

But I Trusted You: Ann Rule's Crime Files

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The fourteenth volume in Ann Rule's True Crime Files series features a chilling collection of real cases where unsuspecting victims suffered violent crimes - at the hands of a spouse, lover, family member, or helpful stranger. While the crimes portrayed in this volume are tragic, perhaps most terrifying is that none of the victims had any sense of danger, never realizing there were masterfully disguised killers walking beside them in their daily lives.

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Don't Look Behind You

The #1 New York Times bestselling author and true crime master Ann Rule presents her fifteenth volume of the acclaimed Crime Files series focusing on disturbing stories of people in danger, sometimes from strangers and sometimes from the people they know and love. Walking home on a dark night, you hear footsteps coming up behind you. As they get closer, your heart pounds harder. Is it a dangerous stranger or someone you know and trust? The answer is as simple as turning around, but don't look behind you...run. With her signature in-depth research and compelling writing, Ann Rule chronicles fateful encounters with the secret predators hiding in plain sight. First in line is a stunning case that spanned thirty years and took one determined detective to four states—ending, finally, in Alaska—where he unraveled not one but two murders. A second case appears to begin and end with the hunt for the Green River Killer, focusing on a Washington State man who was once cleared as a suspect in that deadly chain of homicides. In another true story, a petite woman went to a tavern, looking only for conversation and fun. Instead, she met violent death

in the form of a seven-foot tall man who had seemed shy and harmless. You'll feel a chill as you uncover these and numerous other cases of unfortunate victims who made one tragic mistake: trusting the wrong person—even someone they thought they knew.

Mortal Danger

Only Ann Rule, the #1 "New York Times"-bestselling true-crime author, could lend her sharp insight into these cases of the spouse, lover, family member, or helpful stranger who is totally trusted—but whose lethally violent nature, though masterfully disguised, can kill. Original.

Fatal Friends, Deadly Neighbors

In July 2011, billionaire Jonah Shacknai's Coronado, California, mansion was the setting for two horrifying deaths only days apart—his young son's plunge from a balcony and his girlfriend's ghastly hanging. What really happened? Baffling questions remain unanswered. Rule looks at the closed cases through the eyes of a relentless crime reporter. The second probe began in Utah when Susan Powell vanished in a 2009 blizzard. Her controlling husband, Josh, proved capable of a blind rage that was heartbreakingly fatal to his innocent young sons almost three years later in a tragedy that shocked America as the details unfolded. If anyone had detected the depth of depravity within Josh Powell, perhaps the family that loved and trusted him would have been saved. In these and seven other riveting cases, Ann Rule exposes the twisted truth behind headlined and little-known homicides and speaks for vulnerable victims who relied on the wrong people.

Lying in Wait

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In the Still of the Night

In this true crime work, New York Times best-selling author, Ann Rule investigates the case of a woman, Ronda Reynolds, whose supposed suicide may not be what it seems.

No Regrets

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author who is “among the very small group of top-notch true crime writers” (Booklist) comes the eleventh installment of Ann Rule’s Crime Files, exploring heart-stopping true tales of those who commit murder with no conscience, no remorse, and no regrets. A ship’s pilot legendary for guiding giant freighters through the narrows of Puget Sound, Rolf Neslund was a proud Norwegian, a ladies’ man, and a beloved resident of Washington’s idyllic Lopez Island. Virtually indestructible even in his golden years, he made shocking headlines when he inexplicably disappeared at eighty. Had he committed suicide, or had he run off with a lifelong love? Or did a trail of gruesome evidence lead to the home Rolf shared with his wife, Ruth? On an island where everyone thought they knew their neighbors, the veneer of their marriage masked a convoluted case that took many years to solve. Along with six other equally riveting, detailed accounts of destruction and murder committed without conscience or regret, Ann Rule takes readers into frightening places they never could have imagined.

If You Really Loved Me

A shocking chronicle of greed, sexual obsession, manipulation, and murder--from the bestselling author of *Small Sacrifices*. Computer wizard David Brown convinced his own daughter to prove her love by killing his new wife. Brown then collected a large insurance policy and married his dead wife's teenage sister, whom he had secretly taught to perform sex acts since she was eleven years old. Photographs.

Smoke, Mirrors, and Murder

From the #1 bestselling true-crime writer in America comes a chilling collection of tales about a variety of deceptive killers--young and old, rich and poor--who commit murder by sleight-of-hand. Includes Rules insider commentary of the case of Mary Winkler, the Tennessee woman who killed her minister husband, Matthew, in 2006. Original.

