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Profiles of Female Serial Killers Skyhorse  
Describes seven categories of female serial killers--including the black widow, angel of death, and revenge killer--and explains why personality profiling for these cases is almost impossible, making homicide investigations so difficult.

The A to Z Encyclopedia of Serial Killers Stanfordpub.com  
In this fascinating book, Peter Vronsky exposes and investigates the phenomenon of women who

kill—and the political, economic, social and sexual implications buried with each victim. How many of us are even remotely prepared to imagine our mothers, daughters, sisters or grandmothers as fiendish killers? For centuries we have been conditioned to think of serial murderers and psychopathic predators as men—with women registering low on our paranoia radar. Perhaps that’s why so many trusting husbands, lovers, family friends, and children have fallen prey to “the female monster.” From history’s earliest recorded cases of homicidal females to Irma Grese, the Nazi Beast of Belsen, from Britain’s notorious child-slayer Myra Hindley to

‘ Honeymoon Killer ’ Martha Beck to the sensational cult of Aileen Wournos—the first female serial killer-as-celebrity—to cult killers, homicidal missionaries, and our pop-culture fascination with the sexy femme fatale, Vronsky not only challenges our ordinary standards of good and evil but also defies our basic accepted perceptions of gender role and identity. INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPHS  
Penguin

What it is about serial killers that fascinates us so much, these beasts hunt and kill their prey as if out of some horror movie. But this is not the synopsis to a vampire movie, they are real evil

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humans that will not stop until they have fulfilled their desire to kill. This book will take you deep into the minds of these most wickedest and deplorable people. Included inside are the histories of the most famous serial killers, including the women killers, and also covers international countries as well: Jeffrey Dahmer John Wayne Gacy Richard Ramirez, The Night Stalker The Zodiac Killer Every one of the serial killer profiles has information on when and how they killed the victims, the background of each killer, even included are suspects, trials, method of torture and much

more! or the suspects in some cases such as the Zodiac killer, their trials and punishments and more. Serial Killers: Over 200 True Crime Files of the Method and Madness of Evil, Demon Serial Killers, Included are The Zodiac Killer, Jeffrey Dahmer, is in an easy to follow format and has over 200 of the world worlds worst killers. Welcome to the minds of some of the most horrific serial killers of all time. These pages are filled with countless serial killers. Each one is broken down into the simplest of details so that you can learn of the horrific crimes they committed to other people in

this world. There is a fine line between sanity and insanity, and many of these serial killers would seem to be insane, but they are far from that. Sit back and examine the techniques with which some of the most depraved would use to kill their victims.

[The Psychology of Serial Killer Investigations](#) Penguin

Though the sensational title is a bit of a stretch the author reports that an estimated 50 to 75 serial killers are operating in the US at any time, of which seven or eight may be women this study provides an interesting addition to an area where criminologists have historically focused on men.

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## **The Most Evil People in the World Tell Their Own Stories**

Simon and Schuster

On November 8, 1985, 18-year-old Tom Odle brutally murdered his parents and three siblings in the small southern Illinois town of Mount Vernon, sending shockwaves throughout the nation. The murder of the Odle family remains one of the most horrific family mass murders in U.S. history. Odle was sentenced to death and, after seventeen years on death row, expected a lethal injection to end his life. However, Illinois governor George Ryan's moratorium on the death

penalty in 2000, and later commutation of all death sentences in 2003, changed Odle's sentence to natural life. The commutation of his death sentence was an epiphany for Odle. Prior to the commutation of his death sentence, Odle lived in denial, repressing any feelings about his family and his horrible crime. Following the commutation and the removal of the weight of eventual execution associated with his death sentence, he was confronted with an unfamiliar reality. A future. As a result, he realized that he needed to understand why he murdered his family. He reached out to Dr. Robert

Hanlon, a neuropsychologist who had examined him in the past. Dr. Hanlon engaged Odle in a therapeutic process of introspection and self-reflection, which became the basis of their collaboration on this book. Hanlon tells a gripping story of Odle's life as an abused child, the life experiences that formed his personality, and his tragic homicidal escalation to mass murder, seamlessly weaving into the narrative Odle's unadorned reflections of his childhood, finding a new family on death row, and his belief in the powers of redemption. As our nation attempts to understand the continual mass

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murders occurring in the U.S., *Survived by One* sheds some light on the psychological aspects of why and how such acts of extreme carnage may occur. However, *Survived by One* offers a never-been-told perspective from the mass murderer himself, as he searches for the answers concurrently being asked by the nation and the world.

