

Serial Killers

150 Interesting Facts and Trivia about Serial Killers

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Part one

1. Aileen Wuornos, who was executed on October 9, 2002, for killing seven men in Florida, the first after a brutal rape, the other six after flashbacks invoked her rage, was no picnic in the courtroom. After she was found guilty, she screamed, "May your wife and children get raped, right in the ass."
2. John Wayne Gacy was one of those guys who thought he was above the law. "The only thing they can get me for is running a funeral parlor without a license," he said after police determined he sexually assaulted and murdered at least 33 boys, many of whom were buried in his crawlspace.
3. John Wayne Gacy also knew how to earn the trust of those around him. He took on the persona of Pogo the Clown, and performed at neighborhood parties. "A clown can get away with murder," he said.
4. The complete psychological profile of Wisconsin serial killer is available online for \$10.
5. A handwritten letter sent by Ronald DeFoe, whose murder of his family led to "The Amityville Horror," can be had for \$10.
6. If you have \$25 to spend, you can purchase dirt from the gravesite of Dean Corll, who turned a certain area of Houston Heights into a macabre playground in the 1970s. The soil is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.
7. The year 1976 was a nightmare for New York City due to the Son of Sam, who killed six people and wounded seven during the month of July. Letters written by serial killer David Berkowitz, who also was dubbed the .44 Caliber Killer during his summer murder spree, are available for less than \$150.
8. Ted Bundy killed for the thrill of it. "You feel the last bit of breath leaving their body. You're looking into their eyes. A person in that situation is God," said the good-looking monster, who used his looks – and a fake cast on his arm – to lure at least 30 women to their deaths over a four-year period crossing seven states.
9. Albert DeSalvo, better known as the "Boston Strangler," killed 13 women in that city in the early 1960s. "It wasn't as dark and scary as it sounds. I had a lot of fun...killing somebody's a funny experience." I am sure his victims' families weren't laughing.
10. BTK killer (bind, torture, kill) believed that something outside of himself was responsible for turning the devoted family man into the devil himself. "I actually think I may be possessed with demons. I was dropped on my head as a kid," he said.
11. After Edmund Kemper killed his mother, sending her vocal cords down the garbage disposal, the woman's voice was still in his head. "Even when she was dead, she was still bitching at me. I couldn't get her to shut up!"
12. Being transgendered is a choice, but those who are forced to take on a different gender usually go a bit mad. Consider the story of serial killer Henry Lee Lucas. "I hated all my life. I hated everybody. When I first grew up and can remember, I was dressed as a girl by mother. And I stayed that way for two or three years. And after that was treated like what I call the dog of the family. I was beaten. I was made to do things that no human bein' would want to do."

13. Lonely Milwaukee candy factory worker Jeffrey Dahmer was in search of a friend when he kidnapped and killed his 17 young victims. When asked about his crimes, which included cannibalism, necrophilia, he said, "I carried it too far, that's for sure. "
14. Richard Ramirez, better known as the Night Stalker, said, "We've all got the power in our hands to kill, but most people are afraid to use it. The ones who aren't afraid control life itself."
15. Serial killer, who was put to death in the electric chair at the now defunct prison Sing Sing, was the epitome of a sadomasochist, based on his time spent at a school with a stern headmaster. "I always had the desire to inflict pain on others and to have others inflict pain on me. I always seemed to enjoy everything that hurt. The desire to inflict pain, that is all that is uppermost."
16. Cannibalism was part of the thrill for Arthur Shawcross, a handsome, smart and well-educated killer who not only ate parts of his victims, sometimes cut small pieces off and forced them to eat a bit of themselves. "I took the right leg of that woman's body, from the knee to the hip took the fat off and ate it while he stared at the other girl. When I bit into it she just urinated right there," he said, recalling one diabolical escapade.
17. Carl Panzram, who confessed to 22 murders and sodomizing as many as 1,000 men, would have killed everyone had he been given a chance. "I wish you all had one neck and that I had my hands on it," he told authorities.
18. If you ever wondered what Ed Gein's house looked like when police arrived, their only light via flashlights, he's your chance. For \$10, you can find a wide array of crime scene photos, all in one place.
19. When David Berkowitz confessed to eight murders as the Son of Sam, he initially blamed his neighbor's dog, Harvey, for telling him to kill. Harvey's owner was named Sam.
20. As a child, David Berkowitz was a pyromaniac.
21. BTK killer Dennis Rader liked to steal women's underwear, which he would then wear himself.
22. After BTK killer Dennis Rader was captured in February of 2005 on charges of 10 murders, his longtime wife did not stick around. The two were divorced before the year was out.
23. A handwritten letter written in prison by Donald Pee-Wee Gaskins to his friend Richard sells for \$1,250. In it, he talks about his daughter and granddaughters missing a visit.
24. According to Stephen King, his novella, "A Good Marriage," was inspired by the BTK killer.
25. Ted Bundy declined a special last meal, so he was given the traditional last meal offered at the Florida prison where he died. It included steak, hash browns, eggs, toast with butter and jelly and hash browns.

