Presidents' Secret Wars

By John Prados
Genre : True Crime

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Presidents' Secret Wars by John Prados is True Crime. In this newly revised and updated edition of his essential work, John Prados adds his concluding findings on U.S. covert operations in Angola, Afghanistan, Nicaragua, and the Persian Gulf. Acclaimed as a landmark book about U.S. intelligence agencies in the postwar era, Presidents' Secret Wars describes the secret warfare mounted by the president, the CIA, and the Pentagon—operations aimed at altering the destinies of nations and the course of global politics. Mr. Prados uses many newly declassified documents to open a vital window on this most secret aspect of American foreign policy. "A worthy and informative book"—Washington Post. "An important book....Prados's recounting of the often neglected early days of the C.I.A. and its covert activities is especially enlightening."—New York Times Book Review. “For those concerned with the study of intelligence, Presidents' Secret Wars will be highly useful because Dr. Prados has done serious archival research....This volume moves the study of covert operations to a higher and more sophisticated plane”—Intelligence and National Security.

More Recommended Books

The Murder of Dr. Chapman

By : Linda Wolfe
From acclaimed true-crime journalist Linda Wolfe, a spellbinding true tale of nineteenth-century sex, scandal, and cold-blooded murder. In 1831 Lucretia Winslow Chapman was a wife and mother of five who had founded one of Philadelphia's first boarding schools for girls. But her comfortable life and marriage to prominent local scientist William Chapman changed forever the night Lino Espos y Mina appeared at their door, requesting lodging. It wasn't long before the Cuban con artist had entrenched himself in the Chapman home and begun an illicit affair with Lucretia. A little over a month later, William Chapman was dead from a lethal dose of poison. Lino and Lucretia were eventually arrested and charged with murder—and the double trial of the century began. Wolfe skillfully weaves court transcripts, love letters, and period recollections into an edge-of-your-seat historical thriller about the crime that rocked pre–Civil War America. With its shocking verdicts that raised troubling questions about sexism and racism, this mesmerizing true-crime tale still resonates nearly two hundred years later.

In The Mind Of A Mountie

By : T.M. 'Scotty' Gardiner
Scotty Gardiner’s epic memoir is one of the most insightful books about the R.C.M.P. in decades: 131 chapters of true adventures. "A refreshing page-turner as Scotty leads from one crime investigation to the next, while offering shrewd insights into the nature and habits of career criminals and RCMP officers alike."

**Wedderburn**

By : **Maryrose Cuskelly**

'An ugly story told beautifully. WEDDERBURN will hold you tightly in its grip, and leave an imprint when it lets you go.' Myfanwy Jones 'In WEDDERBURN, we see the trauma caused by the blackest of hearts. A desolate yet deeply affecting tale of savage crime in rural Australia.' Mark Brandi

'Maryrose Cuskelly has the rare gift of telling a true story with the excitement and vividness of fiction; she never forsakes the facts in this chilling and hypnotic book.' William McInnes 'The slaughter was extravagant and bloody. And yet there were people in the small town of Wedderburn in Central Victoria who, while they did not exactly rejoice, quietly thought that Ian Jamieson had done them all a favour.' One fine Wednesday evening in October 2014, 65-year-old Ian Jamieson secured a hunting knife in a sheath to his belt and climbed through the wire fence separating his property from that of his much younger neighbour Greg Holmes. Less than 30 minutes later, Holmes was dead, stabbed more than 25 times. Jamieson returned home and took two shotguns from his gun safe. He walked across the road and shot Holmes' mother, Mary Lockhart, and her husband, Peter, multiple times before calling the police. In this compelling book, Maryrose Cuskelly gets to the core of this small Australian town and the people within it. Much like the successful podcast S-Town , things aren't always as they seem: Wedderburn begins with an outwardly simple murder but expands to probe the dark secrets that fester within small towns, asking: is murder something that lives next door to us all?

**True Blue: To Protect and Serve**

By : **Sgt. Randy Sutton**

Lieutenant Randy Sutton's fascinating collection of stories and memories, solicited from law enforcement officers across the country, offers a broad and insightful look at the many facets of police life: courage, exhilaration, frustration, loss, and even humor, from the everyday to the career-defining moments on the job. Told by the cops that lived them, these stories show what it truly means to protect and serve. Readers will come to recognize the faces behind the badge, as they witness officers charge into the unknown on The Beat, honor and mourn friends in The Fallen, hear the War Stories spread in police locker rooms and bars, discover the unbreakable line between civilian and cop in the Line of Duty, and feel the blood-boiling adrenaline during those life-altering moments when a cop must use Deadly Force. TRUE BLUE: To Protect and Serve is a funny, exciting, haunting compilation of true stories written by active and retired police officers, most of whom have never written before, alongside published officers from all over the United States. A portion of the royalties for this book will be donated to The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

**Mujeres asesinas 3**

By : **Marisa Grinstein**

«Él se la buscó. Yo le avisé, pero él igual me siguió mintiendo. Y ojalá que otros hombres se enteren de lo que yo hice, para que vayan aprendiendo». «Catorce nuevos casos completan aquí la serie de Mujeres asesinas que, desde la crónica literaria y su posterior adaptación televisiva, se instaló con total naturalidad entre nosotros. Desplazando los temas políticos o económicos, conversaciones de hombres y mujeres en casa o en la oficina reflejan el efecto demoledor de este verdadero fenómeno, surgido de una premisa sencilla pero de difícil logro: contar buenas historias. Logro que Marisa Grinstein confirma magistralmente en esta entrega. Las mujeres asesinas de estos relatos son una
herida, nos muestran el abismo doméstico de lo que somos y podemos ser. Sin dejar de ser victimarias, todas ellas son víctimas. Sin dejar de ser culpables, son de algún modo perturbadoramente inocentes». Jorge Fernández Díaz

