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The Perfect Victim iUniverse
On 2 March 1998 ten-year-old Natascha Kampusch was snatched off the street by a stranger and bundled into a white van. Hours later she found herself in a dark cellar. When she emerged eight years later, her childhood had gone. In *3,096 Days* Natascha tells her incredible story for the first time: her difficult childhood, what exactly happened on the day of her abduction, her imprisonment and the mental and physical abuse she suffered from her abductor, Wolfgang Priklopil. *3,096 Days* is a story about the triumph of the human spirit and how, against inconceivable odds, Natascha managed to escape unbroken.

3,096 Days Random House

Called the "sex slave", and "the girl in the box" case, this is the story behind Colleen Stan's terrifying, seven-year-long imprisonment by Cameron Hooker as told by the district attorney who tried the case. Too bizarre to be anything but true, it is a tale of riveting intensity and gripping courtroom drama. 8 page photo insert. Soon to be a TV miniseries.

Cruel Sacrifice Pinnacle Books

A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Know My Name is a gut-punch, and in the end, somehow, also blessedly hopeful." --Washington Post Universally acclaimed, rapturously reviewed, and an instant New York Times bestseller, Chanel Miller's breathtaking memoir "gives readers the privilege of knowing her not just as Emily Doe, but as Chanel Miller the writer, the artist, the survivor, the fighter." (The Wrap). Her story of trauma and transcendence illuminates a culture biased to protect perpetrators, indicting a criminal justice system designed to fail the most vulnerable, and, ultimately, shining with the courage required to move through suffering and live a full and beautiful life. Know My Name will forever transform the way we think about sexual assault, challenging our

beliefs about what is acceptable and speaking truth to the tumultuous reality of healing. Entwining pain, resilience, and humor, this memoir will stand as a modern classic.

Perfect Victim Pinnacle Books

The New York Times—bestselling author's pioneering true crime classic: It's "Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood* turned inside out" (Newsweek). During an armed robbery in 1974, five hostages were holed up in the basement of a small home-audio store in Odgen, Utah, by a group of enlisted US Air Force airmen stationed at a nearby base. The victims—including wife and mother Carol Naisbitt—were brutally tortured, shot in the head, and left for dead. Incredibly Carol's sixteen-year-old son made it out alive—and "the emotional strain his family underwent during his year-long hospitalization, is the heart of Kinder's story" (Kirkus Reviews). In *Victim*, the first book to go beyond the headlines to tell an unfathomable story of love, loss, courage, and survival, "the crime in question becomes not merely something that happened to somebody else somewhere else, but rather an event that touches us all firsthand and very deeply." A compelling and tragic look at how lives can be changed forever by a random act of violence, it remains one of the most influential books in the victims' rights movement and has become required reading for trainees at the FBI Academy at Quantico (Boston Herald).

No Country for Old Men Pinnacle Books

WINNER OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES BOOK PRIZE " [A] suspense-filled page-turner. " —Viet Thanh Nguyen, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for *The Sympathizer* "A touching portrait of two families bound together by a split-second decision. " —Attica Locke, Edgar-Award winning author of *Bluebird, Bluebird* A Best Book of the Year Wall Street Journal * Chicago Tribune * BuzzFeed * South Florida Sun-Sentinel * Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel * Book Riot * LitHub A powerful and taut novel about racial tensions in Los Angeles, following two families—one Korean-American, one African-American—grappling with the effects of a decades-old crime In the wake of the police shooting of a black teenager, Los Angeles is as tense as it ' s been since the unrest of the early 1990s. But Grace Park and Shawn Matthews have their own problems. Grace is sheltered and largely oblivious, living in the Valley with her Korean-immigrant parents, working long hours at the family pharmacy. She ' s distraught that her sister hasn ' t spoken to their mother in two years, for reasons beyond Grace ' s understanding.

Shawn has already had enough of politics and protest after an act of violence shattered his family years ago. He just wants to be left alone to enjoy his quiet life in Palmdale. But when another shocking crime hits LA, both the Park and Matthews families are forced to face down their history while navigating the tumult of a city on the brink of more violence.

