLED ONE SUCH AMERICAN CHRISTIAN TO TRAVEL TO AFRICA AND OPEN A SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN ORPHANED BY THE AIDS EPIDEMIC. DAVID NIXON, A CARPENTER FROM NORTH CAROLINA WHO HAD LIVED THROUGH HIS SHARE OF TROUBLE, KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE SMALL, LAND-LOCKED AFRICAN COUNTRY OF MALAWI. BUT AFTER HAVING A RELIGIOUS AWAKENING AND HEARING ABOUT A PREACHER'S EFFORTS TO AID ITS IMPOVERISHED AND BELEAGUERED CITIZENS, HE RAISES MONEY FROM HIS CHURCH AND SETS OFF TO DO WHAT SO MANY WELL-INTENTIONED AMERICANS OF FAITH DO IN AFRICA: BUILD AN ORPHANAGE. BUT AS HIS PLANS ARE BESET WITH DIFFICULTIES, NIXON SLOWLY COMES TO REALIZE THAT HELPING OTHERS REQUIRES LISTENING TO AND LEARNING FROM THEM. AND THAT MEANS CHANGING HIS PRECONCEIVED IDEAS OF WHAT THE MALAWIANS NEED AND HOW HE CAN BEST SERVE THEM. A TWIST OF FAITH IS THE STORY OF ONE MAN WHO, DESPITE PERSONAL STRUGGLES, A PROFOUND CULTURAL GAP, THE CORRUPTION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND THE HEARTBREAK OF LOSING AN ORPHAN HE COMES TO LOVE, SAVES HIMSELF BY SAVING OTHERS IN A PLACE NOTHING LIKE HOME. NIXON'S STORY IS REPRESENTATIVE OF A GROWING TREND: THE THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN CHRISTIANS WHO ARE IMPASSIONED DONORS OF TIME, MONEY, AND PERSONAL ENERGY, DEVOTED TO HELPING AFRICAN CHILDREN.

A WARRANT TO KILL - KATHRYN CASEY 2010-11-30

SHE TRIED TO TELL HER FRIENDS. SHE EVEN WENT TO THE POLICE. NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE HER--AND NOW SHE WAS DEAD. PROBLEMS HAD ALWAYS FOLLOWED SUSAN WHITE, BUT WHEN SHE REMARRIED AND MOVED TO HOUSTON'S POSH SUBURBS, SHE THOUGHT THE PAST WAS BEHIND HER--UNTIL SHE MET A DEPUTY SHERIFF NAMED KENT MCGOWEN WHO WOULD SOON BECOME HER WORST NIGHTMARE. MCGOWEN WAS AN AGGRESSIVE COP WITH A SPOTTY RECORD. WHEN SUSAN REBUFFED HIS ADVANCES, SHE CLAIMED HE STALKED AND HARASSED HER, USING HER TROUBLED TEENAGE SON AS BAIT. AND THEN, IN AN ACT OF ARROGANCE AND REVENGE, HE MADE GOOD ON HIS THREATS, SETTING HER UP FOR THE KILL. IN A WARRANT TO KILL, KATHRYN CASEY METICULOUSLY PIECES TOGETHER THE TRAGIC SHARDS OF THE CASE TO CREATE A RIVETING STORY OF VENGEANCE, FEAR, AND JUSTICE--OF THE TERRIFYING POWER A BADGE CAN HAVE IN THE WRONG HANDS.

TERROR IN YPSILANTI - GREGORY A. FOURNIER 2016

BETWEEN THE SUMMERS OF 1967 THROUGH 1969, A PREDATORY KILLER STALKED THE CAMPUSES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SEEKING PREY UNTIL HE MADE THE MISTAKE OF KILLING HIS LAST VICTIM IN THE BASEMENT OF HIS UNCLE'S HOME. ALL-AMERICAN BOY JOHN NORMAN COLLINS WAS ARRESTED, TRIED, AND CONVICTED OF THE STRANGULATION MURDER OF KAREN SUE BEINEMAN. THE OTHER MURDERS NEVER WENT TO TRIAL, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, AND SOON BECAME COLD CASES. WITH THE BENEFIT OF FIFTY YEARS OF HINDSIGHT, HUNDREDS OF VINTAGE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, THOUSANDS OF POLICE REPORTS, AND COUNTLESS INTERVIEWS, FOURNIER TELLS THE STORIES OF THE OTHER VICTIMS, RECREATES THE INFAMOUS TRIAL THAT TOOK COLLINS OFF THE STREETS, AND DETAILS COLLINS'S TIME SPENT IN PRISON.