*American Serial Killers*  
SAGE

Bestselling true-crime writer Harold Schechter, a leading authority on serial killers, and coauthor David Everitt offer a guided tour through the bizarre and blood-

chilling world of serial murder. Through hundreds of detailed entries that span the entire spectrum -- the shocking crimes, the infamous perpetrators, and much more -- they examine all angles of a gruesome cultural phenomenon that grips our imagination. From *Art* (both by and about serial killers) to *Zeitgeist* (how killers past and present embody their times)...from *Groupies* (even the most sadistic killer can claim devoted fans) to *Marriage* (the perfect domestic disguise for demented

killers)...from *Homebodies* (psychos who slay in the comfort of their homes) to *Plumbing* (how clogged drains have undone the most discreet killer), *THE A TO Z ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SERIAL KILLERS* is the ultimate reference for anyone compelled by the personalities and pathologies behind the most disturbing of crimes.

*Profiles of the World's Most Barbaric Criminals* Simon and Schuster

"Gritty. True. Compulsively readable. This is his best book."-- Gregg Olsen, NY

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Times Best Selling Author A narcissistic professional photographer lived a dangerous double life as a serial killer. He'd focus his rage on prostitutes mostly. It wasn't uncommon for him to bring them home then try to explain why they were there to his wife. Sexual urges met, either via rape or after paying for kinky sex, the killer would strangle his victims and dump their bodies in places he knew the police would eventually find them. The evil murderer needed the world to know that he was smarter than the police and women meant nothing to him but a necessary sexual inconvenience. Then, by a stroke of chance and aggressive police work, the wheels of justice stumbled upon a lead. It was nothing more than a lined sheet of paper that read, "List of 10," but shortly after its discovery, a task force was created and a serial killer was nabbed. This book is about the victims he left behind, not the person who took their lives. I will never condone such actions, nor will I try to rationalize his behavior. He will go to the grave, hopefully sooner rather than later, knowing the identity of four women from his fabled List of 10. It's his sick way of showing people he's still in charge. His name is Joseph Naso, and this book will grip you from the beginning and won't let you go until the final word. EDITORIAL REVIEWS "Current law enforcement officer C.L. Swinney has put years of research into the bizarre case of serial killer Joseph Naso -- the California Alphabet Killer -- who had

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been murdering women since the 1970s but was only brought to justice in 2011. Swinney's "List of 10" is compellingly written in the tradition of classic hard-boiled true crime writing with the insights of a cop." - Peter Vronsky: Author of "Serial Killers: The Method and Madness of Monsters" AND "Times Square Torso Ripper" "Like the great Joseph Wambaugh, Chris Swinney writes with the kind of authenticity that comes from having worn the uniform of a law enforcement officer. Gritty.

True. Compulsively readable. This is his best book." - Gregg Olsen: NY Times Best Selling Author "Chris Swinney writes with a cop's eye for the telling detail. He's the real deal." - Steve Jackson, NY Times Bestselling Author of "A Clockwork Murder" **Inside the Minds of Serial Killers** Penguin  
Our first volume caused such an impact that we've decided to bring you the long-awaited Volume 2 of the most comprehensive Serial Killer encyclopedia ever published! Murderers or monsters, normal people turned bad or

people born with the desire to kill; it doesn't matter where they come from, serial killers strike dread into our hearts with a single mention of their names. Hunting in broad daylight or stalking from the shadows, we are their prey and their hunt is never done until they are caught or killed. With a worrying number of them living in our communities, working alongside us at our places of employment and sharing the same spaces where we spend time with our families, serial killers are typically just another neighbor that we barely think about. A worrying thought, to be honest. In The Big Book of Serial

