

Serial Murder And Social Learning Theory Wordpress

The study assessed the psychometric properties of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) questionnaires (Family Fire Risk Interview Form, Juvenile Fire Risk Interview Form, Parent Fire Risk Interview Form) used to record juvenile firesetting events. It also attempted to identify characteristics of firesetters, determine a basis for the variation in the severity of fires set, and determine the chance of recidivism. Specific types of firesetters exhibit a range of different characteristics. Maturation and environmental factors are implicated. Recommends that future examinations of this subject should include an examination of the firesetter's history, including cognitive and behavioural reviews, and parent and family influences and stressors.

Serial Killers Around the World: The Global Dimensions of Serial Murder compiles serial murder case studies from several countries - from Australia to Great Britain, and from Japan to Pakistan. The author has covered accounts on a wide array of serial killers including some well known felons namely Jack the Ripper, The Butcher of Mons, Martin & Marie Dumollard, as well as some of the lesser known serial slayers such as Daisy DeMelker, Yoshio Kodaira, Javed Iqbal and many more. The book highlights six dimensions of each case: the killer(s), the serial murders, other crimes, communication, the investigation and trial and punishment of the accused. Readers, both general and aspiring criminologists alike, will find Serial Killers Around the World an interesting resource for critical information on serial murders committed in nations around the world.

It's no mystery why Larry Siegel remains THE best-selling author in Criminal Justice. Professor Siegel is known for presenting real-life stories of crime, criminals, and the hottest debates in the field, and CRIMINOLOGY: THE CORE, Sixth Edition, does not disappoint. Clear, engaging, and completely current, this four-color paperback is also concise and affordable. The text effectively uses real-world material to clarify concepts and theories, equipping students with a solid foundation in modern criminology. Grounded in Siegel's signature style -- cutting-edge theory plus meticulous research -- this book covers all sides of an issue without taking a political or theoretical position and provides a broad view of the interdisciplinary nature of the field. This edition includes the latest insights into political crime; terrorism (e.g., ISIS, lone wolves; white-collar, blue-collar, and green-collar crime; cyber crime;

transnational crime (e.g. sex-trafficking); and many other topics. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Filled with contemporary and classic case studies, this fascinating overview of both serial and mass murder illustrates the many violent expressions of power, revenge, terror, greed, and loyalty. Throughout the book, renowned experts James Alan Fox and Jack Levin examine the theories of criminal behavior and apply them to a multitude of mass and serial murderers from around the world, such as Adam Lanza (Newtown, CT), James Holmes (Aurora, CO cinema), Anders Breivik (Oslo, Norway), Charles Manson ("Helter Skelter"), and Dennis Rader (BTK). This fully updated Third Edition of Extreme Killing helps readers understand the commonalities and variations among multiple murders, addresses the characteristics of both killers and their victims, and, in the concluding chapter, discusses the special concerns of multiple murder victims and their survivors.

Understanding Multicide through Offending Patterns, Explanations, and Outcomes

Analyzing Criminal Minds: Forensic Investigative Science for the 21st Century

SERIAL KILLERS

Fatal Violence

How and why Women Become Monsters

Different Crimes, Different Criminals

Serial Murderers and Their Victims

This book reframes the study of multicide (that is, serial and mass murder) to use objective measures, and aims to expand our understanding of multicide offending through descriptive and inferential statistical analyses of different homicide patterns of the offenders. Criminal homicide and multiple murders are rare occurrences that typically account for a very small percentage of all violent crimes in most countries. Despite this low occurrence, homicide continues to be an area of intense study, with a focus on subjective measures and classifications. The research and analysis based on a database of over 1,300 cases contributes to the criminological study of violence and draws distinctions between types of offenders (partnered and solo, serial and mass, male and female, etc.) from a range of different countries and across decades. Traditionally, studies of homicide focus on male offenders and theories of offending are then applied to females and co-offenders. The research presented in this book reveals that women and partnered offenders have very different homicide patterns from men. Looking at the history of multicide offending, this book uses descriptive and inferential statistical analyses to directly compare differences in offending and outcome patterns across multicide offender types. This exploration of the multidimensionality of homicide at an international level is useful for scholars and students interested in criminal justice, criminology, psychology, sociology, or law. Analyzes motivations behind common and unusual acts of homicide, and addresses

such modern issues as female and juvenile killers, workplace homicides, and Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy.