SINS OF THE SON - CARLTON STOWERS 2000-06-15

AN ACCLAIMED TRUE-CRIME AUTHOR TAKES ON HIS TOUGHEST PROJECT OF ALL-- WRITING ABOUT A MURDERER WHO HAPPENS TO BE HIS SON. WHEN A HIDEOUS MURDER MAKES THE HEADLINES, A BARRAGE OF QUESTIONS USUALLY APPEARS IN ITS WAKE: WHY DID THIS HAPPEN? COULD IT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED? WHAT KIND OF FAMILY WAS THE CRIMINAL FROM? ARE HIS PARENTS IN SOME WAY TO BLAME? ANY CRIME WRITER WORTH HIS SALT WOULD ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS-- BUT HOW DO YOU ADDRESS SUCH QUESTIONS WHEN THE KILLER IS YOUR OWN SON? AS A SINGLE FATHER RAISING TWO SONS, CARLTON STOWERS DID HIS BEST TO INSTILL IN HIS BOYS A HEALTHY SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG. BUT WITH ANSON, HIS OLDEST, IT WOULD PROVE TO BE AN ONGOING UPHILL BATTLE. AT A YOUNG AGE, ANSON BEGAN TO ANGRILY SHUN AUTHORITY, AND SOON BECAME INVOLVED WITH A NUMBER OF ILLICIT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DRUGS, FORGERY, AND THEFT. AFTER EACH JAIL STAY, ANSON WOULD VOW TO GET CLEAN AND START ANEW. IT BECAME A REVOLVING DOOR FOR BOTH FATHER AND SON, UNTIL ANSON, TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD AND STRUNG-OUT ON AMPHETAMINES, BRUTALLY MURDERED HIS YOUNG EX-WIFE. IN A BRAVE, HONEST, AND MOVING WORK, BESTSELLING TRUE-CRIME WRITER CARLTON STOWERS EXAMINES THE DOWNFALL OF HIS ELDEST SON, ONCE A HAPPY CHILD FULL OF PROMISE, NOW A CONVICTED MURDERER SERVING A SIXTY-YEAR SENTENCE. WITH A REPORTER'S SHREWDNESS AND A FATHER'S HEART, STOWERS PRESENTS A TRUE STORY OF TWO LIVES IRREVOCABLY LOST, AND OF ONE MAN STRUGGLING TO BOTH UNDERSTAND-- AND MOVE BEYOND-- THE...SINS OF THE SON.

THE SEARCH FOR THE GREEN RIVER KILLER - CARLTON SMITH 2017-07-04

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER: FROM THE JOURNALISTS WHO COVERED THE STORY, THE SHOCKING CRIMES OF GARY RIDGWAY, AMERICA'S MOST PROLIFIC SERIAL MURDERER. IN THE 1980S AND 1990S, FORTY-NINE WOMEN IN THE SEATTLE AREA WERE BRUTALLY MURDERED, THEIR BODIES DUMPED ALONG THE GREEN RIVER AND PACIFIC HIGHWAY SOUTH IN WASHINGTON STATE.

DESPITE AN EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION—EVEN SERIAL KILLER TED BUNDY WAS CONSULTED TO ASSIST WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILING—THE SADISTIC KILLER CONTINUED TO ELUDE AUTHORITIES FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS. THEN, IN 2001, AFTER MOUNTING SUSPICION AND WITH DNA EVIDENCE FINALLY IN HAND, KING COUNTY POLICE CHARGED A FIFTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD TRUCK PAINTER, GARY RIDGWAY, WITH THE MURDERS. HIS CONFESSION AND THE HORRIFIC DETAILS OF HIS CRIMES ONLY ADDED FUEL TO THE NOTORIETY OF THE GREEN RIVER KILLER. JOURNALISTS CARLTON SMITH AND TOMAS GUILLEN COVERED THE MURDERS FOR THE SEATTLE TIMES FROM DAY ONE, RECEIVING A PULITZER PRIZE NOMINATION FOR THEIR WORK. THEY WROTE THE FIRST EDITION OF THIS BOOK BEFORE THE POLICE HAD THEIR MAN. REVISED AFTER RIDGWAY'S CONVICTION AND FEATURING CHILLING PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CASE, *THE SEARCH FOR THE GREEN RIVER KILLER* IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITATIVE ACCOUNT OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST KILLING SPREE THAT HELD A NATION SPELLBOUND—AND CONTINUES TO HORRIFY AND FASCINATE, SPAWNING DRAMATIZATIONS AND DOCUMENTARIES OF A DEMENTED KILLER WHO SEEMED UNSTOPPABLE FOR DECADES.