Part Two

1. John Wayne Gacy ordered Kentucky Fried Chicken – original recipe – as his last meal. He had previously worked as a manager at KFC.
2. Contract killer Stephen Anderson, who was put to death in San Quentin at age 49 for the murders of eight people, had an interesting last meal. He ate grilled cheese sandwiches, cottage cheese, corn and hominy, peach pie, chocolate chip ice cream and radishes.
3. Richard Ressler, the FBI agent who coined the term serial killer, lived four blocks away from John Wayne Gacy in Chicago. When Ressler was a kid, Gacy delivered milk to his family home.
4. Serial killer Ronnie Lee Gardner watched the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy as he ate his last meal of lobster, steak, apple pie and ice cream.
5. Alan Lee Davis, who was sentenced to death for the murder of pregnant woman and her two daughters, was the last person to be executed by electric chair in 1999. Davis suffered severe burns on his legs and groin and bled considerably from his nose during the execution.
6. Jeffrey Dahmer was beaten to death at Wisconsin’s Columbia State Prison by a fellow inmate. When the man raised the broom handle he used to kill him, Dahmer said, “I don’t care if I live or die. Go ahead and kill me.”
7. Carl Panzram was anxious to die. As he awaited his 1932 execution at Leavenworth, he said, “Hurry it up, you Hoosier bastard. I could hang a dozen men while you’re screwing around.”
8. Born in Minnesota, Carl Panzram committed his first crime – the theft of some apples and a revolver – at age 12. He was sent to reform school where he often experienced visits to what the other students called “The Painting House,” because children would enter the room unharmed, and leave painted with blood and bruises due to the severe punishments inflicted there.
9. Scottish serial killer Peter Manuel, known as “The Beast of Birkenhead,” said before his 1958 hanging execution, “Turn up the radio. I’ll go quietly.” He was 31.
10. Amelia Dyer was thought to have murdered at last 300 babies in her care over the course of 20 years in Victorian England. When she was executed by hanging in 1896, her last words were, “I have nothing to say.”
11. Dennis Nilsen liked to keep his victims around for a while. Between 1978 and 1983, he took 15 different men out on dates, then after the date was over, he murdered them either by drowning or strangling. He then redressed the bodies and set them up in his living room, creating corpse roommates with which he occasionally had sex.
12. Because Dennis Nilsen killed as a bizarre way to have friends, he became known as “the British Jeffrey Dahmer,” after Dahmer’s own murders came to light.
13. The Boomtown Rats fronted by Bob Geldof wrote the song “I Don’t Like Mondays” after 16-year-old Brenda Ann Spencer used a rifle to shoot at children arriving at Cleveland Elementary School, which sat across the street from her home. When asked by police why she did it, killing the school principal and a custodian, she said, “I don’t like Mondays.”

14. There may be more serial killers at work than we know. According to Martha Stout, author of "The Sociopath Next Door," 1 in 25 Americans is a sociopath who has no conscience. How many neighbors do you have?
15. Thomas Albright's adoptive mother thought she was helping encourage her son's interest in taxidermy when she helped him stuff the animals he'd killed for sport. Albright later became known as "The Eyeball Killer" because he removed the eyes of his victims, saving them as trophies.
16. Edmund Kemper was hoping to get the death penalty after he was arrested for killing hitchhiking co-eds as well as his mother. His childhood fantasy was never fulfilled, however. Kemper was sentenced to life in prison.
17. For sadomasochist Albert Fish, killing Grace Budd was not enough punishment for the young girl's parents. He wrote them a letter describing her death. "First I stripped her naked. How she did kick – bite and scratch. I choked her to death, then cut her in small pieces so I could take my meat to my rooms. Cook and eat it. How sweet and tender her little ass was roasted in the oven. It took me 9 days to eat her entire body. I did not fuck her, tho I could of had I wished. She died a virgin."
18. Richard Angelo killed several of his patients while working as a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Long Island, where he became known as "The Angel of Death." He injected his patients with deadly substances, then attempted to come to the rescue so he could look the hero.
19. Richard Trenton Chase showed early signs of becoming a serial killer. He confessed to catching and eating rabbits raw, his mother saw him tear open a cat and eat it raw and he called his neighbors to say he had done the same to their family dog. Still, no one felt the need to seek psychiatric care for the troubled youth.
20. Serial killer Gerald Stano was such a misfit that he was once caught stealing money from his adopted father's wallet. He planned to pay off the other boys on his track and field team so that he would excel at something, just for once.
21. Benjamin Atkins may have been avenging his childhood when he raped and killed 11 Detroit-area prostitutes. His mother worked as a prostitute when Atkins was a child.
22. Serial killer Carl Panzram fobbed the home of former president William Howard Taft, and used his funds to buy himself a yacht and hire a crew to work for him. Once at sea, he raped and murdered them, dumping their bodies at sea.
23. Velma Barfield apparently held a long grudge. Using arsenic, she murdered two husbands, two boyfriends and her mother. In 1976 she became the first woman to be executed by lethal injection.
24. Wisconsin killer Ed Gein collected body parts like some women collect shoes. When police searched his home, they found a pair of human lips being used as a drawstring for a window shade.
25. Herbert Baumeister used the pseudonym Brian Smart when he trolled Indianapolis-area gay bars to pick up the men he allegedly murdered. He buried 11 men in the yard of the home he shared with his wife, Judy.

