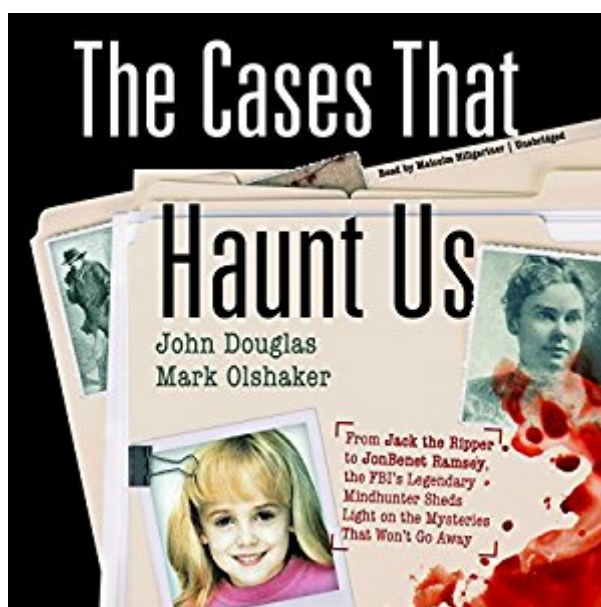


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The Cases That Haunt Us: From Jack The Ripper To JonBenet Ramsey, The FBI's Legendary Mindhunter Sheds Light On The Mysteries That Won't Go Away



Synopsis

Violent, provocative, shocking. Call them what you will, but don't call them open and shut. Did Lizzie Borden murder her own father and stepmother? Was Jack the Ripper actually the Duke of Clarence? Who killed JonBenet Ramsey? America's foremost expert on criminal profiling and 25-year FBI veteran John Douglas, along with author and filmmaker Mark Olshaker, explores those tantalizing questions and more in this mesmerizing work of detection. With uniquely gripping analysis, the authors reexamine and reinterpret the accepted facts, evidence, and victimology of the most notorious murder cases in the history of crime, including the Lindbergh baby kidnapping, the Zodiac Killer, and the Whitechapel murders. Utilizing techniques developed by Douglas himself, they give detailed profiles and reveal chief suspects in pursuit of what really happened in each case. The Cases That Haunt Us not only offers convincing and controversial conclusions, it deconstructs the evidence and widely held beliefs surrounding each case and rebuilds them - with fascinating, surprising, and haunting results.

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This is engrossing. I especially enjoy reading how a profiler describes the possible killer, the kind of psychological characteristics that s/he probably has, and even physical characteristics. Such reasoning based on science and experience beats wild guesses or good descriptive passages in fiction, because you know that this is real. While it is not possible to confirm that the real killers are indeed who the author deduces to be, this is a satisfying read, and makes me even more respectful

of such professionals.

Aside from the murderous evil this book covers (not everyone will cope with such a sad and gruesome subject) this is a riveting read. Douglas has such experience in analysing evidence, that the outcomes and the light it sheds is interesting in any field or realm, particularly human behaviour. The sad thing is that human behaviour can be so evil, but thankfully, people like Douglas in law enforcement commit their lives to bring justice and safety to others, even if it is sometimes so coldly incomplete.

Once again we are educated about crime and the motives of criminals by a master criminal profiler - John Douglas. Riveting and hard to put down.A.A.

only four stars this time in that the writing was quite dry. probably as it should be in this case. leave the lurid pulp fiction scenarios at the gate and wade through the ugliness for what small truths there are to be found. former FBI agent Douglas is to be applauded as a man whose career was of great value for that reason. the cases here, exploring in detail as he does, a few of the most famous unsolved crimes in recent history, beginning with the whitechapel killer. aka, jack the ripper, who he names among the few suspects London police considered possibles at the time. Douglas' long experience chasing such damaged people, finding in their behavior the clues needed to catch them which makes, for this former student of psychology, the book a valuable addition to my library. there is a science to this, and an art, and how he arrives at his conclusions is a must read for anyone in the field of criminology or law enforcement. the how is paramount and the two authors offer it here in great detail.if not for mysteries, we would have no religions. here are offered some of the darkest and most tragic mysteries extant, and Mr. Douglas' map to their solution. aside from pioneering the field, at bottom John Douglas was a hell of a cop. that is an accolade by the way.

I have read many of his books and they are great. I love learning about profiling and believe in it. Wish I could turn back time and become one!

The author and his analysis seemed fairly thoughtful and predictable until the last case -- the Ramsay case. The author seems to change his standard of inquiry for this case, which is too bad. It is still an interesting read, but I felt letdown by the Ramsay case analysis.

I really enjoyed this read. It gave just enough about each case. Would recommend! The voice on the audio book is also nice.

This is the most interesting true crime book I've ever read! It's full of interesting history along with the crime. Douglas lays out all the details in a clear step by step manner. He comes to conclusions that appear so obvious that when you're done, you wonder how anyone missed them. Everyone I've lent this book to loves it also. (It's now 2013, and I recently bought it on Kindle to replace my battered paperback) Douglas and Olshaker do a wonderful job of gathering the many and sundry details on each case into clear and concise chapters. I've read up on many of these cases before - in much longer books - and not got all the details I get gathered together right here. The authors then tie up the details into a neat package and Douglas gives his analysis of the crime. He addresses the different theories floating around and makes a strong case for his opinion. My favorite chapter is the one on Lizzy Borden. Those who dislike this book tend to be people who believe he was wrong about the Ramsey case, and that he was possibly a "sell out" to the family. I disagree. I thought that portion was handled in great enough detail to see all the facts that the news missed/didn't know, and Douglas was convincing to me re: his involvement in the case. But it really doesn't matter if you agree with him or not, because the book is full of other stories. Why rate it poorly over just one chapter? The other cases are: Jack the Ripper, the Lindbergh kidnapping, Lizzie Borden, the Zodiac killer, the Black Dahlia, the Boston Strangler, Lawrence Bamber, and the

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