A Rose For Her Grave & Other True Cases

Includes the cases of convicted murderers Randy Roth, Charles Rodman Campbell, Cynthia Marler, Ken Burke, and Richard Marquette.

Bitter Harvest

Journeys inside the twisted mind of a killer, Dr. Debora Green, after the cancer specialist was arrested for the arson murders of two of her three children and the attempted poisoning of her estranged husband.

Practice to Deceive

"From the New York Times #1 bestselling author comes a riveting true-crime mystery set on a sleepy island in the Pacific Northwest: a man is murdered and the long list of suspects includes an aging beauty queen and her boyfriend. One wintery night on quiet Whidbey Island off the coast of Washington, Russ Douglas spent Christmas with his estranged wife, Brenna. She agreed to let him visit his children even though they were headed for divorce. He left Brenna Douglas's home in Langley on the morning of December 26, 2003 to run some errands. But hours passed and Russ didn't return home as he'd promised his children he would. Nor did he come back during the night. On the afternoon of December 27, a couple walking down a rural road noticed a vehicle in the driveway of a cabin. Since many of the places were vacant during the winter, neighbors kept an eye out for strangers. Curious, they walked up the cabin's driveway to check inside. They saw a man in the front seat, dead from a single gunshot wound to the head. They immediately put in a call to the Island County Sheriff's Office. The dead man was easily identified; it was Russell Douglas. But what came next in this homicide case surprised law enforcement and captured the attention of the entire town when the suspects included an aging beauty queen, her guitar-teacher lover, and Russell's widow, Brenna,

owner of the local beauty salon. With her trademark aplomb, Ann Rule unravels the fascinating story of a murder, a small town, and a number of potential killers\"--

Last Dance, Last Chance

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From true cases in crime files. Written by a former Seattle policewoman.

In the Name of Love

Ann Rule dissects a case centered around an alluring young wife and the two men desperate for her love.

A Fever In The Heart

In this provocative and eye-opening classic of investigative journalism, the #1 New York Times bestselling author and “America’s best true-crime writer” (Kirkus Reviews), Ann Rule, explores the nearly twenty-year long search for America’s most prolific and horrifying serial killer. In 1982, the body of Wendy Coffield is discovered floating near the sandy shore of Washington’s Green River. Authorities have no idea that this tragic and violent death is only the beginning of a string of murders that will rock and terrify the Seattle area for two decades. With her signature riveting prose and in-depth research, Ann Rule takes us behind the scenes of the search for the Green River Killer, a terrifying specter who ritualistically killed young women and eluded authorities for years. From seeking the help of incarcerated serial killer Ted Bundy to Ann Rule’s horrifying realization that the killer she was writing about had attended her book signings, *Green River, Running Red* is the suspenseful and unforgettable “definitive narrative of the brutal and senseless crimes that haunted the Seattle area for decades” (Publishers Weekly).

Talking Book Topics

New York Times bestselling author Ann Rule brings several riveting accounts of seemingly normal men and women who are compelled by a murderous rage to suddenly lash out in this installment of her *Crime Files*. Ann Rule dives into one of Seattle’s most infamous crimes: a city bus ride that turned into mayhem and murder at the hands of a gunman. With her signature “devastatingly accurate insight” (The New York Times Book Review), she unmask the forces that drove quiet, clean-cut Silas Cool to shoot the driver, causing the bus to plunge off the Aurora Bridge into an apartment building. Included here are nine other cases that illuminate Rule’s unique and authoritative view of the human psyche gone temporarily berserk. In *A Rage to Kill*, Ann Rule frighteningly shows that none of us are truly protected from the flashes of irrational violence that can erupt from the killers among us.

Digital Talking Books Plus

This book provides a critical discussion of True Crime literature, arguing for the deconstruction of the genre into subgenres that better reflect a work's contents. In analysing seminal and lesser-known works, the areas of authenticity, accuracy, and author proximity are considered to form a framework on which an individual publication's subgenre (re)categorisation can be assessed. The book considers the likes of Ann Rule, Truman Capote, and Maggie Nelson, among other notable authors. Their works – those that fit into True Crime and those that defy categorisation within the genre as it exists – are reviewed, and their defining features critiqued. Topics such as narrative methodologies, figurative language, and utilisation of research are considered in support of this. These strands combine to a larger discussion regarding a deconstruction of True Crime, and the ways in which this will improve the social responsibility of the genre, and encourage a more conscientious consumerism of it.

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The Writers Directory

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Deconstructing True Crime Literature

Every 3rd issue is a quarterly cumulation.

The Publishers Weekly

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