Part Three

1. Robert Berdella's final victim, a prostitute named Chris Bryson, escaped from the basement dungeon where he was being held and ran to a neighbor's house, wearing nothing but a dog collar. Berdella gave a full confession to avoid the death penalty.
2. Richard Biengenwald was a bit of a pyromaniac. As the age of five, he set the family home on fire. When he was 11, after a round of electroshock therapy at a mental hospital, he set himself on fire. He eventually killed at least nine people.
3. Money troubles were a big problem for Gary Ray Bowles in 1999. He killed six men that year, only to get their credit cards.
4. Gary Lee Bowles was homeless by the age of 13, and worked as a prostitute to earn money.
5. Robert Hansen liked to release kidnapped women into the woods wearing nothing but a blindfold. They, he would track and kill them. In 1983, he was sentenced to 481 years in prison.
6. Arthur Gary Bishop, who was arrested for killing five young boys, volunteered for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
7. When Gary Bishop was arrested, he told police, "I'd do it again."
8. Ricardo Caputo, known as "The Lady Killer," made the FBI's Most Wanted list before he was captured by police for murdering four women. He died in Attica State Prison of a heart attack in 1997, three years after his arrest.
9. Marie Delphine LaLaurie was outwardly seen as a friend to slaves, but when her New Orleans house caught fire, authorities found a torture chamber in her attic where numerous of her house slaves had died, and others had been brutally tortured.
10. Harvey Louis Carignan was sentenced to hang for a murder he committed in Alaska, but was instead paroled, allowing him to kill two more people before being arrested again in 1974. He is serving a 400-year sentence at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Faribault.
11. Fred and Rosemary West were married murderers who killed their own daughter and buried her in the backyard along with at least seven other victims, including Fred's first wife.
12. David Carpenter earned the nickname "The Trailside Killer" for killing women near San Francisco-area hiking trails.
13. Carroll Cole was teased so much in school for having a girl's name that he drowned one of his tormentors in a lake near his home in Sioux City, Iowa. It was believed to be an accident until Cole later wrote about it in prison.
14. For a time following his arrest, David Carpenter was a suspect in the Zodiac murders. No one has been arrested for the seven murders that occurred in northern California in the late 1960s and early 1970s.
15. It's unusual for one member of a family to turn to murder, but the Briley family produced three killers who were members of the same gang. Barbaric brothers Anthony Ray Briley, James Dyrall Briley Jr. and Linwood Earl Briley went on a random killing spree around Richmond, Virginia, in 1979 that left 11 people dead.

16. John Cusack played the role of Alaskan serial killer Robert Hansen, in the 2013 movie "The Frozen Ground."
17. When the Briley brother were finally brought to trial for their crimes, the Richmond judge presiding at one of the trials concluded, "This was the vilest rampage of rape, murder and robbery that the court has seen in thirty years."
18. On May 31, 1984, Linwood and J.B. Briley led an escape from Mecklenburg Correctional Center's death row. The Briley brothers escaped to their uncle's home in Philadelphia, and were soon captured. They were both put to death in the electric chair within months, Linwood on October 12, 1984, and James on April 18, 1985.
19. Dutch-born immigrant Thor Nis Christiansen had a hard time meeting the ladies, so he killed them instead, shooting them as they hitchhiked along the side of the road, then sexually assaulting them after they were dead.
20. Richard Trenton Chase was known as the Vampire of Sacramento because he drank the blood of at least three of his victims.
21. Although the Zodiac killer has never been found, the California Department of Justice has maintained an open case file on the Zodiac murders since 1969.
22. Joyce Maynard's novel "After Her" was inspired by David Carpenter's San Francisco murders.
23. Ray and Faye Copeland were the oldest couple to be sentenced to death in the United States. The two hired farmhands to help them with chores, but instead would kill them. Ray was 76 and Faye was 69.
24. In the early 1960s, Carroll Cole was in and out of various mental hospitals. At the last of them, Stockton State Hospital, a Dr. Weiss wrote: "He seems to be afraid of the female figure and cannot have intercourse with her first but must kill her before he can do it." Nonetheless, Weiss approved his release in April 1963. Many years later, he confessed to killing at least 14 women.
25. Although he looked like Santa Claus, Richard Cottingham was anything but jolly. The "Torso Killer" was charged in six murders, although he confessed to killing and dismembering as many as 100 victims.