This book offers a comprehensive understanding of sexual homicide. It includes a thorough survey of offender classifications, and analyses current theoretical explanations and understandings of sexual homicide from a criminological perspective. It proposes an important new integrated theoretical understanding of sexual homicide offenders.

This text provides an in-depth, scholarly examination of serial murderers and their victims. Supported by extensive data and research, the book profiles some of the most prominent murderers of our time, addressing the highest-profile serial killer type--the sexual predator--as well as a wide variety of other types (male, female, team, healthcare, and serial killers from outside the U.S.). Author Eric Hickey examines the lives of over 400 serial murderers, analyzing the cultural, historical, and religious factors that influence our myths and stereotypes of these individuals. He describes the biological, psychological, and sociological reasons for serial murder and discusses profiling and other law enforcement issues related to the apprehension and disposition of serial killers. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The Road to Murder

Forensic Investigative Science for the 21st Century

Why We Love Serial Killers

Criminology: The Core

An Integrated Approach

An Investigative Tool

Serial Killers

Analyzes the communication behavior of ten notorious serial killers, recounting the events of each case and speculating about the purpose and psychological implications of the notes and messages left or sent by each killer.

A chilling investigation into the deviant mind, "so powerful and provocative, you cannot put it down" (Rita Cosby, New York Times--bestselling author). We know the names: Ted Bundy, Ed Gein, Jeffrey Dahmer, John Wayne Gacy, among them--serial killers transformed by the media into ghoulish celebrities. And their iconic fictional counterparts--from Norman Bates to Hannibal Lecter to Dexter--reveal just how eager we are to watch a psychopath in action. But why? Are we curious about the root of their terrifying compulsions? Or it is something more? Why We Love Serial Killers "attempts to solve some of these mysteries . . . What made serial killers this way? Why did they kill, and why did they do it so gruesomely? How are they different from us? (Please let them be different from us)" (The Atlantic). In exploring our appetite for the macabre, criminology professor Dr. Scott Bonn also provides a unique view into the world of serial killers, having corresponded with two of the most

notorious examples: David Berkowitz, a.k.a. Son of Sam, and the BTK Killer, Dennis Rader. In addition, Bonn examines the criminal profiling techniques used to identify serial predators, the charisma of the sociopath, the rise in "murderabilia" collecting, and how and why these killers often become pop-culture icons, escalating both our fears and our fascination. The result is "powerful and a must-read . . . Insightful, compelling, and an excellent source of myth-busting information for laymen and professionals alike" (Burl Barer, Edgar Award-winning author of *The Saint*).

A superbly targeted resource for those learning about serial killings. *Serial Killers and the Phenomenon of Serial Murder* examines and analyses some of the best known (as well as lesser) cases from English criminal history, ancient and modern. It looks at the lifestyles, backgrounds and activities of those who become serial killers and identifies clear categories of individuals into which most serial killers fall. Led by Professor David Wilson the authors are all experts and teachers concerning the ever-intriguing subject of serial killing: why, when and how it happens and whether it can be predicted. Taking some of the leading cases from English law and abroad they demonstrate the patterns that emerge in the lives and backgrounds of those who kill a number of times over a period. The book is designed for those studying the topic at advanced level, whether as an academic discipline on one of the many courses now run by universities and colleges or as a private quest for understanding. It contains notes on key terms and explanations of topics such as co-activation, Munchausen syndrome, cooling-off period, psychopathy checklist, social construction, case linkage, family annihilation, activity space, rational choice theory, medicalisation and rendezvous discipline. As the first textbook of its kind it will be an invaluable resource for teachers and students of serious crime. Bestselling true-crime writer Harold Schechter, a leading authority on serial killers, and coauthor David Everitt offer a guided tour through the bizarre and blood-chilling world of serial murder. Through hundreds of detailed entries that span the entire spectrum -- the shocking crimes, the infamous perpetrators, and much more -- they examine all angles of a gruesome cultural phenomenon that grips our imagination. From Art (both by and about serial killers) to Zeitgeist (how killers past and present embody their times)...from Groupies (even the most sadistic killer can claim devoted fans) to Marriage (the perfect domestic disguise for demented killers)...from Homebodies (psychos who slay in the comfort of their homes) to Plumbing (how clogged drains have undone the most discreet

killer), **THE A TO Z ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SERIAL KILLERS** is the ultimate reference for anyone compelled by the personalities and pathologies behind the most disturbing of crimes.

