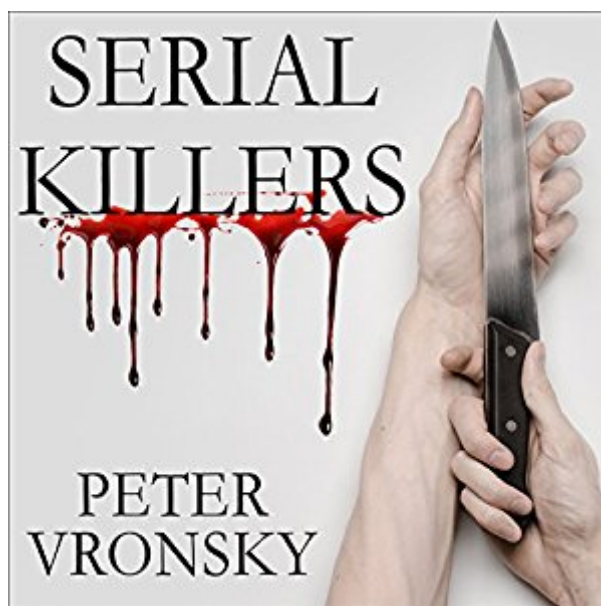


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Serial Killers: The Method And Madness Of Monsters



Synopsis

In this unique book, Peter Vronsky documents the psychological, investigative, and cultural aspects of serial murder, beginning with its first recorded instance in ancient Rome, through 15th-century France, up to such notorious contemporary cases as cannibal/necrophile Ed Kemper, Henry Lee Lucas, Ted Bundy, and the emergence of what he classifies as "the serial rampage killer" such as Andrew Cunanan. Exhaustively researched, with transcripts of interviews with killers and featuring up-to-date information on the apprehension and conviction of the Green River Killer and the Beltway Snipers, Vronsky's one-of-a-kind book covers every conceivable aspect of an endlessly riveting true-crime phenomenon.

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Customer Reviews

As a connoisseur of true crime nonfiction, I rank this in the top 1% in the genre. Reliance on research and thoughtful examples make it a bona fide omnibus of serial murder, yet due to the literary talents of the author it has the readability of fiction. I haven't found another book like it.

This well-written, highly detailed book goes into interesting details about many serial killers and includes fascinating psychological profiles. In the end it gives detailed information on the how to avoid or escape an attack.

Presents an in depth analysis of serial murder and the people who commit it. Lots of good information and examples to prove his points.

great condition

Good reading ! Interesting to know

Serial Killers is divided into three parts: Part one covers the history of serial murder from its ancient roots to approximately the mid-1960s, when Vronsky argues it became viral in its postmodernity. Vronsky proposes that modern culture, media, and society degrade certain classes of people in the perception of homicidal psychopaths, who serially target and murder them in an attempt to satisfy increasingly addictive sexual, hedonistic fantasies. Vronsky points to the high proportion of street prostitutes, runaway youths, cruising homosexuals, or people who are homeless, impoverished, disabled, or elderly among serial killer victims; i.e., victims who are often characterized as society's "throwaways". Vronsky argues that only the presence of children and young college girls among preferred victims of serial killers raise concerns about these predators in society at large. He reviews several sources of statistical data on serial homicide, its patterns, and trends, particularly in the United States, and explores the myth of the recent "serial killer epidemic". Part 2 focuses on the psychopathology of serial killers, their evolution from child to adult, and the various emerging and evolving categories and profiles of serial offenders. Vronsky points out that law enforcement, psychologists, psychiatrists, and criminologists disagree among themselves as to how to categorize the broad range of offender types, and explores some of the different approaches, all illustrated with case study examples. Part 3 focuses on the investigation of serial homicide, particularly on the various profiling systems from the FBI's "crime scene analysis" profiling, to British law enforcement's "psychological profiling", and Canadian police development of "geographic profiling". Vronsky explores the pros and cons of the various systems with case study examples of how profiling has both succeeded and failed in homicide investigations. Serial Killers concludes with a chapter based on FBI studies and statements by serial killers and a few survivors of serial killer attacks as how to best survive an encounter with a serial killer. You get all of this with an "easy" to read format.

I cannot say much more about this book than the other review, however, I can HIGHLY recommend it. It was by far one of the best books I have ever read pertaining to serial killers and everything inbetween. The author adds a slight comical touch to his writing which makes it a definite hook

book, and gives a broadrange of topics covered to peak anyones interest. I have read many books on serial killers and profiling and this tops them all.

The most comprehensive book on serial killers I think I will ever read. There are plenty of examples of psychopaths in this book and in-depth analysis on everything you ever wanted to know about them and about the officials who hunt them down. Giving anything less than 5 out of 5 stars is a sin, and you are likely to be: a white Male, ages 25-27 suffering from psychosis, horrible appearance, can't hold a job due to mental conditions, collects disability, a disorganized Killer who wets his bed, lives with his dominating mother, and enjoys stealing and sniffing women's shoes.

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