Part 4

1. For a time in 1975, Richard Chase – the Vampire of Sacramento - was involuntarily committed to a mental institution. He was once found with blood smeared around his mouth, and hospital staff soon learned that he had been drinking the blood of birds kept as pets at the facility and tossing their small corpses out the window. He earned the nickname “Dracula.”
2. For a time following his arrest, David Carpenter was a suspect in the Zodiac murders. No one has been arrested for the seven murders that occurred in northern California in the late 1960s and early 1970s.
3. When Carroll Cole was sentenced to death in Nevada, he said, “Thanks, Judge.”
4. Victor Feguer, the last person to be executed in Iowa, had a strange last meal – a single olive. He hoped the pit would grow from inside his stomach. It was later found in his coat pocket.
5. Alfred Gaynor, who killed at least four women for their money while both were searching for crack, denied his role in the murders until after the death his mother. He waited, he said, because he “just couldn’t destroy everything she believed in.”
6. Douglas Clark and Carol Bundy, known as “The Sunset Strip Killers,” thought they were cleaning up the neighborhood when they killed area prostitutes while they were having sex with Clark. Although they were only convicted in two murders – Bundy was spared the death penalty for turning on her boyfriend – they were suspected in many more.
7. China’s most prolific serial killer, Yang Xinhai, admitted to killing more than 65 people in their own homes between 1999 and 2003. Thanks to China’s speedy justice system, he was executed in 2004.
8. Paul Knowles was known as the Casanova Killer for his ability to charm his victims. He killed at least 18 people in 1974, until he was killed in a standoff with the FBI.
9. Soviet serial killer and schoolteacher Andrei Chikatilo murdered and mutilated at least 52 women and children over a 12-year period. Before he was executed by firing squad in 1994, he said, “When I used my knife, it brought psychological relief. I know I have to be destroyed. I was a mistake of nature.”
10. Charles Ng and Leonard Lake tortured and murdered at least 25 people in a torture chamber they’d fashioned at Lake’s California ranch, where they would videotape their torture games. Lake killed himself, but Ng eventually stood trial and is currently on Death Row.
11. Colombian serial killer Luis Garavito killed as many as 300 young girls, but was sentenced to just 30 years in prison, the country’s highest murder sentence.
12. After his arrest for multiple murders, William Bonin wasn’t done torturing the families of his victims. He sent one mother a letter telling her that her son was his favorite, “because he was such a screamer.”
13. Charlize Theron won an Academy Award in 2003 for playing serial killer Aileen Wuornos in the movie “Monster.” Wuornos herself was executed in 1992 for killed seven men along Florida’s highway system.
14. The Hillside Stranglers Kenneth Bianchi and Angelo Buono were not the only two cousins to work together as murderers. Cousins David Gore and Fred Waterfield also joined forces to rape and murder their victims.

15. Raymond Fernandez and Martha Beck took advantage of lonely women across the country by luring them through the lonely hearts classified section, then killing them. At least 20 women met their deaths by responding to one of this devilish duos ads.
16. The North Carolina-born Harpe brothers, Micajah and Riley, considered to be America's first known serial killers, were responsible for the deaths of at least 40 people during the late 1700s.
17. Gilles de Rais raped, mutilated and murdered at least 150 young boys in France before he was executed in 1440. After he went to the gallows, his body was burned to ashes.
18. Colin Ireland targeted gay men when he killed, and after each murder, would telephone the police, taunting them for not having caught him yet. In July of 1993 he was captured, and later sentenced to five life terms.
19. Dr. Harold Shipman earned the nickname Dr. Death for killing his patients, mostly elderly women. The British doctor received 15 life sentences for killing more than 200 people in his care.
20. In 1888, Jack the Ripper killed five prostitutes in Whitechapel, England. While there have been many theories, the case has never been solved.
21. Johann Otto Hoch, whose given name was John Schmidt, wanted a wife. The perfect wife. He married at least 55 women, killing them all with arsenic after robbing them of their money.
22. Brian Dennehy played the role of John Wayne Gacy in the 1992 movie "To Catch a Killer."
23. Cary Stayner was a nudist, and was arrested at the nudist colony Laguna del Sol after killing four women.
24. Cleveland serial killer Anthony Sowell kept all of his 11 victims at home. Neighbors reported smelling decay, as did Lori Frazier, a niece of Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson who was in a relationship with Sowell, a former Marine. When police finally arrested Sowell, bodies were found in the living room, basement and buried in the backyard.
25. A 1977 letter from Ted Bundy to someone named Mary that was sent from prison can be had for \$7,500.