Theory and Practice

Serial Killers Around the World

Serial Murder

Extreme Killing

The Enduring Problem

The SAGE Glossary of the Social and Behavioral Sciences

Serial and Mass Murder

This book focuses on the importance of incorporating both sociological and psychological viewpoints in the understanding of criminal behavior. It identifies and explains emerging criminal offenders within the criminal justice system, examining the individual differences that make different types of offenders unique.

The SAGE Glossary of the Social and Behavioral Sciences provides college and university students with a highly accessible, curriculum-driven reference work, both in print and on-line, defining the major terms needed to achieve fluency in the social and behavioral sciences. Comprehensive and inclusive, its interdisciplinary scope covers such varied fields as anthropology, communication and media studies, criminal justice, economics, education, geography, human services, management, political science, psychology, and sociology. In addition, while not a discipline, methodology is at the core of these fields and thus receives due and equal consideration. At the same time we strive to be comprehensive and broad in scope, we recognize a need to be compact, accessible, and affordable. Thus the work is organized in A-to-Z fashion and kept to a single volume of approximately 600 to 700 pages.

The book POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY is the brainchild of the author, who has supervised many Ph.D. students in Positive Psychology over the last two decades on a variety of topics such as emotional intelligence, locus of control, self-efficacy, and self-concept, among others. It is the most recent addition to the psychological literature portraying the new field of emotional intelligence. This book is hoped to be highly valuable to scholars, general readers, and professionals who will benefit from the knowledge received through this book. Furthermore, the contents of the book are very relevant to one's own life because they are stated in a simple and clear language. They will enjoy reading this book since it will appeal to their emotions. This book explores the act of criminal profiling and the effective methods of case analysis and linkage. Intriguing cases studies are used to thoroughly examine the behavioural aspect of serial homicide and the investigative issues that criminal justice professionals face.

The Global Dimensions of Serial Murder

Criminology

Serial Offenders

Violent Crime

Serial Killers and the Phenomenon of Serial Murder

An Exploratory Analysis

Contemporary Perspectives on Serial Murder

Criminal justice professionals will also find it valuable and fascinating balance of academic research and "true crime" material they can relate to in their own experience.

Practitioners in the animal welfare field, law enforcement circles, and social services arena have often maintained that childhood cruelty to animals is a forerunner to violence against people. Does this behavior serve as a red flag with respect to extremely violent offenders, such as serial killers? Is it part of the cycle of violence associated with domestic abuse? Perez and Heide provide the first scientific

examination of this relationship and examine issues of cruelty across different types of animals (pet, wild, stray, farm). The authors evaluate both qualitative and quantitative data to identify correlations between childhood cruelty and adult violent behavior, utilizing interviews and criminal records of violent and nonviolent inmates in a maximum security prison. Their findings will be of importance to a diverse audience, including researchers and practitioners in the field of juvenile justice, violence and domestic abuse, social welfare, animal welfare and animal rights and developmental psychologists and counselors, as well as law enforcement officers, district attorneys and judges, county and municipal officials, animal control officers, veterinarians, and school administrators, especially those concerned with intervention and prevention strategies.

Multiple killings by serial or spree killers and the mass violence seen in war crimes and other atrocities have typically been understood as discrete category types, which can foster the view that there are fundamentally different kinds of human beings, including "deviants" who are born evil and innately given to sadism or a callous lack of empathy. In contrast, this book considers the violence of these "deviants" in terms of larger questions about human violence. Therefore, in addition to describing the life histories of a sample of individual serial and spree murderers, the book includes analysis of macro-level phenomena such as genocide, mass rape and killing, and torture occurring under conditions of war, state authorization, or political upheaval. The chief claim of the book is that, given the "right" combination of factors occurring at different levels of analysis, virtually anyone can emerge as a killer or perpetrator of atrocities. While it is crucial to understand individual killers in terms of the details of their biographies, it is equally crucial to understand political atrocities in terms of the details of their histories; and to see that persons and groups are always the product of complexly interacting assemblage processes.

This volume explores the theme of evil, women and the feminine, indicating both the misogynist and subversive implications of the evil woman stereotype.

Female Aggression

Understanding Sexual Homicide Offenders

Animal Cruelty

Positive Psychology: An Emerging Trend of 21st Century

Rethinking Serial Murder, Spree Killing, and Atrocities

Beyond the Usual Distinctions

Creating Cultural Monsters

Across America, crime is a consistent public concern. The authors have produced a comprehensive work on major criminological theories, combining classical criminology with new topics, such as Internet crime and terrorism. The text also focuses on how criminology shapes public policy.