THE PHANTOM KILLER: UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE TEXARKANA SERIAL MURDERS: THE STORY OF A TOWN IN TERROR - JAMES PRESLEY 2014-11-15

SET IN THE ROWDY, OFTEN LAWLESS TOWN OF TEXARKANA SHORTLY AFTER WWII, *THE PHANTOM KILLER* IS THE HISTORY OF THE MOST PUZZLING UNSOLVED CASES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE SALACIOUS AND SCANDALOUS MURDERS OF A SERIES OF COUPLES ON TEXARKANA'S "LOVERS LANES" IN SEEMINGLY IDYLIC POST-WWII AMERICA CREATED A MEDIA MAELSTROM AND CAST A PALL OF FEAR OVER AN ENTIRE REGION. WHAT IS EVEN MORE SURPRISING IS THAT THE CASE HAS REMAINED COLD FOR DECADES. COMBINING ARCHIVAL RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, PULITZER PRIZE NOMINATED HISTORIAN JAMES PRESLEY REVEALS EVIDENCE THAT PROVIDES CRUCIAL KEYS TO UNLOCKING THIS DECADES-OLD PUZZLE. DUBBED "THE PHANTOM MURDERS" BY THE PRESS, THESE GRISLY CRIMES TOOK PLACE IN AN AMERICA BEFORE DIAL TELEPHONES, DNA SCIENCE, AND CRIMINAL PROFILING. EVEN PRE-TELEVISION, PRINT AND RADIO MEDIA STIRRED EMOTIONS TO A FEVER PITCH. *THE PHANTOM KILLER*, EXHAUSTIVELY RESEARCHED, IS THE ONLY DEFINITIVE NONFICTION BOOK ON THE CASE, AND INCLUDES DETAILS FROM AN UNPUBLISHED ACCOUNT BY A SURVIVOR, AND RARE, NEVER-BEFORE-PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS. ALTHOUGH THE CASE LIVES ON TODAY ON TELEVISION, THE INTERNET, A REVIVED FICTIONAL MOVIE AND EVEN AN OFF-BROADWAY PLAY, WITH SO MUCH OF THE INVESTIGATION SHROUDED IN MYSTERY SINCE 1946, RUMORS AND FRACTURED FACTS HAVE DISTORTED THE REALITY. NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE ARCHIVAL RECORD, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND STUBBORN FACT CHECKING COME TOGETHER TO PRODUCE NEW INSIGHTS AND REVELATIONS ON THE OLD SLAYINGS.

THE SEVEN SECRETS - WILLIAM LE QUEUX 1930

ABANDONED PRAYERS - GREGG OLSEN 2007-04-01

ON CHRISTMAS EVE IN 1985, A HUNTER FOUND A YOUNG BOY'S BODY ALONG AN ICY CORN FIELD IN NEBRASKA. THE RESIDENTS OF CHESTER, NEBRASKA BURIED HIM AS "LITTLE BOY BLUE," UNCLAIMED AND UNIDENTIFIED-- UNTIL A PHONE CALL FROM OHIO TWO YEARS LATER LED AUTHORITIES TO ELI STUTZMAN, THE BOY'S FATHER. ELI STUTZMAN, THE SON OF AN AMISH BISHOP, WAS BY ALL APPEARANCES A DEDICATED FARMER AND FAMILY MAN IN THE COUNTRY'S STRICTEST RELIGIOUS SECT. BUT BEHIND HIS QUIET FAÇADE WAS A MAN INVOLVED WITH PORNOGRAPHY, SADOMASOCHISM, AND DRUGS. AFTER THE SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF HIS PREGNANT WIFE, STUTZMAN TOOK HIS PRESCHOOL-AGE SON, DANNY, AND HIT THE ROAD ON A SEXUAL ODYSSEY ENDING WITH HIS CONVICTION FOR MURDER. BUT THE MYSTERY OF ELI STUTZMAN AND THE FATE OF HIS SON DIDN'T END ON THE BARREN NEBRASKA PLAINS. IT WAS JUST BEGINNING. . . GREGG OLSEN'S *ABANDONED PRAYERS* IS AN INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY OF MURDER AND AMISH SECRETS.