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Killers Volume 2 we go through the lives of 150 serial killers who allowed themselves to fall under the influence of their darkest desires and took the lives anywhere from one to one hundred victims; we speak of their motives and how their stories ended (if they ended...), and remind you of the fear and pain that they left behind. But what can you expect from The Big Book of Serial Killers Volume 2? You will find such things as: An excellent A-Z list of all of these deadly killers, allowing you to reference the encyclopedia whenever you need to find out more about any single murderer. All of the uncensored details of their crimes, with much effort taking into account to describe their horrific acts. Important information on their date and place of birth, date of arrest and number of victims, among other facts. A list of Trivia facts for each killer, allowing you to learn more about their personalities and any films or documentaries made about them. So, with nothing more to add - it's only time now for you purchase this book and begin learning about 150 of the sickest, most dangerous serial killers in world history. This is the next level in murder: are you ready to learn about the vilest men and women in history?

## The New York Ripper Penguin

From the author of *Serial Killers: The Method and Madness of Monsters* comes an in-depth examination of sexual serial killers throughout human history, how they evolved, and why we are drawn to their horrifying crimes. Before the term was coined in 1981, there were no "serial killers." There were only "monsters"--killers society first understood as werewolves, vampires, ghouls and witches or, later, Hitchcockian psychos. In



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Sons of Cain--a book that fills the gap between dry academic studies and sensationalized true crime--investigative historian Peter Vronsky examines our understanding of serial killing from its prehistoric anthropological evolutionary dimensions in the pre-civilization era (c. 15,000 BC) to today. Delving further back into human history and deeper into the human psyche than *Serial Killers*--Vronsky's 2004 book, which has been called the definitive history of serial murder--he focuses strictly

on sexual serial killers: thrill killers who engage in murder, rape, torture, cannibalism and necrophilia, as opposed to for-profit serial killers, including hit men, or "political" serial killers, like terrorists or genocidal murderers. These sexual serial killers differ from all other serial killers in their motives and their foundations. They are uniquely human and--as popular culture has demonstrated--uniquely fascinating.

*Serial Killers: Over 200 True Crime Files of the Method*

*and Madness of Evil, Demon Serial Killers, Included Are the Zodiac Killer, Jef*  
CreateSpace

In this fantastic coloring book, you will find the portraits of many famous serial killers and you will be able to experience the art of coloring, freely choosing the colors and shades that best suit your personal style and the feeling you feel at that time. In the book *Serial Killers Coloring Book* you will find: 30 portraits of serial killers to color where you can personally choose the style of the color, the type of

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pen, brush, and any other artistic tool you want to use. A summary but effective biography with all the details of the crimes committed by these heinous killers. Free space for your notes Lots of details about the weapons used by the killers and their victims. Ease your living, gain emotions, boost your artistic skills, sleep more - the solution is to color the world, and learn by the news! This book is best for: People who are passionate about the criminal facts of the present and the past Anyone who wants to

discover some of the world's most infamous killers in perfectly-illustrated detail and boost their artistic creativity with enrichment on the history of the news events of today and yesterday Get This incredible coloring book now! You can start your artistic and leisure journey now.  
*The Truth Behind Ted Bundy, Lizzie Borden, Jack the Ripper, and Other Notorious Murderers of Cinematic Legend* Berkley Books  
The Killer Book of Serial

Killers is the ultimate resource (and gift) for any true crime fan and student of the bizarre world of serial killers. Filled with stories, trivia, quizzes, quotes, photos, and odd facts about the world's most notorious murderers, this is the perfect bathroom reader for anyone fascinated with serial killers. The stories and trivia cover such killers as: John Wayne Gacy Ted Bundy The BTK Killer Jack the Ripper The Green River Killer Serial killers around the world And many more Bathroom readers have enjoyed

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considerable success as a format, selling millions of copies. The Killer Book series brings this format to the rabid true crime audience. Including more than 40 black & white photos, this is a must for true crime fans.