Part 5

1. A letter written by the Night Stalker Richard Ramirez – written just after the execution of John Wayne Gacy – is available for \$150.
2. “House of Horrors: The Shocking True Story of Anthony Sowell, the Cleveland Strangler,” written by Cleveland-based journalist Robert Sberna, was named 2012 True Crime Book of the Year by ForeWord Reviews.
3. Once he was arrested and behind bars, Henry Lee Lucas didn’t hide the fact that he despised his partner in crime, Ottis Toole, who confessed to killing 6-year-old Adam Walsh, son of “America’s Most Wanted” host John Walsh. “I don’t like him anymore because his lies about me and the threats on my life by him,” Lucas wrote.
4. When John Wayne Gacy was arrested, the number on his snow plow’s Illinois license plate was 114679B. It was set to expire in June of 1979.
5. Jeffrey Dahmer, who always went by the name Jeff, had neat penmanship, as shown in a greeting card he sent from prison featuring a serene sunset on the front.
6. After his arrest, Wisconsin serial killer Ed Gein regularly wrote to a friend named Jeffrey Purcell, who shared his Punxsutawney, Philadelphia, home with a groundhog that predicts the end of winter.
7. Darrell Rich, known as the Hilltop Rapist, was fasting in the days before his execution, and asked for only Gatorade and water as his last meal.
8. Executed by lethal injection, Darell Rich’s final word was “Peace.”
9. Paul Michael Stephani earned the nickname the Weepy-Voiced killer for distraught calls he made to police after each of the three murders he committed in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. During one call he said, “God damn, will you find me? I just stabbed somebody with an ice pick. I can’t stop myself. I keep killing somebody.”
10. Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann was tried in Israel when he was captured after World War II. He asked for, and was given, a bottle of red wine as his last meal.
11. Christopher Wilder proves that money isn’t everything. The millionaire real estate agent killed at least 11 women, eight of them during a six-week cross-country journey from Florida to California and to New York.
12. California serial killer Chester Turner was convicted of killing 10 women and an unborn baby in 2007, and four more murders in 2014.
13. Fred West, who along with his wife, Rosemary, killed the help their hired to run their farm, was an ice cream truck driver by day.
14. Cary Stayner was a motel handyman, which gave him easy access to his victims. He was able to gain access to their rooms because of his position with the Yosemite-area lodge.
15. Three-time murderer Gerald Lee Mitchell ordered a bag of Jolly Ranchers candy for his last meal in 2001.
16. Jack Unterweger might have gotten away with murder had he not confessed to 11 of them while discussing criminal rehabilitation on the air during his job as a radio DJ.

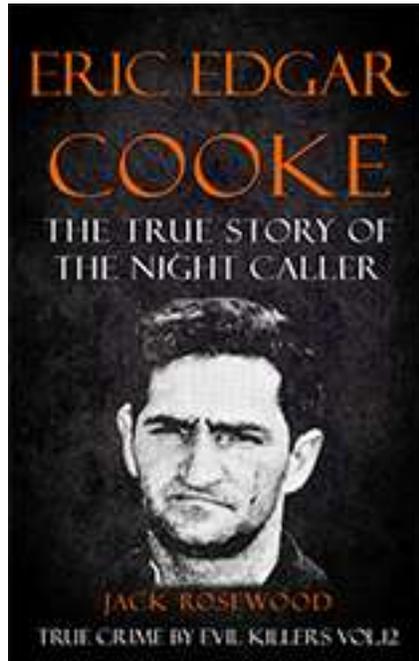
17. When serial killer Gerald Stano was six months old, his mother gave him up for adoption. He was considered unadoptable, however, because he was eating his own feces to survive. He was eventually adopted.
18. Ed Gein was at a bar talking about missing bartender Mary Hogan when one of his drinking companions asked Gein if he knew anything about it. Gein's reply? "She isn't missing. She's at the farm right now." Turns out, she was.
19. If you listen to BTK Killer Dennis Rader, it's seems as if he had no idea where his urges to kill came from. "When this monster entered my brain, I will never know, but it is here to stay. How does one cure himself? I can't stop it, the monster goes on, and hurts me as well as society. Maybe you can stop him. I can't."
20. German serial killer Karl Denke played the organ in church. He also was responsible for the deaths of at least 42 people, many of whom he ate in order to dispose of the evidence.
21. Yorkshire Ripper Peter Sutcliffe was surrounded by death. The killer of at least 13 women worked as a grave digger. He later confessed he was on a mission from God to rid the world of prostitutes.
22. Although British Daniel Gonzalez is officially a spree killer – he killed six during a two-day murder spree – he still had some chilling words after his arrest. "I have got to say this: it felt really, really, really good. One of the best things I have done in my life." He attempted suicide first by biting his artery, later by slitting his wrists with a broken CD case.
23. Randy Kraft worked as a bartender – the guy bar patrons go to with all their emotional troubles – when he killed 16 people in California. He is currently on California's Death Row.
24. Plastic surgeon Michael Swango was convicted of killing as many as 60 of his patients and colleagues. He is serving a life sentence without parole.
25. Edmund Kemper, whose mother told he him was too ugly to date cute girls, developed some issues related to women. "One side of me says, 'I'd like to talk to her, date her.' The other side of me says, 'I wonder what her head would look like on a stick?'"