WITCH HUNT: TRUE STORY - KATHRYN LYON 1998-03-01

THE WORST CRIME OF ALL. . . IT BEGAN WITH THE DESPERATE CRY OF A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL AND ESCALATED INTO THE VICTIMIZATION OF DOZENS OF INNOCENT CITIZENS IN WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON. FOR IN THE EYES OF THE RIGHTEOUS, A CRUSADING POLICEMAN AND WELL-INTENTIONED SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES BECAME CHAMPIONS OF PUBLIC DECENCY, AND FAMILY VALUES, WHILE A TERRIFIED AND CONFUSED YOUNG GIRL BECAME THE SYMBOL OF RAMPANT MORAL DEGENERACY WITHIN THE PICTURESQUE COMMUNITY AT THE FOOT OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS. IS NOT CRIME AT ALL! AS THE MEDIA FRENZY ENGULFED WENATCHEE, TOWNSPEOPLE WONDERED HOW A DEBAUCHED GROUP WHO COMMITTED HORRIFIC SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN LIVED IN THEIR MIDST FOR SO LONG WITHOUT DETECTION. SUDDENLY, IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE, FAMILIES WERE BEING BROKEN UP, INDIVIDUALS WERE ACCUSED OF HEINOUS CRIMES AND WERE PROSECUTED--DESPITE THE PROTESTS OF MANY TOWNSPEOPLE QUESTIONING THE METHODS OF THE SO-CALLED EXPERTS AND ACCUSERS. NOW, A LONE OBSERVER, AN INDEPENDENT ATTORNEY WHO SPENT A YEAR IN THE EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERE OF WENATCHEE, PIECES TOGETHER THE WHOLE STORY OF ONE OF THE MOST BLATANT CASES OF MISUSE OF POWER AND MISCARRIED JUSTICE SINCE THE MCCARTHY WITCH HUNTS. AS PUBLIC OUTRAGE DEMANDED JUSTICE, AN OVERZEALOUS LEGAL SYSTEM PERPETRATED CRIMES JUST AS DEVASTATING AS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: THE PERSECUTION AND CONDEMNATION OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. *THE WORST CRIME OF ALL*. . . IT BEGAN WITH THE DESPERATE CRY OF A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL AND ESCALATED INTO THE VICTIMIZATION OF DOZENS OF INNOCENT CITIZENS IN WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON. FOR IN THE EYES OF THE RIGHTEOUS, A CRUSADING POLICEMAN AND WELL-INTENTIONED SOCIAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES BECAME CHAMPIONS OF PUBLIC DECENCY, AND FAMILY VALUES, WHILE A TERRIFIED AND CONFUSED YOUNG GIRL BECAME THE SYMBOL OF RAMPANT MORAL DEGENERACY WITHIN THE PICTURESQUE COMMUNITY AT THE FOOT OF THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS. IS NOT CRIME AT ALL! AS THE MEDIA FRENZY

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THE ONLY LIVING WITNESS - STEPHEN G. MICHAUD 1999-07-19

""THE ONLY LIVING WITNESS"" TOWERS OVER THE REST OF THE TED BUNDY BOOKSHELF . . . (AS) A MONUMENT TO BOOK-LENGTH JOURNALISM"" (JACK OLSEN, AUTHOR OF ""THE MISBEGOTTEN SON""). ""A SHINING EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENT REPORTING, FINE WRITING, AND A STORY OF ENDURING VALUE.""--CARLTON STOWERS, AUTHOR OF ""CARELESS WHISPERS.""

SHE WANTED IT ALL - KATHRYN CASEY 2010-11-16

TROPHY WIFE CELESTE BEARD WASN'T SATISFIED WITH A LUXURIOUS LIFESTYLE AND HER RICH AUSTIN MEDIA MOGUL HUSBAND'S DEVOTION -- SO SHE TOOK HIS LIFE! THE WIFE: SHE WANTED EVERYTHING, BUT HER HUSBAND STOOD IN THE WAY. THE LESBIAN LOVER: A LOVE-STRUCK, MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN WITH A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SHE WOULD DO ANYTHING TO SET CELESTE FREE. THE BEAUTY SALON RECEPTIONIST: CELESTE HIRED HER TO TIE UP THE LOOSE ENDS ... IN A SECOND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER.

SCREAM AT THE SKY - CARLTON STOWERS 2004-08-16

CARLTON STOWERS, THE TWO-TIME EDGAR AWARD WINNER AND NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING MASTER OF TRUE CRIME, IS BACK. SCREAM AT THE SKY IS HIS MASTERFUL CHRONICLE OF ONE MAN'S MURDEROUS CAREER, AND ANOTHER MAN'S SWORN PROMISE TO DELIVER JUSTICE AND CLOSURE TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS. WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, WAS HOME TO A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THE LAST MONTHS OF 1984. THAT WINTER WAS HARSH, AS THE NORMALLY ARID TEXAS PLAINS GAVE WAY TO OMINOUS DARK CLOUDS THAT DELIVERED FREEZING SLEET AND RAIN. BUT A MUCH DARKER FORCE WAS LOOMING, AND SOON THE QUIET TOWN WAS BESIEGED BY A FACELESS EVIL--AND ITS YOUNG WOMEN WERE DYING BECAUSE OF IT. IN THE NEXT SEVENTEEN MONTHS FIVE WOMEN WERE FOUND BRUTALLY BEATEN AND MURDERED, THEIR YOUNG LIVES CUT SHORT AND THEIR BODIES LEFT HAPHAZARDLY WHERE THEY FELL. IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, GRIEVING FAMILIES FRUITLESSLY SOUGHT ANSWERS. A HAUNTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHASED EVERY LEAD ONLY TO MEET ONE DEAD END AFTER ANOTHER. AND THE KILLER'S IDENTITY REMAINED UNKNOWN TO THE RAVAGED TOWNSPEOPLE. THEN, FOURTEEN YEARS AFTER THE KILLING STARTED, AN INVESTIGATOR WHO HAD BEEN ASSIGNED THE COLD CASE BROUGHT TO IT A RENEWED DEDICATION, AND CAME UPON A CHANCE DISCOVERY. SEARCHING THROUGH THE YELLOWED CASE FILES, HE CAUGHT A MINOR DETAIL THAT SUGGESTED ONE MORE SUSPECT. FARYION WARDRIP WAS AN UNHAPPILY MARRIED FAMILY MAN WHO DROWNED HIS ANGER IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND VIOLENT FANTASIES. BUT FOR FIVE UNFORTUNATE FAMILIES, THE DRUGS SOMETIMES TOOK OVER AND THE FANTASIES BECAME REALITIES. INVESTIGATOR JOHN LITTLE FOLLOWED HIS INSTINCTS AND TIRELESSLY RULED OUT EVERY POSSIBILITY UNTIL HE WAS LEFT WITH BUT ONE CONCLUSION: FARYION WARDRIP WAS THE SERIAL KILLER WHO HAD ELUDED HIS OFFICE FOR SO LONG. HOW HE TRACKED DOWN WARDRIP AND USED THE LEGAL SYSTEM TO BEAT THE KILLER AT HIS OWN GAME OF DECEPTION IS A REMARKABLE STORY OF JUSTICE SERVED.

