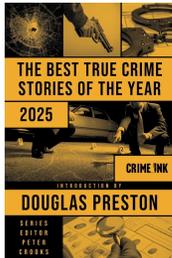


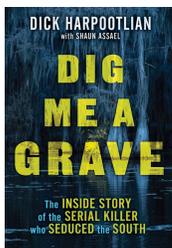
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The Best True Crime Stories of the Year 2025

by Douglas Preston

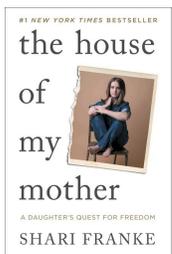
Bestselling author Douglas Preston selects the best true crime writing from the past year, aided by series editor Pete Crooks, to produce an eclectic collection of intriguing, mysterious, and exciting true tales.



Dig Me a Grave

by Dick Harpootlian

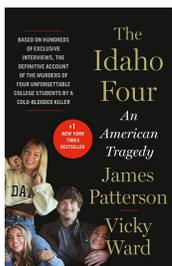
The definitive account of the life, crimes, conviction, and execution of Donald Pee Wee Gaskins -- the charismatic, brutal, South Carolina serial killer dubbed the Charles Manson of the South -- written by the prosecutor who brought him to justice.



The House of My Mother

by Shari Franke

From eldest daughter Shari Franke, the shocking true story behind the viral family vlog and the hidden abuse she suffered at the hands of her mother, and how, in the face of unimaginable pain, she found freedom and healing.



The Idaho Four

by James Patterson & Vicky Ward

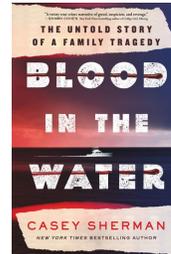
The murders of four innocent college students attending the University of Idaho left us all with so many questions. Now, after more than 300 interviews, James Patterson and journalist Vicky Ward finally have some answers.



The Mother Next Door

by Andrea Dunlop & Mike Weber

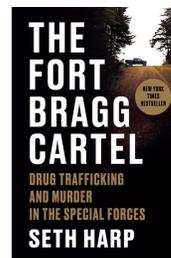
A groundbreaking work of narrative nonfiction that investigates Munchausen by Proxy from the host and creator of the award-winning true crime podcast Nobody Should Believe Me.



Blood in the Water

by Casey Sherman

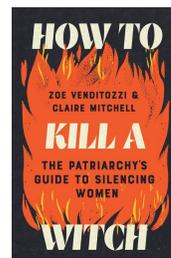
When Nathan Carman, a young man with a complicated past, is miraculously rescued from a lifeboat bobbing in the unforgiving North Atlantic, questions swirl about the fate of his mother, who is presumed to have drowned when their fishing boat sank.



The Fort Bragg Cartel

by Seth Harp

A groundbreaking investigation into a string of unsolved murders at America's premier special operations base, and what the crimes reveal about drug trafficking and impunity among elite soldiers.



How to Kill a Witch

by Zoe Venditozzi & Claire Mitchell

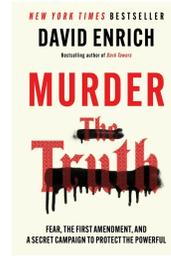
In the summer of 1563, Scotland was in a bad way. The land was poor, the people were poorer; crops failed, and people starved. It was in these circumstances that the men of Scotland drafted the Witchcraft Act of 1563.



Luigi

by John H. Richardson

Luigi, the son of a wealthy Baltimore family, with an Ivy League degree, Renaissance looks and an irrepressible curiosity, is part of a growing group of modern Americans who see humans losing their humanity to capitalism's rough justice and algorithms.

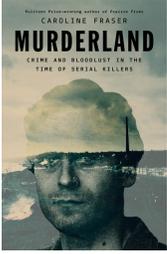


Murder the Truth

by David Enrich

Authoritarian governments abroad have long used legal threats and lawsuits against journalists to cover up their disinformation, corruption, and violence. Now, as investigative journalist David Enrich reveals, those tactics have arrived in America.

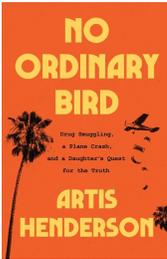
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Murderland

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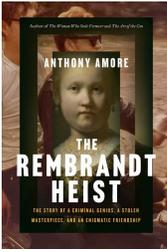
This book maps the lives and careers of Ted Bundy and his infamous peers in mayhem. The author's Northwestern death trip begins to uncover a deeper mystery and a pattern of environmental destruction.



No Ordinary Bird

by Artis Henderson

An exhilarating memoir by a daughter uncovering the secret of her father's rags-to-riches story, from poor farm boy to international drug smuggler, and the many mysteries surrounding his sudden death by plane crash.



The Rembrandt Heist

by Anthony M. Amore

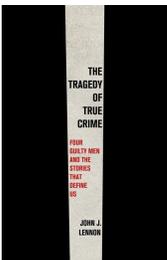
A true crime tale of unbelievable friendship, loyalty, criminal genius, and a staggeringly audacious plot to steal one of the world's most valuable paintings -- and return it.



The Secret History of the Rape Kit

by Pagan Kennedy

The idea came to Marty Goddard in 1971. She was working at a crisis hotline, haunted by the stories of survivors. Marty set off a massive campaign and created the first rape kit, revolutionizing forensics.



The Tragedy of True Crime

by John J. Lennon

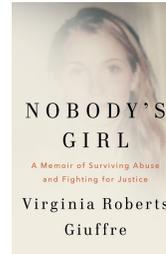
In 2001, John J. Lennon killed a man on a Brooklyn Street. Now he's a journalist, working from behind bars, trying to make sense of it all. This is a first-person journalistic account of the lives of four men guilty of murder.



No More Tears

by Gardiner Harris

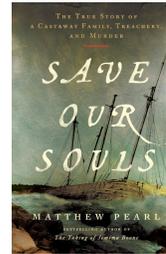
An explosive, deeply reported exposé of Johnson & Johnson, one of America's oldest and most trusted pharmaceutical companies from an award-winning investigative journalist.



Nobody's Girl

by Virginia Roberts Giuffre

The world knows Virginia Roberts Giuffre as Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's most outspoken victim: the woman whose decision to speak out helped send both serial abusers to prison. But her story has never been told in full, in her own words -- until now.



Save Our Souls

by Matthew Pearl

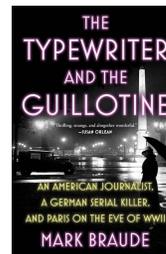
A bestselling author gives us the unbelievable true story of a real-life Swiss Family Robinson (and their dog) who faced sharks, a terrifying shipwreck, and betrayal in this gripping survival adventure.



The Sinners All Bow

by Kate Winkler Dawson

An acclaimed journalist and crime historian tells the chilling true story of a young woman whose scandalous life was rumored to be Nathaniel Hawthorne's inspiration for *The Scarlet Letter* -- and whose shocking death inspired the first true-crime book published in America.



The Typewriter and the Guillotine

by Mark Braude

The compelling untold story of a trailblazing correspondent who sounded the alarm about the rise of fascism in Europe while becoming enmeshed in the sensational case of a serial killer on the eve of WWII.



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