This book provides an integrative and jargon-free understanding of the phenomenon of sexual serial killing to a wide readership.

As in previous editions, this book is appropriate for criminal investigation, forensic psychology, criminal behavior and interpersonal violence courses, generally as a supplement to a core text or as one of several paperbacks. The authors continuing research and involvement in field investigation are a source of relevant and often high profile case studies to illustrate theory and application of methods shown. Chapters include Arson, Pedophilia and Psychological Profiling and Rape. This edition features a new chapter on Lizzie Borden, analyzing this historic murder case with fresh insight and a unique analysis. The text is particularly readable and engaging, making frequent use

of illustrative tables, figures and occasional photos.

From serial murderers to parents who kill, *Fatal Violence: Case Studies and Analysis of Emerging Forms* provides an insider's look at a phenomenon that has existed since the dawn of man and cuts across social/economic barriers and cultures. Offering a rare glimpse into the minds of predators and containing chilling details of motives and methods, this volume explores gang violence, serial and mass murderers, filicide, rape, workplace violence, school shootings, and hate crimes. It also delves into the unusual and shocking practices of vampirism and cannibalism. Bringing wisdom from years of studying killers and trying to understand the motives behind why these individuals do what they do, the authors present information that has previously gone uncovered or merely speculated upon. This fascinating volume includes: Historical accounts of bizarre killers dating back to the 15th century Psychological analyses of how a killer's upbringing might have contributed to his or her actions Criminal profiling theories in unsolved murders Interviews with killers Clues that suggest a person may engage in workplace violence Myths about school shootings Membership requirements for gangs and hate groups Cultural factors that might incite youth violence Steeped in research, the book contains tables with demographic data and events, discussion questions to provoke further inquiry, and numerous references for further study, making it a compelling resource for professionals and academia alike.

Transgressive Womanhood: Investigating Vamps, Witches, Whores, Serial Killers and Monsters

A Comparative Analysis and New Perspectives

Profiling Violent Crimes

Social Learning Theory and the Explanation of Crime

Clues from Killers

Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Encyclopedia of Murder and Violent Crime

Labeled as the crime of the 1990's, serial murder is predicted to remain the crime of the first decades of the new millennium.

This book brings together the perspectives of acknowledged experts in the field along with those of emerging authorities on serial murder. The chapters offer a unique look at these crimes from a variety of viewpoints and experiences. Accessibly written, this compelling volume includes information on minorities and serial killing, as well the manner in which serial killers are traced and tracked.

Social learning theory has been called the dominant theory of crime and delinquency in the United States, yet it is often misrepresented. This latest volume in the distinguished *Advances in Criminological Theory* series explores the impact of this theory. Some equate it with differential association theory. Others depict it as little more than a micro-level appendage to cultural deviance theories. There have been earlier attempts to clarify the theory's unique features in comparison to other theories, and others have applied it to broader issues. These efforts are extended in this volume, which focuses on

developing, applying, and testing the theory on a variety of criminal and delinquent behavior. It applies the theory to treatment and prevention, moving social learning into a global context for the twenty-first century. This comprehensive volume includes the latest work, tests, and theoretical advances in social learning theory and will be particularly helpful to criminologists, sociologists, and psychologists. It may also be of interest to those concerned with current issues relating to delinquency, drug use/abuse, and drinking/alcohol abuse.

This authoritative set provides a comprehensive overview of issues and trends in crime, law enforcement, courts, and corrections that encompass the field of criminal justice studies in the United States. This work offers a thorough introduction to the field of criminal justice, including types of crime; policing; courts and sentencing; landmark legal decisions; and local, state, and federal corrections systems—and the key topics and issues within each of these important areas. It provides a complete overview and understanding of the many terms, jobs, procedures, and issues surrounding this growing field of study. Another major focus of the work is to examine ethical questions related to policing and courts, trial procedures, law enforcement and corrections agencies and responsibilities, and the complexion of criminal justice in the United States in the 21st century. Finally, this title emphasizes coverage of such politically charged topics as drug trafficking and substance abuse, immigration, environmental protection, government surveillance and civil rights, deadly force, mass incarceration, police militarization, organized crime, gangs, wrongful convictions, racial disparities in sentencing, and privatization of the U.S. prison system. Approximately 300 authoritative entries on important topics pertaining to the discipline of criminal justice

Illuminating timeline of events in the history of criminal justice in the United States

Extensive general bibliography providing students with useful resources for further study

An insightful book presenting cutting-edge information on the newest, most remarkable forensic science and methods used for understanding the criminal mind.