A Case for Murder: Anna Nicole Smith Files - Second Edition

By: Bryn Curt James Hammond
A Case for Murder: Anna Nicole Smith Files takes a long hard look at the Hollywood system and how it can make and break a star with one throw of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino dice. The gambling table may be alluring when you see that all that lies between you and death is your soul but are you really in a position to sacrifice the necessary in the hope of keeping your crown? Since the death of voluptuous Mexia, Texas-born Anna Nicole Smith under suspicious circumstances on February 8, 2007 there have been queries and theories, allegations and investigations, but no definitive evidence about precisely what happened to the buxom blonde and who was involved ...until now. Anna Nicole Smith was a jack of all trades. She was a mother, a stripper, a Playboy Playmate, a part-time actress, a Trimspa spokesperson and even a one-time singer, who boldly took her case against her billionaire husband’s family all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Her tragic life and untimely death that played out in the media spotlight evoked an odd mix of fascination, shock, and dismay. In this gripping revised and extended edition that is sure to surprise even the most diehard pop culture junkies Bryn Curt James Hammond blows the lid off the shocking Greek tragedy after a two year in-depth investigation. This is the definitive journalistic account of the Anna Nicole Smith saga with explosive, never-before-told facts and fresh new interviews. A Case for Murder: Anna Nicole Smith Files explores one of the world’s most notorious and talked-about celebrity deaths, and in the process exposes not only the truth about a pop culture icon’s tragic final hours, but asks who played a part in the tormented star’s death.

The True Stories Of The Monster Of Florence

By: Giacomo Brunoro & Jacopo Pezzan
"A must read guaranteed to give newbies a clear and complete understanding of the Monster's murders and of the various investigative theories. The book could also be a great reference for “experts” who believe they know everything on the subject, as it uncovers valuable clues and revelations about the murders and the investigations” (Gabriele Basilica, Thriller Magazine). "Those passionate about true crime stories will certainly appreciate the analysis of the murders of the Monster of Florence. Brunoro and Pezzan write about everything, from Vincenzo Spalletti to the Sardinian Lead, from Pietro Pacciani to the picnicking friends, and finally from the esoteric theory to the Narducci story. A wonderful map to find your way through a deep mystery” (Maurizio Di Giangiacomo , Trentino Alto Adige). This is the storytelling of the crimes of the one that came to be know as "The Monster of Florence". We are talking about an event that has tested all existing criminology theories on serial killers, to the point where we can state that there are traditional crimes, serial killers, and then there is "The Monster of Florence". The book contains the exclusive interview with director and filmmaker Paolo Cochi, author of the popular documentary “I delitti del Mostro di Firenze” (The murders of the Monster of Florence). Cochi is considered to be one of the most knowledgeable researchers on the case.

Nightmare at Noon (Texas, Notorious USA)

By: Gregg Olsen
Everything is bigger in Texas—even murder. Two of America's best crime writers, Ron Franscell and Gregg Olsen, team up to tell the stories of a serial killer who slaughtered more people than any other psychopath of his day ... without ever being noticed; two of America's most shocking mass murders and how their grim echoes still linger today; and the chilling tale of a mother so desperate
for attention that she killed one of her children and repeatedly tried to suffocate the other.

**In God's Name**

By: **David Yallop**

Only thirty-three days after his election, Pope John Paul I, Albino Luciani, died in strange circumstances. Almost immediately rumours of a cover-up began to circulate around the Vatican. In his researches David Yallop uncovered an extraordinary story: behind the Pope's death lay a dark and complex web of corruption within the Church that involved the Freemasons, Opus Dei and the Mafia and the murder of the 'Pope's Banker' Roberto Calvi. When first published in 1984 In God's Name was denounced by the Vatican yet became an award-winning international bestseller. In this new edition, Yallop brings the story up to date and reveals new evidence that has been long buried concerning the truth behind the Vatican cover-up. This is a classic work of investigative writing whose revelations will continue to reverberate around the world.

**Dangerous Doses**

By: **Katherine Eban**

Stolen, tainted, and compromised counterfeit medicine has increasingly made its way into a poorly regulated distribution system—reaching vulnerable and unsuspecting patients who stake their lives on it. The heart of the problem lies in South Florida—and Dangerous Doses exposes it through a “ragtag group of seasoned investigators who seem as if they were cast right out of an episode of The Wire” (U.S. News & World Report). In Katherine Eban’s hard-hitting examination of America’s secret ring of drug counterfeiters, these tireless investigators follow the trail of medication stolen in a seemingly minor break-in as it funnels into a sprawling national network of drug polluters. Their pursuit stretches from a strip joint in South Miami to the halls of Congress, as they battle entrenched political interests and uncover an increasing threat to America’s health. Eban’s revelatory and damning crusade “combines investigative diligence, a natural storyteller’s gift for narrative, and a consumer advocate’s practical prescriptions for what to do about the counterfeit drugs that may have contaminated the supply at your local drug store. The result: A rare literary event—muckraking with a human face” (Victor Navasky, former publisher of The Nation). “An exposé that wades into more rank Florida unseemliness than a Carl Hiaasen novel, and easily boasts three times the number of sleazebag villains.” — Salon “A riveting tale . . . part detective story, part pharmacological primer.” — New York Sun
Harry S. Truman tried covert action in Albania, but failed. Dwight D. Eisenhower approved a series of secret wars in his own cautious way, but even his successes were small. John F. Kennedy adopted the idea enthusiastically but was burned in Cuba; by the end of his short term, McGeorge Bundy later wrote, Kennedy acquired “growing recognition that covert action simply did not work and was more trouble than it was worth.”. Presidents' Secret Wars book. Read 4 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. In this newly revised and updated edition of his essential w..."