A Perfect Husband Scribner

Selected by the Modern Library as one of the 100 best nonfiction books of all time From the Modern Library ' s new set of beautifully repackaged hardcover classics by Truman Capote—also available are *Breakfast at Tiffany ' s* and *Other Voices, Other Rooms* (in one volume), *Portraits and Observations*, and *The Complete Stories* Truman Capote ' s masterpiece, *In Cold Blood*, created a sensation when it was first published, serially, in *The New Yorker* in 1965. The intensively researched, atmospheric narrative of the lives of the Clutter family of Holcomb, Kansas, and of the two men, Richard Eugene Hickock and Perry Edward Smith, who brutally killed them on the night of November 15, 1959, is the seminal work of the " new journalism. " Perry Smith is one of the great dark characters of American literature, full of contradictory emotions. " I thought he was a very nice gentleman, " he says of Herb Clutter. " Soft-spoken. I thought so right up to the moment I cut his throat. " Told in chapters that alternate between the Clutter household and the approach of Smith and Hickock in their black Chevrolet, then between the investigation of the case and the killers ' flight, Capote ' s account is so detailed that the reader comes to feel almost like a participant in the events.

Victim F Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

From a New York Times – bestselling author: A searing account of cold-blooded murder as told by " one of the chief practitioners of the true crime genre " (The Baltimore Sun). Michael Peterson was a decorated war veteran and bestselling novelist. His wife, Kathleen, was a high-powered executive and devoted mother. To everyone who knew them, they seemed to be the perfect couple living a life most people would

kill for. Then came the tragic night Michael found Kathleen at the bottom of the stairs in a pool of blood. He claimed her death was an accident. The prosecution thought different and put him on trial—and behind bars. Then, in a stunning reversal, a judge gave Michael another chance to stand trial as his children steadfastly proclaimed his innocence. But what happened next would stun observers as new evidence and bizarre theories were introduced in a legal battle that would drag on until it became one of the longest trials in state history. Aphrodite Jones draws on exclusive interviews and revelatory facts to deliver “ a richly detailed and deeply researched tale of a greedy, sociopathic killer ” (Caitlin Rother, *New York Times* – bestselling author).

Sole Survivor HarperCollins

Tells how convicted child molester Kenneth Eugene Parnell abducted Steven, raising him as his own son for seven years until the boy's escape

The Basement Penguin

Throughout my captivity, I was never told what was going to happen next or why. This lack of knowledge was used by Master to maintain a continuous element of fear and control over me. Anytime I was taken out of the box, I never knew what to expect. Fear of the unknown was always with me as I was kept in the dark both physically and mentally. This lack of knowledge may have been a good thing in one sense. If I had known the length of my entombment after returning from Riverside, I'm not sure I would have survived. Of course, I'm not sure even Master knew how long he was going to keep me in the box. A few days passed then a few more. Then weeks passed followed by months. Months slowly turned into years. I would spend the next three years of my life (1981-1984) in the box sleeping, dreaming, and praying. I have to assume my lengthy confinement in the box came about because Master was concerned he had given me too much freedom. Maybe he felt he was losing control of his slave. Too many neighbors had seen me, and questions about my status in the Hooker household were surely to arise. A fast thinking family member in Riverside may have copied down his vehicle tag number. What if the police knocked on his door one day looking for Colleen Stan? What if they searched the mobile home? Would anyone think to look under a waterbed for the girl in the box? Master wanted to keep me out of sight until the heat had passed. The other reason for putting me into storage was Ma'am. I'm sure she wanted me out of her life, out of her children's lives, and out of her husband's life. Master was not ready to let his slave go. Cloistering was the only answer. My daily routine soon became predictive as I was allowed out late in the evening after the girls had gone to bed. I emptied my bedpan, drank a large glass of water, and ate cold leftovers in the front bathroom. Sometimes the leftovers were true leftovers that had been out all day and the family didn't want.

