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This guide examines the realities of serial murder versus popular myths depicted in film and television. From Jack the Ripper to Ted Bundy, the encyclopedia gives readers an overview of what is undoubtedly the most macabre and fascinating branch of crime and modern criminology.

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Marvin says

Don't ask me why I am fascinated by serial killers but I am. And from all the rave reviews for this book I am clearly not the only one. If you do want an informative, no nonsense book about the topic that covers pretty much any aspect you can think of and doesn't try to sensationalize, this is it. There are well written accounts of many serial killers going from obscure to the famously notorious. Excellent informational text that entertains without going over the edge.

A says

I don't want to rate this book because I don't know how to rate this book.

My relationship with this one started when I reached the peak of my obsession with Criminal Minds. (Yes, that is my guilty pleasure and No, I am not ashamed.) There I was, appreciating the writers and creators for making each episode as gruesome as the previous. I thought that their minds are so creative and that there is no way in hell these events could be remotely true in real life.

WRONG.

I hate these people and I hate myself for reading this book.

Mauoijenn ~ *Mouthy Jenn* ~ says

If you watch Criminal Minds... then this book is for you. Jammed packed with info on all of the creeps that our parents warned us about. Its a very interesting read.

Like did you know Dahmer ate his victims so they would be apart of him?! Seriously.... woohoo that guy was out there and then some.

Joey says

I keep this book in the bathroom. I've probably read it at least 20 times.

Beth Ramirez says

This is a fascinating book. Anything and everything you want to know about the most macabre serial killers

are located within these pages. When you sit down to read this, be prepared to be there awhile bc this is a page turner.

Kdjnet says

This may seem like an odd choice for a book to "read" but it was really facinating. If you like shows like "Forensic Files" and "Most Evil" you'll like it. This was the 3rd or 4th edition. It's great that it is constantly being updated with new data. The book is formatted like an encyclopedia but it reads like a collection of short stories on the most sordid of humans.

Laura Leilani says

Best overall encyclopedia of killers.

Alberta L. Gallardo says

More than I ever wanted to know. People are sick, then and now. Good reference book for criminal history buffs up to 1999.

Meen says

I find serial killers fascinating, the ultimate deviance, what must that feel like? If I had ever had serious head trauma, I think I might have become one. :)

Sheila Smith says

Although there are quite a few misspellings and grammatical errors, this book is a fairly good read. The information is presented in such a way that it isn't too boring to read through, but still gives thorough information. Some of the entries were a little lacking (to the point where I wondered why those killers were even included), but the majority of entries provided enough information to give a good picture of the killer, their crimes, and the aftermath.

Some disappointment that some "big hitters", such as H.H. Holmes and Richard Chase were not included (especially with the inclusion of some other lesser known murderers with very short entries), but otherwise a very informative edition that also includes entries on different types of serial murder as well as definitions of various terms and FBI agents that are referenced throughout.

Certainly not an easy casual read, but not a difficult read either.

Kathrine says

Purchased this at a Books-A-Million in San Antonio in 2012. The first time my husband had ever been in a book store! This book is an amazing resource for all true-crime aficionados. Filled with page after page of details on thousands of the world's most prolific serial killers, as well of ones you will learn of for the first time.

This book also contains quite a bit of legal information, making it a valuable research tool for student of law and criminal justice.

Kristyn Hammond says

I've read this book from cover to cover several times, it's absolutely fascinating! I recommend it to anyone who has an interest in forensic files type information, has a reference library, writers who're looking for information on serial killers, the list goes on. Some of the information inside is disturbing, but the facts are amazing.

Kayla Whitaker says

SO comprehensive - the thing's a brick. Extends beyond the typical Bundy/Dahmer/Son of Sam discussions to include more obscure figures.

Satu says

Belongs in the bookshelf of every single serial killer fanatic.

Andrew says

Essentially an overview of famous serial killer cases, An OK book for this type of thing but really bog reading material at best