THE LAST FOLK HERO - JEFF PEARLMAN 2022-10-25

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • THE ULTIMATE GIFT FOR SPORTS LOVERS BY THE AUTHOR OF SHOWTIME—THE SOURCE FOR HBO'S WINNING TIME—THE DEFINITIVE BIOGRAPHY OF MYTHIC MULTI-SPORT STAR BO JACKSON. "A LEGENDARY TOME ON A LEGENDARY ATHLETE." —CHRIS HERRING, AUTHOR OF BLOOD IN THE GARDEN FROM THE MID-1980S INTO THE EARLY 1990S, THE GREATEST ATHLETE OF ALL TIME STREAKED ACROSS AMERICAN SPORTS AND POPULAR CULTURE. STADIUMS STRUGGLED TO CONTAIN HIM. CLOCKS FAILED TO CAPTURE HIS SPEED. HIS STRENGTH WAS LEGENDARY. HIS POWER UNMATCHED. VIDEO GAME MAKERS TURNED HIM INTO AN INVINCIBLE CHARACTER—AND THEY WERE DEAD-ON. HE CLIMBED (AND WALKED ACROSS) WALLS, SPLINTERED BASEBALL BATS OVER HIS KNEE, TURNED ONCOMING TACKLERS INTO GROUND MEAT. HE BECAME THE FIRST PERSON TO SIMULTANEOUSLY STAR IN TWO MAJOR PROFESSIONAL SPORTS, AND OVERTOOK MICHAEL JORDAN AS AMERICA'S MOST RECOGNIZABLE PITCHMAN. HE WAS ON OUR TELEVISIONS, IN OUR MAGAZINES, PLASTERED ACROSS BILLBOARDS. HE WAS HALF MAN, HALF MYTH. THEN, ALMOST OVERNIGHT, HE WAS GONE. HE WAS BO JACKSON. DRAWING ON AN ASTONISHING 720 ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS, NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING SPORTSWRITER JEFF PEARLMAN CAPTURES AS NEVER BEFORE THE ELUSIVE TRUTH ABOUT JACKSON, AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S TRANSCENDENT HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER, SUPERSTAR OF BOTH THE NFL AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND UBIQUITOUS "BO KNOWS" NIKE PITCHMAN. DID BO REALLY JUMP OVER A PARKED VOLKSWAGEN? (YES.) DID HE ACTUALLY RUN A 4.13 40? (YES.) DURING THE 1991 FLIGHT THAT NEARLY KILLED EVERY MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX, WAS HE IN THE COCKPIT TRYING TO HELP? (ODDLY, YES. OR NO. OR ... MAYBE.) BO JACKSON ISN'T JIM THORPE. HE'S NOT DEION SANDERS, EITHER. NO, BO JACKSON IS PAUL BUNYAN. THE LAST FOLK HERO IS THE TRUE TALE OF BO JACKSON THAT ONLY "MASTER STORYTELLER" (NPR.ORG) JEFF PEARLMAN COULD TELL.