### **Talking with Serial Killers** Penguin

Serial Killers have been a mystery for years, they commit the most monstrous acts known to man, yet we still know very little about what makes them do what they

do. They kill with no remorse and have destroyed families and individuals lives many times over. These killers are at times ordinary folks that one wouldn't even realize were a cold blooded murderer. From the Zodiac Killer to the Night Stalker, all have kept us in fear until caught. This book goes deep into the minds of some of the worst serial killers in history, but not only this there is facts, dates, methods of the crimes,

victims accounts and even testimony from the killers themselves. Beware: This book is not for the faint of heart...

### **Serial Killers True Crime** Ulysses Press

Linking the murders of an alleged serial killer to successfully present a case in court involves a specific methodology that has been scrutinized by the judicial system but is largely absent in the current literature.

Serial Violence: Analysis of Modus Operandi and Signature Characteristics of Killers fully explains the

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process of finding the nexus between one violent crime and another for the purpose of pursuing the same offender at trial. Examines real cases of some of the world's most notorious serial killers. Written by renowned experts, this book focuses on analyzing crimes of violence to unveil common characteristics that might prove useful in the identification, apprehension, and conviction of murderers. It begins by detailing the historical origins of modus operandi as an investigative tool. It examines murderous

ritualistic behavior in a variety of cases, including William Heirens, Harvey Glatman, Morris Frampton, and Jack the Ripper. Later chapters discuss serial murders accompanied by burglary, torture, picquerism, sexual violence, sexual degradation, and a host of other behaviors. Includes color photographs of actual crime scenes. Containing numerous color photos, this volume includes useful information for expert witnesses and portions of transcripts of original testimony. The scintillating

detail and rigorous analysis presented in this volume enables those charged with solving these violent crimes to discern the types of modus operandi and ritualistic behaviors that can be linked to the same offender, helping law enforcement bring these dangerous offenders to justice. About the Authors: Bob Keppel served on the King County homicide task force that investigated the infamous Ted Bundy and has been an expert witness on scores of serial killer signature profile cases.

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across the United States. Along with coauthor William Birnes, Dr. Keppel worked on a United States Department of Justice grant to evaluate how local police homicide units use computer database technology to track serial killer and sexual offender cases by cross-referencing offender psychological signatures.

**The Untold Story of  
Dennis Rader, the BTK  
Killer** Independently  
Published

The Terrifying Story of the  
Most Monstrous Serial  
Killers through History.

Serial Killers are the most notorious and disturbing of all criminals, representing the very darkest side of humanity. Yet they endlessly fascinate and continue to capture the public's attention with their strange charisma and deadly deeds. From Jack the Ripper to Ted Bundy and the Moors Murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, these killers transfix us with their ability to commit utterly savage acts of cruelty and depravity. Only with

modern police detection methods and psychological profiling, have these figures that have existed throughout human history finally been identified in the deadliest category: serial killers. These methods, the killers' characters and their crimes are described here in fascinating and terrifyingly gripping detail. The whole history of serial killers is brought to life in 50 chapters, including: Herman Webster Mudgett, Devil in the White City

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John Christie, 10 Rillington Place murders  
Zodiac Killer Ian Brady and Myra Hindley,  
The Moors Murderers Ted Bundy  
Fred and Rosemary West  
Jeffrey Dahmer Aileen Wuornos  
Harold Shipman, Dr Death

### **Why We Love Serial**

**Killers** The Method and Madness of Monsters

This comprehensive examination into the frightening history of serial homicide documents the psychological,

investigative, and cultural aspects of serial murder, from Ancient Rome to notorious contemporary cases.

### **The Science of Serial Killers** Infobase Publishing

For decades now, serial killers have taken center stage in the news and entertainment media. The coverage of real-life murderers such as Ted Bundy and Jeffrey Dahmer has transformed them into ghoulish celebrities.

