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They Were The Perfect Family. . . For twenty years, Ken and Kristine Fitzhugh and their two sons had lived lives of comfortable middle-class normality in the university town of Palo Alto, California. Then came the shocking news that Kristine Fitzhugh was dead, the victim of a terrible accident.... By the time the Palo Alto Police Department looked closer at the death of Kristine Fitzhugh, there could be only one conclusion. Someone had murdered Kristine in her own home, inflicting a series of horrific blows to the back of her head, and then cleaned up the mess to make it look like an accident. Who would do such a thing? Protesting his innocence, Kenneth Fitzhugh was arrested and tried for the murder of his wife. And as the case progressed, one by one, the hidden secrets of the Fitzhugh family came spilling out. . .

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Salsadancer says

True crime account of husband in Palo Alto killing his music-teacher wife of some twenty years in their home. While Ken, the husband, claimed that Kristine apparently tripped over a pair of shoes he had loathed and repeatedly asked her to get rid of, leading to her death, the paramedics on the scene, police, and finally the medical examiner disagreed; instead saying that Kristine's injuries were too severe to have been from a fall down the stairs alone.

In trying to determine motive for what became so obviously murder, their investigation would lead to rumors of a long ago affair with a family friend, questions surrounding the paternity of the oldest Fitzhugh son, and the discovery of an all but dwindled-away inheritance that left the family in financial dire straits.

This was a very interesting and well written true crime account of this California case.

Kelly says

Not the most interesting true crime I've read.

Vicki Thornberry says

This book had so much forensic evidence that it lacked any insight into the lives of those involved. If you like to read only about a trail of blood evidence, then by all means, read this. I have read other books by Smith that were not boring; sorry, but this one is!

Jeannette says

This story takes place where I work and a colleague of mine even knew the deceased. Or should I say murder victim? She worked with her at my school . . . crazy!

Ronnie Cramer says

Not bad, though it seems a bit long for such an open and shut case.

Nana says

Previous to Goodreads I kept a book log. I am updating ratings based on my log. My rating system is 1 - 10. I gave this book an 8.0.

Beth Chase says

Sad story of lies, deception and adulterous choices.... these choices never end well

Margie says

This was a hard read. I forced myself to finish it. The story didn't flow well.

Renika Jacobs says

Book sucked

It was boring and slow paced with no really depth. It read like a newspaper article and a trial transcript.

Alisi ? wants to read too many books ? says

It was okay. It got a star off for nothing showing the verdict or having the sentencing portion. I enjoy that portion (the judges pronouncements, sentencing, victim impact statements, etc.) It's implied that they found him guilty of second degree murder but we aren't even told if that's what he got. Very sloppy and badly done.

Margaret says

True crime story regarding a Palo Alto couple who had been married for 33 years. Kristine Fitzhugh was a bright, loving, teacher who was well liked in their community. Her husband, Ken, however, was always "just in the background". Lies, deceit, and money tell a cautionary tale that ultimately leads to the death of Kristine at the mercy of her husband...

Unfortunately the book does not tell the ending and what happens to Ken Fitzhugh, I had to do some Google investigation work. Read it, you won't be disappointed.. or will you?

Cari says

I could not even finish this book as it seemed to drag on and not flow very well.

Ariel says

Well written

Great coverage for both sides of the story and the truth.

Very detailed about crime, media, and court proceedings. Would recommend to anyone interested in true crime books