Part Six

1. Ed Gein died of respiratory and heart failure in 1984. His grave in Plainfield, Wisconsin, has no headstone because of multiple thefts.
2. South African serial killer Norman Afzal Simons was a grade school teacher, which gave him easy access to young boys. He was jailed for life for killing at least 26 of his students.
3. "I don't lose sleep over what I have done or have nightmares about it," said Dennis Nilsen, the British Jeffrey Dahmer. Nilsen murdered at least 12 men, using them for sex after they were dead.
4. Gerald Stano confessed to killing 41 women. Why? "I can't stand a bitchy chick," he said.
5. Not only did Ted Bundy work Seattle's suicide prevention hotline – where he met true-crime author Ann Rule – he also managed the Seattle office for Nelson Rockefeller's presidential campaign.
6. Serial killer Richard Trenton Chase took the lives of six people including a pregnant woman before police were on his tail. When they arrested him, they found the brain of a 22-month-old child in a Tupperware dish in his fridge.
7. Jane Toppen, an American serial killer who was arrested for killing 11 people in 1901, had an ambitious goal. "That is my ambition, to have killed more people - more helpless people - than any man or woman who has ever lived."
8. "The women I killed were filth-bastard prostitutes who were littering the streets. I was just cleaning up the place a bit," said serial killer Peter Sutcliffe.
9. "We wanted to do a crime that the world would have to stand up and take notice," said Susan Atkins, one of Charles Manson's disciples. The murders, which included actress Sharon Tate, will not soon be forgotten, so Atkins got her wish.
10. A bound version of Ed Gein's police confession is available online for less than \$30.
11. The head of 19th century Spanish serial killer Diogo Alves, who killed more than 70 people after robbing them, had his head preserved after his execution in order for officials to study the mind of a serial killer. His head has been submerged for more than two centuries.
12. Randall Woodfield was known as the I-5 Killer, since most of his victims were along that coastal highway running through Washington, Oregon and California.
13. Robert Lee Yates, who killed at least 13 prostitutes, grew up in a Seventh-Day Adventist Church.
14. British serial killer Mark Martin was convicted of killing three young women in 2008. "Kill one, you might as kill 21," he said casually.
15. North Carolina killer Scott Williams killed three women over a period of nine years. Williams was an employee of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and had no prior criminal record when he was arrested. An investigator noted, "He's lived a normal life, except on those three or four occasions."
16. A true crime book based on Faryion Wardrip's murder of 10 women in Texas called "Body Hunter" was written by Patricia Springer in 2001.
17. Nathaniel White was on parole when he stabbed six women to death in New York in the 1990s. He said he took his inspiration from the movie "RoboCop 2."

18. People often questioned why John Wayne Gacy's wife, Carol, never noticed any smell coming from their home's crawlspace. Gacy had the answer for that. "There was no smell, other than when it rained. People were in and out of that house daily for years. And other than when it rained, there was no odor and certainly not like what some of the books said. That's all fantasy. If that odor was there somebody would have noticed it sooner."
19. Henry Louis Wallace couldn't separate work and play. He got a job at a Taco Bell in Charlotte, but strangled at least four of his coworkers. "None of these women, none of your daughters, mothers, sisters or family members in any way deserved what they got. They did nothing to me that warranted their death," he said at his sentencing.
20. British serial killer John Haigh earned the nickname the Acid Bath Killer because he disposed of his victims in bubble baths of acid.
21. While America holds the dubious title of having the most serial killers, England has a few sickos of its own. John Christie killed at least 10 women including his wife at his flat located at 10 Rillington Place, Notting Hill, London.
22. "The sixth commandment - 'Thou Shalt Not Kill' - fascinated me. I always knew that someday I should defy it," said John Reginald Halliday, a British serial killer who murdered at least eight people in the 1940s and '50s.
23. When New York governor George Pataki was pushing to reinstate the death penalty, he used the case of Nathaniel White as evidence to support his wish.
24. Maury Travis had a thing against women. He confessed to killing at least 17 women in and around the St. Louis area. He hanged himself in jail before he could be tried or convicted for his crimes.
25. "I will in all probability be convicted, but I will not go away as a monster, but as a tragedy," said Joel Rifkin, who was sentenced to more than 200 years behind bars after killing nine drug-addicted prostitutes between 1989 and 1993.

