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*Ripped from the Headlines!* Random House Digital, Inc.

Ever since childhood, Edgar Allan Poe has seen things that are not there, heard voices others cannot and felt utterly at home in the realm of human darkness. In Harold Schechter's intriguing, suspenseful, and delightfully wicked mystery series, Poe makes the perfect hero to unravel cases of the murderous and the macabre. The Tell-Tale Corpse begins as Poe pays a visit to his old friend P. T. Barnum, who implores the wordsmith to travel to Boston to secure for Poe's wife an urgent medical cure—and to acquire some particularly garish crime-scene evidence for Barnum's popular cabinet of curiosities, the so-called American Museum. The crime in question is the recent butchery of a beautiful young shopgirl. Once in Boston, Poe makes an immediate deduction: The sensational murder is only one in a string of inexplicable killings—the center of a single, shadowy pool of deceit and ghoulish depravity. Several deaths later, Poe finds himself leading a frantic investigation, with the assistance of a highly unusual girl named Louisa May Alcott, who has literary ambitions of her own—and whose innocence belies her own fascination with the dark side. As his wife's health falters and a city panics, Poe pursues a strange circle of suspects. He must now see what others cannot: the invisible bonds that tie together seemingly unrelated cases—and the truth that lies behind a serial murderer's ghastly disguise. From a cameo by the narcoleptic Henry David Thoreau to a charming portrait of the four Alcott sisters at home in Concord, *The Tell-Tale Corpse* brings to life nineteenth-century New York and Boston and a world of intellectuals, charlatans, discoverers, dupes, daguerreotypists, and amateur morticians. As Poe comes closer to unraveling the fiendish riddle, the poet must admit at last that he is up against a fellow genius—a genius not of words but of death. From the Hardcover edition.

Fatal Open Road Media

An account of scandal, sex, jealousy, and murder in New York high society at the turn of the century profiles the debonair Roland Molineux, one of New York's most eligible bachelors, and possible killer who used poison to eliminate romantic and profession

*The Whole Death Catalog* Simon and Schuster

Chronicles the pursuit and trial of Alfred Packer, one of a crew of prospectors who, when his group became lost in the snow of the Rockies in 1873, turned to cannibalism.

*Deranged* Simon and Schuster

Praised by Caleb Carr for his "brilliantly detailed and above all riveting" true-crime writing, Harold Schechter brings his expertise to a marvelous work of fiction. Superbly rendering the 1830s Baltimore of Edgar Allan Poe, Schechter taps into the dark genius of that legendary author -- and follows a labyrinthine path into the heart of a most heinous crime. Nevermore A literary critic

known for his scathing pen, Edgar Allan Poe is a young struggling writer, plagued by dreadful ruminations and horrific visions. Suddenly he is plunged into an adventure beyond his wildest fantasies -- a quest for a killer through Baltimore's highest and lowest streets and byways. A string of ghastly murders is linked by one chilling clue -- a cryptic word scrawled in blood. It is a terrifying lure that ensnares Poe in a deadly investigation. And along the way, his own macabre literary imagination is sparked as he unveils dark realities stranger than any fiction...

**Hell's Princess** Little A

In this cogent and well-researched book, Harold Schechter argues that, unlike the popular conception of the media inciting violence through displaying it, without these outlets of violence in the media a basic human need would not be met and would have to be acted out in much more destructive ways. Schechter demonstrates how violent images saturated the earliest newspaper, how art and disturbing images are not incompatible and how the demoralisation of comic books in the 1950s set up a pattern of equating testosterone fuelled entertainment with aggression.

**Did You Hear What Eddie Gein Done?** Simon and Schuster

'This is must reading for crime buffs. DEPRAVED demonstrates that sadistic psychopaths are not a modern day phenomena... gruesome, awesome, compelling reporting.' ANNE RULE. Here is the macabre story of H.H. Holmes, architect of the infamous 'Castle of Horror', whose labyrinth of trapdoors, stairways to nowhere, bedchambers fitted with peepholes and asphyxiating gas pipes, greased body chutes, and a cellar equipped with acid vats, a crematorium, and dissecting table, became an unspeakable domain of torture and murder. With stark, ghastly detail, DEPRAVED takes you into the mind of this evil genius - who alternatively posed as doctor, druggist, and inventor to snare his prey in 19th Century Chicago - and reveals a mesmerizing tale of true detection before the age of technological wizardry.

*Psycho* Simon and Schuster

The truth behind the twisted crimes that inspired the films *Psycho*, *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, and *The Silence of the Lambs*... From "America's principal chronicler of its greatest psychopathic killers" (The Boston Book Review) comes the definitive account of Ed Gein, a mild-mannered Wisconsin farmhand who stunned an unsuspecting nation—and redefined the meaning of the word "psycho." The year was 1957. The place was an ordinary farmhouse in America's heartland, filled with extraordinary evidence of unthinkable depravity. The man behind the massacre was a slight, unassuming Midwesterner with a strange smile—and

even stranger attachment to his domineering mother. After her death and a failed attempt to dig up his mother's body from the local cemetery, Gein turned to other grave robberies and, ultimately, multiple murders. Driven to commit gruesome and bizarre acts beyond all imagining, Ed Gein remains one of the most deranged minds in the annals of American homicide. This is his story—recounted in fascinating and chilling detail by Harold Schechter, one of the most acclaimed true-crime storytellers of our time.