His Garden PublicAffairs

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • In the propulsive debut novel from the host of the #1 true crime podcast *Crime Junkie*, a journalist uncovers her hometown 's dark secrets when she becomes obsessed with the unsolved murder of her childhood neighbor—and the disappearance of another girl twenty years later. You can 't ever know for sure what happens behind closed doors. Everyone from Wakarusa, Indiana, remembers the infamous case of January Jacobs, who was discovered in a ditch hours after her family awoke to find her gone. Margot Davies was six at the time, the same age as January—and they were next-door neighbors. In the twenty years since, Margot has grown up, moved away, and become a big-city journalist. But she 's always been haunted by the feeling that it could 've been her. And the worst part is, January 's killer has never been brought to justice. When Margot returns home to help care for her uncle after he is diagnosed with early-onset dementia, she feels like she 's walked into a time capsule. Wakarusa is exactly how she remembers—genial, stifled, secretive. Then news breaks about five-year-old Natalie Clark from the next town over, who 's gone missing under circumstances eerily similar to January 's. With all the old feelings rushing back, Margot vows to find Natalie and to solve January 's murder once and for all. But the police, Natalie 's family, the townspeople—they all seem to be hiding something. And the deeper Margot digs into Natalie 's disappearance, the more resistance she encounters, and the colder January 's case feels. Could January 's killer still be out there? Is it the same person who took Natalie? And what will it cost to finally discover what truly happened that night twenty years ago? Twisty, chilling, and intense, *All Good People Here* is a searing tale that asks: What are your neighbors capable of when they think no one is watching?

My Dark Vanessa Open Road + Grove/Atlantic

“ True crime at its most shocking, most harrowing, and . . . most thought-provoking. ” —Booklist In 1977 twenty-year-old Colleen Stan left home to hitchhike from Oregon to California. Seven years later she emerged from hell, the victim of a bizarre and extraordinary crime. This is Colleen's incredible true story, told by the determined young district attorney who prosecuted the man who had forced her to endure years of sexual perversion . . . and held her captive in a coffin-like box under his and his wife's bed. A story of riveting psychological intensity and gripping courtroom drama, *Perfect Victim* reveals the whole truth about Collen Stan's real-life nightmare . . . and the psychopath who enslaved her body and her mind. “ Horrifying! ” —The Cincinnati Post “ Hard to put down! ” —Chicago Tribune “ A gripping and disturbing story of the secret life of apparently normal people. At once, horrific and engrossing. ” —Vincent Bugliosi, author of *Helter Skelter*

Know My Name Bantam

The twisted, but fascinating, mind of a serial killer is revealed with terrifying consequences in this astonishing and shocking exploration. with 20 b&w photos.

Shake the Devil Off Modern Library

Colleen Stan was a sweet-natured, lively

twenty-year-old when she set out to hitchhike from her home in Washington to Southern California. Seven years later she emerged from hell, the victim of a bizarre and chilling crime. Cameron and Janice Hooker had literally made her their slave - and forced her to endure all of Cameron's twisted sexual perversions. During these seven years the Hookers had two children, entertained their friends at home and held down jobs - while Colleen was held captive in a coffin-like box under their bed. This is also the story of Christine McGuire, a young, inexperienced deputy district attorney who prosecuted Cameron Hooker for kidnapping and successfully explained why Colleen - who had numerous chances to escape - stayed captive for so many years.

All Good People Here Harper Collins

On a freezing January in 1992, five teenage girls crowded into a car. By the end of the night, only four of them were alive. The fifth had been tortured and mutilated nearly beyond recognition. Her name was Shanda Sharer; her age-twelve. When the people of Madison, Indiana heard that a brutal murder had been committed in their midst, they were stunned. Then the story became even more bizarre. The four accused murderers were all girls under the age of eighteen: Melinda Loveless, Laurle Tackett, Hope Rippey, and Toni Lawrence. Here, for the first time, veteran true crime journalist Aphrodite Jones reveals the shocking truth behind the most savage crime in Indiana history—a tragic story of twisted love and insane jealousy, lesbianism, brutal child abuse, and sadistic ritual killing in small-town America...and of the young innocent who paid the ultimate price.

Perfect Victim Pinnacle Books

A tiny American town's plans for radical self-government overlooked one hairy detail: no one told the bears. Once upon a time, a group of libertarians got together and hatched the Free Town Project, a plan to take over an American town and completely eliminate its government. In 2004, they set their sights on Grafton, NH, a barely populated settlement with one paved road. When they descended on Grafton, public funding for pretty much everything shrank: the fire department, the library, the schoolhouse. State and federal laws became meek suggestions, scarcely heard in the town's thick wilderness. The anything-goes atmosphere soon caught the attention of Grafton's neighbors: the bears. Freedom-loving citizens ignored hunting laws and regulations on food disposal. They built a tent city in an effort to get off the grid. The bears smelled food and opportunity. *A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear* is the sometimes funny, sometimes terrifying tale of what happens when a government disappears into the woods. Complete with gunplay, adventure, and backstabbing politicians, this is the ultimate story of a quintessential

American experiment -- to live free or die, perhaps from a bear.