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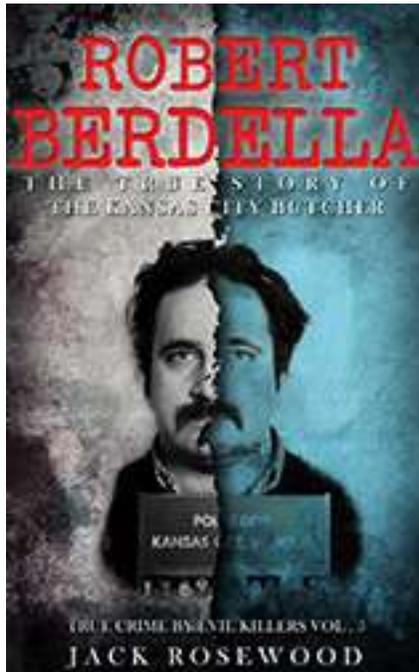
The Night Caller, The Nedlands Monster, and Eric Edgar Cooke, are the names used to describe one of the most brutal serial killers in Australian History. Over the space of 5 years, he not only murdered 8 people, he also attempted to murder 14 others, because he just wanted to hurt people. Was he crazy?

Nobody was safe from Eric Edgar Cooke. He was an opportunistic killer, selecting victims randomly. Whoever crossed his path during those hot humid nights would fall victim to his variety of killing methods. You were not safe in your homes, or walking down the road at night.

This serial killer biography will delve into the life and eventual execution of Eric Edgar Cooke, the last man hanged for murder in Perth, Western Australia. The deeds of Eric Edgar Cooke created fear and horror in the people of Perth. The true accounts from the survivors will show you how they lived through this Australian true crime.

If you are a lover of serial killers true crime, you will be enthralled by this investigative book. You will discover how it is that he could get away with his crimes for so long. Why is it that the detectives thought he was just a likeable rogue and petty thief? Discover how one man could change the lives of an entire town and become a bogeyman character for decades after his death. True crime murder doesn't get more complexing or bewildering as the story of Eric Edgar Cooke.

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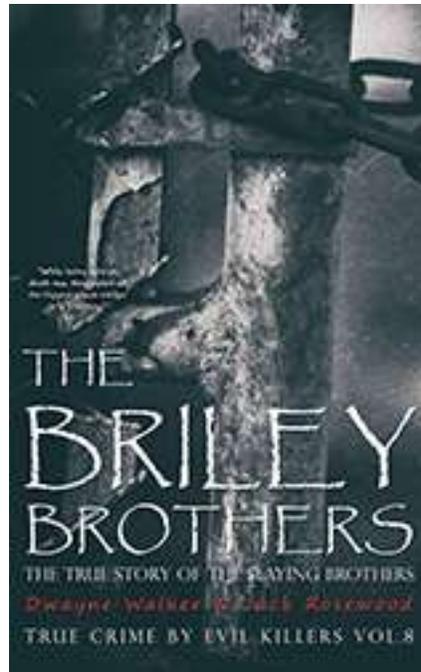


When Chris Bryson was discovered nude and severely beaten stumbling down Charlotte Street in Kansas City in 1988, Police had no idea they were about to discover the den of one of the most sadistic American serial killers in recent history. This is the true historical story of Robert Berdella, nicknamed by the media the Kansas City Butcher, who from between 1984 and 1988 brutally raped, tortured and ultimately dismembered 6 young male prostitutes in his unassuming home on a quiet street in Kansas City.

Based on the actual 720 page detailed confession provided by Berdella to investigators, it represents one of the most gruesome true crime stories of all time and is unique in the fact that it details each grizzly murder as told by the killer himself. From how he captured each man, to the terrifying methods he used in his torture chamber, to ultimately how he disposed of their corpses - rarely has there ever been a case where a convicted serial killer confessed to police in his own words his crimes in such disturbing detail.

Horrific, shocking and rarely equaled in the realms of sadistic torture – Berdella was a sexually driven lust killer and one of the most sadistic sex criminals ever captured. Not for the faint of heart, this is the tale of Robert “Bob” Berdella, the worst serial killer in Kansas City History and for those that are fans of historical serial killers, is a true must read.

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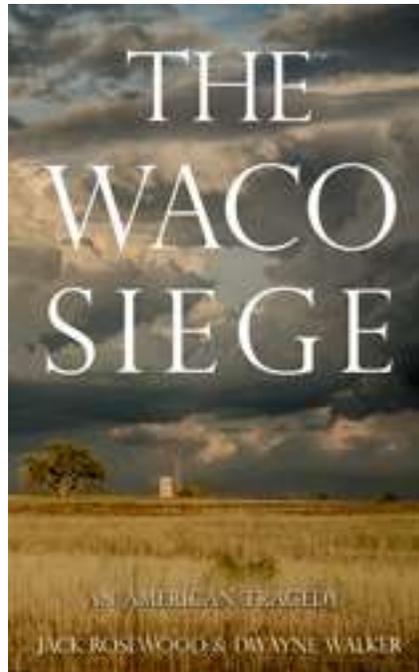


Richmond, Virginia: On the morning of October 19, 1979, parolee James Briley stood before a judge and vowed to quit the criminal life. That same day, James met with brothers Linwood, Anthony, and 16-year-old neighbor Duncan Meekins. What they planned—and carried out—would make them American serial-killer legends, and reveal to police investigators a 7-month rampage of rape, robbery, and murder exceeding in brutality already documented cases of psychopaths, sociopaths, and sex criminals.