#### Fiend Simon and Schuster

In 1929, while serving a 25-year sentence for burglary, Carl Panzram bludgeoned a fellow inmate with an iron bar and was sentenced to death. On death row at Leavenworth Prison Panzram wrote his life story, or autobiography, through a series of letters to Henry Lesser, a guard he befriended. Here he sets down a detailed description of his criminal exploits, including 21 murders, his upbringing in correctional facilities for juvenile delinquents (where he was severely beat and tortured for petty infractions) and time as an adult incarcerated in places as varied as Leavenworth to county jails.

#### *The Tell-Tale Corpse* Hal Leonard Corporation

Ripped from today's headlines and mined from historical records, "Vampires of True Crime" invades the minds of real bloodsucking killers from Romania, Russia France, Wales, Brazil, South Africa, the Kentucky hills, and the streets of Los Angeles.

#### Savage Pastimes Little A

AMERICA'S MOST COLD-BLOODED! In the horrifying annals of American crime, the infamous names of brutal killers such as Bundy, Dahmer, Gacy, and Berkowitz are writ large in the imaginations of a public both horrified and hypnotized by their monstrous, murderous acts. But for every celebrity psychopath who's gotten ink for spilling blood, there's a bevy of all-but-forgotten homicidal fiends studding the bloody margins of U.S. history. The law gave them their just desserts, but now the hugely acclaimed author of *The Serial Killer Files* and *The Whole Death Catalog* gives them their dark due in this absolutely riveting true-crime treasury. Among America's most cold-blooded you'll meet • Robert Irwin, "The Mad Sculptor": He longed to use his carving skills on the woman he loved—but had to settle for making short work of her mother and sister instead. • Peter Robinson, "The Tell-Tale Heart Killer": It took two days and four tries for him to finish off his victim, but no time at all for keen-eyed cops to spot the fatal flaw in his floor plan. • Anton Probst, "The Monster in the Shape of a Man": The ax-murdering immigrant's systematic slaughter of all eight members of a Pennsylvania farm family matched the savagery of the Manson murders a century later. • Edward H. Ruloff, "The Man of Two Lives": A genuine Jekyll and Hyde, his brilliant scholarship disguised his bloodthirsty brutality, and his oversized brain gave new meaning to "mastermind." Spurred by profit, passion, paranoia, or perverse pleasure, these killers—the Witch of Staten Island, the Smutty Nose Butcher, the Bluebeard of Quiet Dell, and many others—span three centuries and a host of harrowing murder methods. Dramatized in the pages of penny dreadfuls, sensationalized in tabloid headlines, and immortalized in "murder ballads" and classic fiction by Edgar Allan Poe and Theodore Dreiser, the demonic denizens of Psycho USA may be long gone to the gallows—but this insidiously irresistible slice of gothic Americana will ensure that they'll no longer be forgotten.

#### *The Wilderness of Ruin* University Press of New England

"The shocking true story of one of the twentieth century's most prolific female serial killers."--Book jacket.

#### *The Bosom Serpent* Simon and Schuster

THE DEFINITIVE DOSSIER ON HISTORY'S MOST

HEINOUS! Hollywood's make-believe maniacs like Jason, Freddy, and Hannibal Lecter can't hold a candle to real life monsters like John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer, and scores of others who have terrorized, tortured, and terminated their way across civilization throughout the ages. Now, from the much-acclaimed author of *Deviant*, *Deranged*, and *Depraved*, comes the ultimate resource on the serial killer phenomenon. Rigorously researched and packed with the most terrifying, up-to-date information, this innovative and highly compelling compendium covers every aspect of multiple murderers—from psychology to cinema, fetishism to fan clubs, "trophies" to trading cards. Discover: WHO THEY ARE: Those featured include Ed Gein, the homicidal mama's boy who inspired fiction's most famous Psycho, Norman Bates; Angelo Buono and Kenneth Bianchi, sex-crazed killer cousins better known as the Hillside Stranglers; and the Beanes, a fifteenth-century cave-dwelling clan with an insatiable appetite for human flesh HOW THEY KILL: They shoot, stab, and strangle. Butcher, bludgeon, and burn. Drown, dismember, and devour . . . and other methods of massacre too many and monstrous to mention here. WHY THEY DO IT: For pleasure and for profit. For celebrity and for "companionship." For the devil and for dinner. For the thrill of it, for the hell of it, and because "such men are monsters, who live . . . beyond the frontiers of madness." PLUS: in-depth case studies, classic killers' nicknames, definitions of every kind of deviance and derangement, and much, much more. For more than one hundred profiles of lethal loners and killer couples, Bluebeards and black widows, cannibals and copycats—this is an indispensable, spine-tingling, eye-popping investigation into the dark hearts and mad minds of that twisted breed of human whose crimes are the most frightening . . . and fascinating.