Luckiest Girl Alive Wildside Press LLC

The picture didn't fit. On the surface, Alyssa Bustamante was a pretty fifteen year old girl who excelled in school. Behind closed doors, however, Alyssa was a deeply disturbed teenager with fantasies about killing someone. Her social media pages and diaries all painted the portrait of someone with an insatiable to desire to inflict pain onto the world. Her murderous impulses increasing by the day, Alyssa dug two graves in the woods outside her home and waited... Waited for the perfect victim. On October 21, 2009, she found one.

Deviant Diversion Books

The story of a shocking true crime details how four teenage Indiana girls, in a twisted search for popularity and love, kidnapped, tortured, and murdered twelve-year-old Shanda Sharer.

In Cold Blood Gallery Books

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

" [An] exceedingly complex, inventive, resourceful examination of harm and power. " —The New York Times Book Review, Editors' Choice " A lightning rod . . . brilliantly crafted. " —The Washington Post A most anticipated book by The New York Times • USA Today • Entertainment Weekly • Marie Claire • Elle • Harper's Bazaar • Bustle • Newsweek • New York Post • Esquire • Real Simple • The Sunday Times • The Guardian Exploring the psychological dynamics of the relationship between a precocious yet naïve teenage girl and her magnetic and manipulative teacher, a brilliant, all-consuming read that marks the explosive debut of an extraordinary new writer. 2000. Bright, ambitious, and yearning for adulthood, fifteen-year-old Vanessa Wye becomes entangled in an affair with Jacob Strane, her magnetic and guileful forty-two-year-old English teacher. 2017. Amid the rising wave of allegations against powerful men, a reckoning is coming due. Strane has been accused of sexual abuse by a former student, who reaches out to Vanessa, and now Vanessa suddenly finds herself facing an impossible choice: remain silent, firm in the belief that her teenage self willingly engaged in this relationship, or redefine herself and the events of her past. But how can Vanessa reject her first love, the man who fundamentally transformed her and has been a persistent presence in her life? Is it possible that the man she loved as a teenager—and who professed to worship only her—may be far different from what she has always believed? Alternating between Vanessa's present and her past, *My Dark Vanessa* juxtaposes memory and trauma with the breathless excitement of a teenage girl discovering the power her own body can wield. Thought-provoking and impossible to put down, this is a masterful portrayal of troubled adolescence and its repercussions that raises vital questions about agency, consent, complicity, and victimhood. Written with the haunting intimacy of *The Girls* and the creeping intensity

of *Room*, *My Dark Vanessa* is an era-defining novel that brilliantly captures and reflects the shifting cultural mores transforming our relationships and society itself.

I Know My First Name Is Steven Penguin Details the horrifying true account of Ricky McGinn, a twisted man who brutally raped and murdered his twelve-year-old stepdaughter as well as two other young women. Original. Simon & Schuster

"Norton has given us living, breathing characters that we know and understand . . . and who inhabit our imaginations after we've finished this book." —Jeffery Deaver In many ways, Reeve LeClaire looks like a typical twenty-two year old girl. She's finally landed her own apartment, she waitresses to pay the bills, and she wishes she wasn't so nervous around new people. She thinks of herself as agile, not skittish. As serious, not grim. But Reeve is anything but normal. Ten years ago, she was kidnapped and held captive. After a lucky escape, she's spent the last six years trying to rebuild her life, a recovery thanks in large part to her indispensable therapist Dr. Ezra Lerner. But when he asks her to help another girl rescued from a similar situation, Reeve realizes she may not simply need to mentor this young victim—she may be the only one who can protect her from a cunning predator who is still out there, watching every move. From the author of the #1 non-fiction bestseller *Perfect Victim: The True Story of the Girl in the Box* comes a novel that draws you into a chilling and engrossing world. With masterful plot twists and shifting points of view that make it as irresistible as *Gone Girl*, Carla Norton's *The Edge of Normal* is a stunning debut thriller.