As reported in this book, the Briley gang were responsible for the killing of 11 people (among these, a 5-year-old boy and his pregnant mother), but possibly as many as 20. Unlike most criminals, however, the Briley gang's break-ins and robberies were purely incidental—mere excuses for rape and vicious thrill-kills. When authorities (aided by plea-bargaining Duncan Meekins) discovered the whole truth, even their tough skins crawled. Nothing in Virginian history approached the depravities, many of which were committed within miles of the Briley home, where single father James Sr. padlocked himself into his bedroom every night.

But this true crime story did not end with the arrests and murder convictions of the Briley gang. Linwood, younger brother James, and 6 other Mecklenburg death-row inmates, hatched an incredible plan of trickery and manipulation—and escaped from the “state-of-the-art” facility on May 31, 1984. The biggest death-row break-out in American history.

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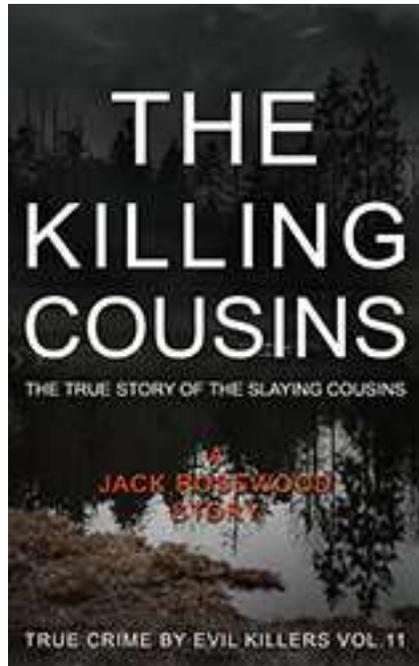
During fifty one days in early 1993 one of the most tragic events in American crime history unfolded on the plains outside Waco, Texas. An obscure and heavily armed religious sect called the Branch Davidians was barricaded inside their commune and outside were hundreds of law enforcement angry because the former had killed four ATF agents in a botched raid. Open the pages of this book and go on an engaging and captivating ride to examine one of the most important true crime stories in recent decades. Read the shocking true story of how a man the government considered a psychopath, but whose followers believed to be a prophet, led a breakaway sect of the Seventh Day Adventist Church into infamy.

You will follow the meteoric rise of the Branch Davidians' charismatic leader, David Koresh, as he went from an awkward kid in remedial classes to one of the most infamous cult leaders in world history. But the story of the Waco Siege begins long before the events of 1993. At the core of the conflict between the Branch Davidians and the United States government were ideas and interpretations of religious freedom and gun ownership, which as will be revealed in the pages of this book, a considerable philosophical gulf existed between the two sides. David Koresh and the Branch Davidians carried on a long tradition in American and Texas history of religious dissent, but in 1993 that dissent turned tragically violent.

You will find that beyond the standard media portrayals of the Waco Siege was an event comprised of complex human characters on both sides of the firing line and that perhaps the most tragic aspect of the event was that the extreme bloodshed could have been avoided.

The pages of this book will make you angry, sad, and bewildered; but no matter the emotions evoke, you will be truly moved by the events of the Waco Siege.

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When Killing Cousins David Alan Gore and Fred Waterfield realized as teens that they shared the same sick, twisted sex fantasies of raping helpless, bound women who were completely at their mercy, Florida's quiet Vero Beach would never be the same.

Some of the least remorseful of all American serial killers, the deadly duo stalked their victims, often hitchhikes they believed would never be missed, using Gore's auxiliary deputy badge as a ruse to lure them into their vehicle. After that, they were most likely to be driven to their deaths.

Their evil, sadistic story from the annals of Florida history is one that will chill even longtime fans of true crime murder, especially after reading excerpts from the letters Gore wrote from prison, in which he shared deplorable secrets that made him one of the most demented sex criminals of all time.

Gore once told a psychologist that "the devil made me do it," but those who came in contact with Gore – including the law enforcement officials that ultimately put him on Death Row – believed he was the devil due to his depraved levels of cruelty.

Among the psychopaths and sociopaths that have walked the earth, Gore was one of the worst, although those who knew them say that it was Fred Waterfield, the more popular cousin who always played the good guy to Gore's bad, who was the true brains of the outfit. As it happens, he probably was, because Waterfield almost got away with murder.

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