#### *The Serial Killer Files* Orbit Books

An in-the-room account of John Colt's scandalous nineteenth-century murder trial from "America's principal chronicler of its greatest psychopathic killers" (Boston Review). In this masterful account, renowned true-crime historian Harold Schechter takes you into the life and crimes of convicted murderer John Caldwell Colt, drawing parallels between John's rise to notoriety and his brother Samuel Colt's rise to fame as the inventor of the legendary revolver. With a killing that made headlines around the nation, John Colt became a cultural touchstone whose shocking villainy inspired and provoked such writers as Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman, and Herman Melville. Unlike his brother, John lived a nomadic existence, bouncing from one job to another. His one distinction, writing a reference accounting book, would play a part in his fall from grace. For in New York City, on September 17, 1841, John murdered printer Samuel Adams with a hatchet during a heated argument over proceeds from book sales. A media circus ensued, galvanizing the penny press, which printed lurid headlines and gruesome woodcut illustrations. The standing-room-only trial created unforgettable moments in legal history, including such dramatic evidence as Samuel Adams's decomposed head. The verdict and its aftermath would reverberate throughout the country and beyond, giving John Colt lasting infamy. "[Schechter] leads us through Colt's trial with such precision that you can smell the cigar smoke in the courtroom. . . . Killer Colt succeeds in making us care about this story now by showing why it mattered to so many people then." —HistoryNet

#### The Hum Bug Macmillan

In his bestselling book *DERANGED*, Harold Schechter

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shatters the myth that violent crime is a modern phenomenon, with this seamless true account of unvarnished horror from the early twentieth century. Journey inside the demented mind of Albert Fish - paedophile, sadist and cannibal killer - and discover that bloodlust knows no time or place...On a warm spring day in 1928, a kindly, white-haired man appeared at the Budd family home in New York City, and soon persuaded Mr and Mrs Budd to let him take their adorable little girl, Grace, on an outing. The Budds never guessed that they had entrusted their child to a monster. After a relentless six year search and nationwide press coverage, the mystery of Grace Budd's disappearance was solved - and a crime of unparalleled gore and revulsion was revealed to a stunned public. What Albert Fish did to Grace Budd, and perhaps fifteen other children, caused experts to pronounce him the most deranged human being they had ever seen.

revealing trials to the final guilty verdicts and life sentences for all four men. Includes 8 pages of photos.

**Deranged a S/Wx10** Macmillan

Relates how respected local farmer and school board treasurer Andrew P. Kehoe blew up the new primary school in Bath, Michigan in 1927, an act of vengeance that killed thirty-eight children and six adults in one of the first and worst mass murders in American history.

**The Devil's Gentleman** Ballantine Books

(Guitar Book). Bassist James Jamerson was the embodiment of the Motown spirit and groove the invisible entity whose playing inspired thousands. His tumultuous life and musical brilliance are explored in depth through hundreds of interviews, 49 transcribed musical scores, two hours of recorded all-star performances, and more than 50 rarely seen photos in this stellar tribute to behind-the-scenes Motown. Features a 120-minute CD! Allan Slutsky's 2002 documentary of the same name is the winner of the New York Film Critics "Best Documentary of the Year" award!

The Pied Piper of Tucson Simon and Schuster

Marion is lost on a dark and lonely road; she's tired and hungry and afraid. She thinks she's dreaming when she sees a motel sign shining in the darkness: Bates Motel. But for Marion the nightmare is just beginning ... To most people Psycho needs no introduction, but although Alfred Hitchcock's film was largely faithful to the book, in the novel itself you will find a story more nuanced and - if possible - even darker.

**MPLS Sound** Onyx Books

The shocking story of one of the most notorious female serial killers in American history from "an author who shows real mastery of the true crime genre" (NPR). In 1891, Jane Toppan, a proper New England matron, embarked on a profession as a private nurse. Selfless and good-natured, she worked for some of Boston's most prominent families, but they had no idea what they were welcoming into their homes. Her dark past of tragedy, abuse, and mental illness was carefully hidden. No one who knew Jane as a nurse had any idea that she was morbidly obsessed with autopsies, or that she conducted her own after-hours experiments on patients, deriving sexual satisfaction in their slow, agonizing deaths from poison. Self-schooled in the art of murder, Jane was just beginning her career as the most prolific domestic fiend of the nineteenth century.

Nevermore Ballantine Books

The ultimate love letter to the funky pop-rock sound that made the artist formerly known as Prince a legend.

*True Vampires* Hachette UK

In the early 1980's, a string of savage murders rocked Chicago. The victims were beautiful young women, and the killers were four men, led by a typical "boy-next-door". Now learn the full story of these shocking crimes, from Satanic rituals to the