"PLEASE ... DON'T KILL ME" - WILLIAM C. DEAR 2018-02-09

"I DON'T CARE WHO YOU HIRE, OR WHAT THE COMPANY HAS TO PAY HIM ... SO LONG AS HE'S THE BEST THERE IS." THIS ANGUISHED CRY FROM THE WIFE OF MURDER VICTIM DEAN MILO WOULD DRAW PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR BILL DEAR INTO ONE OF THE MOST FRUSTRATING AND ULTIMATELY TRIUMPHANT CASES OF HIS CAREER. DEAN MILO WAS A PHENOMENALLY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN WHO HAD BUILT A TINY FAMILY BUSINESS INTO A \$50 MILLION-A-YEAR CORPORATION. ALONG THE WAY HE HAD ESTABLISHED A LENGTHY LIST OF ENEMIES THAT BEGAN WITH HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND STRETCHED THROUGHOUT THE SOCIAL AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY. HIS FAST-TRACK RIDE TO THE TOP CAME TO A VIOLENT HALT ON AUGUST 11, 1980, WHEN MILO WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS LUXURIOUS OHIO HOME, SHOT TWICE IN THE HEAD. A BLANK TELEGRAM FORM LAY NEARBY. FOUR MONTHS AFTER HIS DEATH, THE INVESTIGATION REMAINED A CONFUSING COLLECTION OF NON SEQUITURS. CLUES POINTED TOWARD MILO'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE MAFIA, THE DRUG WORLD, AND THE GAY COMMUNITY. HIS OWN FAMILY REFUSED TO COOPERATE WITH THE AUTHORITIES. AND TIME WAS TICKING BY ... IN DESPERATION, MAGGIE MILO TURNED TO TEXAS PRIVATE EYE BILL DEAR. THIS IS THE GRIPPING STORY OF THE REMARKABLE COLLABORATION BETWEEN DEAR AND THE POLICE DETECTIVES OF AKRON, OHIO, THAT LED TO ELEVEN CONVICTIONS, AN OHIO RECORD. IT IS ALSO A TALE OF THE HUMAN WEAKNESS, DESPERATION, AND OVERWHELMING GREED THAT LED TO A SUDDEN DEATH.

IN BROAD DAYLIGHT - HARRY N. MACLEAN 2006-11-28

A CASE STUDY OF THE VIGILANTE STYLE DEATH OF KEN MCELROY IN 1981 IN SKIDMORE, MISSOURI.

FOR I HAVE SINNED - JOHN GLATT 2011-04-01

THEY WENT FROM PRAYING TO PREYING... PRIESTS, PASTERS, MINISTERS, AND NUNS: THEY ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF GOD. WE TRUST THEM UNCONDITIONALLY, TELL THEM OUR DARKEST DEEDS, TURN TO THEM IN OUR MOST DESPERATE HOUR. WE WOULD NEVER, IN OUR WILDEST DREAMS, EXPECT THEM TO BE...COLD-BLOODED MURDERERS. NOW, PEEK INTO THE CONFESSIONALS OF ELEVEN CLERGYMEN AND -WOMEN WHO DID THE UNTHINKABLE-- WHO BROKE THE MOST SACRED COMMANDMENT: THOU SHALT NOT KILL. PASTOR EDMUND LOPES COULD BRING A CONGREGATION TO ITS KNEES. LITTLE DID THEY KNOW THAT YEARS BEFORE, AFTER MURDERING HIS WIFE AND STABBING HIS GIRLFRIEND, HE HAD FOUND RELIGION IN PRISON AND JUMPED PAROLE TO BECOME A BAPTIST MINISTER-- UNTIL POLICE CAUGHT UP WITH HIM, TEN YEARS AFTER HIS ESCAPE. SISTER SHEILA RYAN DE LUCA, HAVING LEFT HER FRANCISCAN CONVENT AFTER ALLEGATIONS OF A LESBIAN AFFAIR WITH ANOTHER NUN, STANDS ACCUSED OF BRUTALLY MURDERING A MAN WHO SHE CLAIMS RAPED HER. ULTIMATELY SHE SERVED TEN YEARS IN PRISON UNTIL HER CONVICTION WAS OVERTURNED. REVEREND FREDDIE ARMSTRONG HEARD THE VOICE OF GOD TELLING HIM TO "KILL THE ANTICHRIST," SO THE SCHIZOPHRENIC ORDAINED PRIEST TOOK A SHARP BUTCHER'S KNIFE AND PROCEEDED TO STAB AND DECAPITATE 81-YEAR-OLD FRED NEAL, A BELOVED LOCAL MINISTER WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME.

THE WIND - DOROTHY SCARBOROUGH 1925

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DEATH IN A TEXAS DESERT - CARLTON STOWERS 2003

TRUE CRIME STORIES FROM THE DALLAS OBSERVER.

CARELESS WHISPERS - CARLTON STOWERS 2001-01-15

AN UPDATED EDITION OF THE EDGAR AWARD-WINNING TRUE CRIME CLASSIC DESCRIBES THE BRUTAL MURDERS OF THREE YOUNG PEOPLE NEAR LAKE WACO, TEXAS, DESCRIBES THE LENGTHY POLICE INVESTIGATION INTO THE KILLINGS, AND COVERS THE TRIALS AND CONVICTIONS OF THE MURDERERS. REISSUE.