- A foreword by Dwight Adams, former director at the FBI Lab at Quantico
- Four current autobiographical essays from an ongoing, 25-year study of adolescent behavior
- Illustrative vignettes from current news, pop culture, and literature
- Brain images of midbrain limbic system and prefrontal regions showing modular and interconnection of chemical pathways that ignite feelings, thinking, and behavior
- A glossary of terms
- An extensive bibliography

A Macro, National, and International Perspective

Serial Murder in America

Juvenile Firesetting

Pathway to Violence Against People

A Student Textbook

The Psychosocial Development of Humanity's Worst Offenders

Female Serial Killers

Whether it be Jack the Ripper in nineteenth-century England or Ted Bundy in 1970s America, the public has always been fascinated by the criminal offender type known as the serial killer. Professionals continue to speculate and develop new theories about their identity decades after their crimes ended. But what is it that causes such evilness in individuals that causes them to take an innocent life, not once but multiples times, and for no apparent reason beyond their own perverse psychological gratification? This fascinating book explores this question by looking at the psychosocial determinants of criminal behavior, including serial murder. The role of such internal processes as attachment, moral development, and identity formation in the development of a person's predisposition to various forms of deviance, including physical and sexual aggression, is reviewed. This information is then applied to actual serial killers, including David Berkowitz (The Son of Sam), Charles Manson, Eric Rudolph (God's Crusader), Ted Bundy (The Face of Evil), Edmund Kemper (The Co-ed Killer), and the Zodiac Killer, in an effort to construct a psychosocial profile of each and to attempt to pinpoint the various developmental factors that contributed to their eventual criminality. Finally, early intervention strategies are explored that can potentially redirect a child's developmental trajectory away from crime and deviance, and toward a more adaptive and socially acceptable behavioral repertoire. This book will be an insightful resource to all law enforcement professionals, policymakers, police academics, psychologists, psychiatrists, and many others in the helping professions as well.

This edited volume is designed to cover both the foundations of criminal behavior as well as 'cutting edge' research on the etiology, nature, assessment, and treatment of individuals who commit violent crime. Interdisciplinary in nature, this text draws from research in clinical psychology, social psychology, criminal justice, medicine, and biology. Equal consideration is given to environmental and biological research into criminal behavior. Furthermore, this text takes a critical approach to the research with frank discussions of what is known and what is yet to be determined, and presents this material in a straightforward manner that will challenge students to think critically.

Why do serial killers gravitate towards certain kinds of occupation? Why do they pursue certain types of victim? How do they leave the radar and remain hidden? Through his wide knowledge of the topic honed at one of Britain's

leading centres for criminological studies, Adam Lynes demonstrates how theory, practice, profiling and behaviour intertwine to identify the kind of people we should fear (and especially if we are vulnerable to predators). The book also looks at those personality-types most likely to become serial killers whilst hiding in plain sight. From Britain's serial killing studies centre of excellence. Looks in depth at eight of Britain's serial killer drivers, dealing with some of the most notorious crimes of modern times. A fresh and uniquely interesting perspective. Demonstrates the links between mobility, transience, recognisance, predatory behaviour and acting out murderous fantasies. From the text "It is apparent that driving as a form of occupational choice is a "popular" form of employment for British serial murderers. In an effort to determine why this may be, [the] case studies of eight British serial murderers [in the book] demonstrate just how such an occupation can impact upon these offenders' criminal behaviour...These findings may prove to be of benefit to scholars of serial murder, and to those who attempt to apprehend them."

Serial murderers generate an abundance of public interest, media coverage, and law enforcement attention, yet after decades of studies, serial murder researchers have been unable to answer the most important question: Why? Providing a unique and comprehensive exploration, *Creating Cultural Monsters: Serial Murder in America* explains connections between American culture and the incidence of serial murder, including reasons why most identified serial murderers are white, male Americans. It describes the omnipresence of serial murder in American media and investigates what it would take to decrease its occurrence. Presenting empirically supported arguments that have the potential to revolutionize how serial murder is understood, studied, and investigated, this volume: Places the serial murder phenomenon in a cultural context, promoting qualitative understanding and the potential for reducing its frequency Includes an illustrated model that explains how people utilize cultural values to construct lines of action according to their cultural competencies Demonstrates how the American cultural milieu fosters serial murder and the creation of white male serial murderers Provides a critique of the American mass media's role in the development and notoriety of serial murder Describes the framework on which the majority of definitions of serial murder are based Drawn from years of dedicated research of Dr. Julie B. Wiest, this volume presents a new approach to the study of U.S. serial murder, offers important implications for law enforcement and mass media, and forms a basis for future research on serial murder, murder, and violence in the U.S. and in other nations.