Similarly, the popularity of fictional characters such as Hannibal “The Cannibal”

Lecter or Dexter demonstrates just how eager the public is to be frightened by these human predators. But why is this so? Could it be that some of us have a gruesome fascination with serial killers for the same reasons we might morbidly stare at a catastrophic automobile accident? Or it is something more? In *Why We Love Serial Killers*, criminology professor Dr. Scott Bonn explores our powerful appetite for the macabre, while also providing new and unique insights into the world of the

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serial killer, including those he has gained from his correspondence with two of the world's most notorious examples, David Berkowitz ("Son of Sam") and Dennis Rader ("Bind, Torture, Kill"). In addition, Bonn examines the criminal profiling techniques used by law enforcement professionals to identify and apprehend serial predators, he discusses the various behaviors—such as the charisma of the sociopath— that manifest themselves in serial killers, and he explains how and why these killers often

become popular cultural figures. Groundbreaking in its approach, *Why We Love Serial Killers* is a compelling look at how the media, law enforcement agencies, and public perception itself shapes and feeds the "monsters" in our midst.

### The Big Book of Serial Killers Dell

What can possibly incite parents to kill their own children? This collection of "Filicidal Killers" provides a fast-paced, gripping overview of how things can go horribly

wrong in once-loving families. This book depicts ten of the most notorious and horrific cases of homicidal parental units out of control. People like--Andrea Yates, Diane Downs, Susan Smith, and Jeffrey MacDonald--who received a great deal of media attention. The author explores the reasons; from addiction to postpartum psychosis, insanity to altruism. Each story is detailed with background information on the parents, the murder

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scenes, trials, sentencing and aftermath.

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY - "{A} valuable resource and reference book for Criminologists and Psychologists on the fraught subject of maternal filicide, supported with ten case studies. A clear-eyed view on the most heartbreaking of crimes."

CASES INCLUDE: Andrea Yates Darlie Routier Susan Eubanks Lianne Smith Alan Bristol Jeffrey MacDonald Deanna Laney Susan Smith Tonya

Thomas Diane Downs "Acclaimed true crime author, RJ Parker, has a knack for collecting high-profile cases under specific themes. This collection about parents who kill their children provides a fast-paced, gripping overview of how things can go horribly wrong in once-loving families. From Andrea Yates to Jeffrey MacDonald to Susan Smith, Parker reports on the stunning case details and suggests reasons why

the parental bond can get so twisted. The updates at the end of each chapter add a lot, since popular media rarely follows up. An important reference for true crime readers." - Dr. Katherine Ramsland, Ph.D., bestselling author of "The Mind of a Murderer" and "The Ivy League Killer." "Is there anything more reprehensible than filicide--that is, the intended act of a parent killing his or her own child? In "Parents Who



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Killed Their Children," the award-winning true crime author RJ Parker shines a powerful light on this dark and sordid phenomenon. First, Parker offers a number of possible psychological and environmental causes (or at least correlates) of filicide. Then he presents ten shocking, real life case histories of parents who murdered their children. The result is a book that is bound to make you rethink the absolute sanctity of motherhood and reflect on why some mothers do indeed "eat their young." This is a powerful read and another hard-hitting, compelling entry by RJ Parker." - Dr. Scott Bonn, Ph.D, criminologist, professor and author of the forthcoming "Why We Love Serial Killers" October 2014 from Skyhorse Press. "The only thing more shocking than female serial killers is when mom or dad kills their own children. RJ Parker has collected some of the most notorious and horrific cases of homicidal parental units out of control. Shocking and gripping." - Dr. Peter Vronsky Ph.D., investigative criminal justice historian and filmmaker. The author of the bestselling history of serial murder, "Serial Killers: The Method and Madness of Monsters" and "Female Serial Killers: How and Why Women Become Monsters." "The author writes the before, during, and after, like no other. I'm an avid reader,

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but selective, and will read everything he is associated with." - Lori Smith  
**NOTEWORTHY**  
This book has been selected by several Universities in their upcoming courses in Criminology, Sociology, and Forensic Psychology, including, the University of Utah and Penn State University. Parker has written 14 true crime books, available in eBook, trade paperback and audiobook editions and have sold in over 80

countries. He holds Certifications in Serial Crime and Criminal Profiling.  
**Survived by One**  
Createspace Independent Publishing Platform  
A shocking case of unbridled sex, sadism, prostitution, date-rape drugs, abduction, bondage, torture, sexploitation, perverted fetishes, serial killing and dismemberment of the depraved New York notorious Ripper.  
Historian and International