ANGEL OF DARKNESS - DENNIS MCDUGAL 2009-06-27

RANDY KRAFT WAS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, POLITICALLY ACTIVE, LOYAL TO HIS FRIENDS, COMMITTED TO HIS WORK--AND THE KILLER OF 67 PEOPLE--MORE THAN ANY OTHER SERIAL KILLER KNOWN. THIS BOOK OFFERS A GLIMPSE INTO THE DARK MIND OF A LIVING MONSTER. "TO OPEN THIS BOOK IS TO OPEN A PEEPHOLE INTO HELL".--ASSOCIATED PRESS. PHOTOGRAPHS.

CARELESS WHISPERS - CARLTON STOWERS 1987

IN 1982, ON THE SHORES OF LAKE WACO, TEXAS, POLICE FOUND THE SAVAGELY MUTILATED BODIES OF THREE TEENAGERS. AFTER ONLY EIGHT WEEKS, FRUSTRATED AUTHORITIES MARKED THE CASE "SUSPENDED". BUT THE KILLERS' RINGLEADER COULDN'T RESIST BRAGGING--AND ONE DETERMINED LAWMAN HEARD HIS CARELESS WHISPERS.

THE MENENDEZ MURDERS - ROBERT RAND 2018-09-04

DISCOVER THE DEFINITIVE BOOK ON THE MENENDEZ CASE--AND THE PRIMARY SOURCE MATERIAL FOR NBC'S LAW AND ORDER TRUE CRIME: THE MENENDEZ MURDERS. A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT EXECUTIVE MAKING \$2 MILLION A YEAR. HIS FORMER BEAUTY QUEEN WIFE. THEIR TWO SONS ON THE FAST TRACK TO SUCCESS. BUT IT WAS ALL A FAÇADE. THE MENENDEZ SAGA HAS CAPTIVATED THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SINCE 1989. THE KILLING OF JOSÉ AND KITTY MENENDEZ ON A QUIET SUNDAY EVENING IN BEVERLY HILLS DIDN'T MAKE THE COVER OF PEOPLE MAGAZINE UNTIL THE ARREST OF THEIR SONS SEVEN MONTHS LATER, AND THE CASE DEVELOPED AN INTENSE CULT FOLLOWING. WHEN THE FIRST MENENDEZ TRIAL BEGAN IN JULY 1993, THE PUBLIC WAS CONVINCED THAT LYLE AND ERIK WERE A PAIR OF GREEDY RICH KIDS WHO HAD KILLED LOVING, DEVOTED PARENTS. BUT THE REAL STORY REMAINED BURIED BENEATH YEARS OF DARK SECRETS. UNTIL NOW. JOURNALIST ROBERT RAND, WHO ORIGINALLY REPORTED ON THE CASE FOR THE MIAMI HERALD AND PLAYBOY, HAS FOLLOWED THE MENENDEZ MURDERS FROM THE BEGINNING AND HAS CONTINUED INVESTIGATING AND

INTERVIEWING KEY SOURCES FOR 28 YEARS. RAND IS THE ONLY REPORTER WHO COVERED THE ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS BOTH TRIALS. WITH UNPARALLELED ACCESS TO THE MENENDEZ FAMILY AND THEIR HISTORY, INCLUDING INTERVIEWS WITH BOTH BROTHERS BEFORE AND AFTER THEIR ARREST, RAND HAS UNCOVERED EXTRAORDINARY DETAILS THAT CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE CHANGED THE FATE OF THE BROTHERS' FIRST-DEGREE MURDER CONVICTION AND SENTENCING TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE. IN *THE MENENDEZ MURDERS: THE SHOCKING UNTOLD STORY OF THE MENEDEZ FAMILY AND THE KILLINGS THAT STUNNED THE NATION*, RAND SHARES THESE INTIMATE, NEVER-BEFORE-REVEALED FINDINGS, INCLUDING A DEEPLY DISTURBING HISTORY OF CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL MOLESTATION IN THE MENENDEZ FAMILY GOING BACK GENERATIONS, AND THE SHOCKING ADMISSION O.J. SIMPSON MADE TO ONE OF THE MENENDEZ BROTHERS WHEN THEY WERE INMATES AT THE L.A. COUNTY MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