Understanding Serial and Mass Murder

Why Driving is the Occupation of Choice for Britain's Serial Killers

Criminal Justice in America: The Encyclopedia of Crime, Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections [2 volumes]

Violence

Murder in America

The Curious Appeal of the World's Most Savage Murderers

Serial Murder and Crime Scene Messages

This critique explodes the stereotypical assumption that men are more prone than women to aggression. A cogent and holistic assessment of the theoretical positions and research concerning female aggression. Examines the treatment, punishment and community response to female aggressive behavior. Examines topics including sexual power, serial murder and the evolution of gendered aggression. Treats female aggression in its own right rather than as a counterpart to male violence.

Incorporating distinctive international and national perspective. Providing students with in-depth coverage of families, groups, and communities, this text encourages readers to understand the nature of key macro institutions' impact on human behaviors (and vice versa). The primary chapters include a section on knowledge and theories, followed by the impact on economic and social forces upon these topics. Students develop a solid knowledge of different macro HBSE theories including community, human conduct, inequality, and group theories. While author Rudolph Alexander Jr. tightly follows CSWE outlines for macro HBSE courses throughout this text, he provides distinctive topical coverage including: The impact of natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina. Human rights, ethnic cleansing, and genocide in international communities and their effect on human needs. Theoretical discussion of terrorism and terrorist activities. This text is appropriate for social work students taking a macro Human Behavior in the Social Environment course in the upper-level undergraduate or graduate level.

VRONSKY/FEMALE SERIAL KILLERS

Provides a solid review of the subject, with an accessible, incisive presentation, including photos and features unique to this edition.

Understanding, Treating and Preventing Criminal Behavior

The Method and Madness of Monsters

Case Studies and Analysis of Emerging Forms

Understanding Sexual Serial Killing

Sexual Murderers

Theory, Research, and Policy

Clinical and Social Implications

Little is known about Sexual Murderers – those who kill in a sexual context. Recent studies have compared their backgrounds and characteristics with that of rapists and/or violent (non-sexual) offenders. This translation of a French original by the renowned Jean Proulx challenges existing knowledge on sexual murders, offers new tools for profiling and interrogation, and helps to establish a new research base. Current theories of sexual murder, its prevalence, reasons including attachment theories, profiling and interrogation techniques are all addressed in Proulx's distinctive, thought-provoking style.

A comprehensive examination into the frightening true crime history of serial homicide—including information on America's most prolific serial killers such as: Ted Bundy • “Co-ed Killer” Ed Kemper • The BTK Killer • “Highway Stalker” Henry Lee Lucas • Monte Ralph Rissell • “Shoe Fetish Slayer” Jerry Brudos • “Night Stalker” Richard Ramirez • “Unabomber” Ted Kaczynski • Ed Gein “The Butcher of Plainfield” • “Killer Clown” John Wayne Gacy • Andrew Cunanan • And more... 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 fifteenth-century France on to such notorious contemporary cases as cannibal/necrophile Ed Kemper, the BTK killer, Henry Lee Lucas, Monte Ralph Rissell, Jerry Brudos, Richard Ramirez, “Unabomber” Ted Kaczynski, Ed Gein, John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, and the emergence of what he classifies as the “serial rampage killer” such as Andrew Cunanan, who murdered fashion designer Gianni Versace. Vronsky not only offers sound theories on what makes a serial killer but also makes concrete suggestions on how to survive an encounter with one—from recognizing verbal warning signs to physical confrontational resistance. 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. INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPHS

Violence comprises a historical and contemporary discussion of the origins, patterns, and causes of violence in society. Through the use of contemporary and historical sources this book explore a variety of individual and collective types of violent crimes. It incorporates a broad interdisciplinary approach to analyzing the patterns and correlates of violence using the most up-to-date research and theories and presents them in a style intended to be accessible to a wide audience of readers.

A psychologist takes a new look at the crimes and minds of serial killers, argues that they are destined to kill from an early age, and offers remedies to control this serious threat to society

The A to Z Encyclopedia of Serial Killers