Bestselling Author, Peter Vronsky, describes his brief encounter with serial killer Cottingham in a seedy New York hotel in 1979 that later inspired him to write his bestseller history "Serial Killers: The Method and Madness of Monsters". In "Times Square Torso Ripper" Vronsky explores the history of the notorious Forty-Deuce strip on 42nd Street near Times Square and how it spawned the sadistic monster Richard Cottingham in an era

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before the term "serial killer" had been coined in popular culture. Renowned serial homicide expert Dr. Robert D. Keppel said of Richard Cottingham, "I kept asking myself what it was that ultimately intrigued me about the Cottingham case. Partly it was the level of sadistic torture that Cottingham acted out on his victims. He didn't kill them and desecrate their bodies; he forced them to experience pain and humiliation before he killed

them. Then he desecrated their bodies." Includes 50 photos  
The Deadliest Years 1950-2000 CRC Press  
Discover the real-life inspirations behind history's most infamous serial killers: John Wayne Gacy, Jeffrey Dahmer, Charles Manson, and so many more. Gothic media moguls Kelly Florence and Meg Hafdahl, authors of *The Science of Monsters*, *The Science of Women in Horror*, and *The Science of Stephen King*, and co-hosts of the Horror Rewind podcast called "the best horror film podcast out there" by Film Daddy,

present a guide to the serial killers who inspired the movies and media we all know and love. Delve into the brutal truth behind horror's secret: many monsters portrayed on the silver screen are based on true murderers. Uncover the truth behind the real monsters of horror, answering such questions as: What is the science behind serial killers' motivations like Ted Bundy and John Wayne Gacy? How did detectives discover the identities of criminals like the Boston Strangler and the BTK Strangler? Has science made it possible to unmask Jack the Ripper and the Zodiac Killer? What is the science behind

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female versus male serial killers? Through interviews, film analysis, and bone-chilling discoveries, join Kelly and Meg as they learn about the horrors of true crime through the decades.

**Serial Killers & Mass Murderers** Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

Pain, torment, and torture. Cruelty, brutality, and violence. The twisted psyches, murder. and yes, even the ability to charm people. Take a deep dive into the terrifyingly real serial murderers, spree killers, and true faces of evil!

They prey on the innocent with a malicious desire to inflict damage and harm. They hunt and stalk misfortunate victims in the dark, in broad daylight, in quiet neighborhoods, and in the local woods. Their bloodthirst isn't satisfied after their first kill. Or their second. Or third. *Serial Killers: The Minds, Methods, and Mayhem of History's Most Notorious Murderers* delves into the global phenomenon of serial and spree murderers. This chilling book looks at the horrifying stories of forty

malevolent killers and hundreds of innocent victims, including such notorious homicidal maniacs as John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, and Jeffery Dahmer, but it also looks at lesser-known and overlooked murderers like Herbert Baumeister, America's I-70 Strangler; Japan's "Anime Killer," Tsutomu Miyazaki; Russia's "Rostov Ripper," Andrei Chikatilo; the "Giggling Granny," Nannie Doss; and many more. It journeys to 16th-century Scotland to meet a clan of cannibals whose existence

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is still debated by historians today, and to the fog-shrouded alleys of Whitechapel, London, where Jack the Ripper earned his grisly namesake. Along the way, we'll meet the Dating Game Killer, the Milwaukee Cannibal, the Acid Bath Murderer, and other monsters. Serial Killers also asks the questions ... What makes a seemingly ordinary person stalk, torture, and murder their fellow human beings? Are serial killers born or made? What is the difference between a serial killer and a spree killer?

What were the identities of Jack the Ripper and the Zodiac Killer? Was Albert DeSalvo really the Boston Strangler? Is it possible that you could know a serial killer? Caution is advised before entering the alarming world of twisted psychos and sociopaths! With more than 120 photos and graphics, this fright-filled tome is richly illustrated. Its helpful bibliography and extensive index add to its usefulness.