FBI UNDERCOVER - CARLTON STOWERS 2017-05-01

HE WAS A FLASHY, HIGH-ROLLING CON MAN...A MILITANT STREET HUSTLER...A FRONT MAN FOR THE MOB... ON TV AND IN THE MOVIES, FBI UNDERCOVER AGENTS ARE A DIME A DOZEN. BUT IN REALITY, ONLY AN ELITE HANDFUL HAVE THE UNIQUE COMBINATION OF WIT, INSTINCT AND DARING TO WORK THESE HIGHLY DANGEROUS SCAMS. FOR 10 YEARS, LARRY WANSLEY WAS ONE OF THEM. A FORMER DETECTIVE BUREAU COMMANDER WITH THE COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT, WANSLEY GRADUATED FROM THE FBI ACADEMY IN 1973. AFTER NABBING A TEXAS BANK ROBBER, HE WENT UNDERGROUND IN LOS ANGELES AS PART OF THE BUREAU'S MASSIVE SEARCH FOR PATTY HEARST. THEN CAME THE BIG STING: OPERATION TARPIT WITH ANOTHER AGENT TO PLAY HIS HIGH-LIVING PARTNER IN CRIME—AND THE UNWITTING HELP OF TWO TALKATIVE HOOKERS—WANSLEY, CALLED “MANDRAKE” BY HIS FELLOW AGENTS, SET UP A TWO-YEAR, L.A.-BASED OPERATION THAT NETTED 300 PHONY STOCK AND BOND DEALERS, TRUCK HIJACKERS, KIDNAPPERS, GUN-RUNNERS, AND KILLERS, AND RECOVERED \$42 MILLION IN STOLEN PROPERTY. FROM THERE, WANSLEY MOVED COAST-TO-COAST, WORKING HIS SCAMS ON REDNECK SOUTHERN CRIME BOSSES, KIDDIE PORN PRODUCERS, NEW YORK MAFIA WISEGUYS, AND MORE—AND LIVING EACH DAY WITH THE HEART-STOPPING KNOWLEDGE THAT ONE WRONG MOVE MEANT DEATH...

UNMAKING A MURDER - GRAHAM ARCHER 2017-08-28

AN INVESTIGATION INTO AN INTRIGUING MURDER CASE AND AN UNPRECEDENTED ACCOUNT OF HOW THE DECISIONS MADE BY ORGANS OF GOVERNMENT CAN BE DEFENDED AND MISTAKES COVERED UP. ANNA-JANE CHENEY WORKED AT THE EPICENTRE OF THE CONSERVATIVE ADELAIDE LEGAL COMMUNITY. SHE WAS VIVACIOUS, POPULAR AND TALENTED, WITH AN IMPECCABLE MIDDLE-CLASS UPBRINGING. THE MAN SHE LOVED, HENRY VINCENT KEOGH, WAS A DIVORCED 39-YEAR-OLD IRISH MIGRANT WITH THREE CHILDREN. SHE DIED JUST SIX WEEKS BEFORE THEIR WEDDING DATE. ACCORDING TO THE PROSECUTION, KEOGH HAD PLANNED THE DROWNING MURDER OF ANNA-JANE 18 MONTHS IN ADVANCE. HE HAD TAKEN OUT FIVE INSURANCE POLICIES AMOUNTING TO \$1.2 MILLION OVER HIS FIANCE'S LIFE AND FORGED HER SIGNATURE ON THEM. JOURNALIST GRAHAM ARCHER BECAME FASCINATED BY THE CASE. IT WASN'T A MATTER OF HENRY KEOGH'S GUILT OR INNOCENCE, BUT THAT A MAN COULD BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT HIM HAVING RECEIVED A FAIR TRIAL. THE STORY BECAME AN ODYSSEY FOR GRAHAM. DELIBERATELY, HE HAD NO CONTACT WITH HENRY KEOGH IN THE 13 YEARS IT TOOK TO HAVE THE CASE REVIEWED BY THE SUPREME COURT AND HAVE HIS CONVICTION QUASHED. IN THE END DOGGED DETERMINATION PREVAILED, AND AFTER 20 YEARS BEHIND BARS HENRY KEOGH WAS RELEASED.

THE TRUTH MACHINE - JAMES L. HALPERIN 1999-09-29

PREPARE TO HAVE YOUR CONCEPTION OF TRUTH ROCKED TO ITS VERY FOUNDATION. IT IS THE YEAR 2004. VIOLENT CRIME IS THE NUMBER ONE POLITICAL ISSUE IN AMERICA. NOW, THE SWIFT AND SURE ANTI-CRIME BILL GUARANTEES A PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED VIOLENT CRIMINAL ONE FAIR TRIAL, ONE QUICK APPEAL, THEN IMMEDIATE EXECUTION. TO PREVENT ABUSE OF THE LAW, A MACHINE MUST BE BUILT THAT DETECTS LIES WITH 100 PERCENT ACCURACY. ONCE PERFECTED, THE TRUTH MACHINE WILL CHANGE THE FACE OF THE WORLD. YET THE RACE TO FINISH THE TRUTH MACHINE FORCES ONE MAN TO COMMIT A SHOCKING ACT OF TREACHERY, BURDENING HIM WITH A DARK SECRET THAT COLLIDES WITH EVERYTHING HE BELIEVES IN. NOW HE MUST CONCEAL THE TRUTH FROM HIS OWN CREATION . . . OR FACE HIS EXECUTION. BY TURNS OPTIMISTIC AND CHILLING--AND ALWAYS PROFOUND--THE TRUTH MACHINE IS NOTHING LESS THAN A HISTORY OF THE FUTURE, A SPELLBINDING CHRONICLE THAT RESONATES WITH INSIGHT, WISDOM . . . AND ASTOUNDING POSSIBILITY. "PROFOUND." --ASSOCIATED PRESS