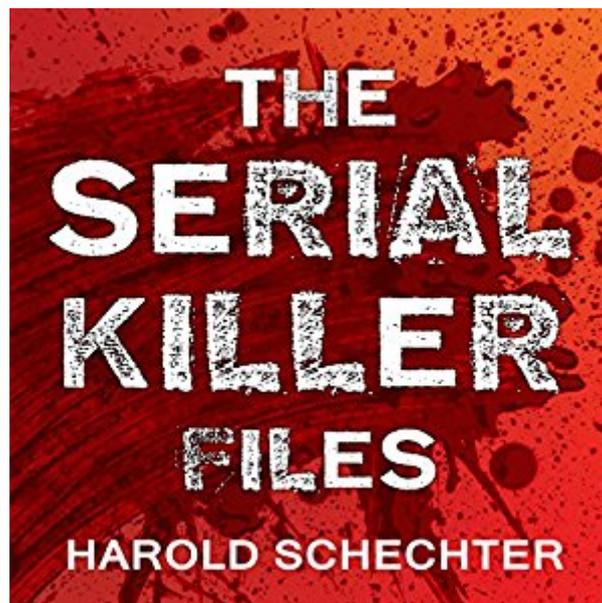


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# The Serial Killer Files: The Who, What, Where, How, And Why Of The World's Most Terrifying Murderers



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Hollywood's make-believe maniacs like Jason, Freddy, and Hannibal Lecter can't hold a candle to real-life monsters like John Wayne Gacy, Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer, and scores of others who have terrorized, tortured, and terminated their way across civilization throughout the ages. Now, from the much-acclaimed author of *Deviant*, *Deranged*, and *Depraved*, comes the ultimate resource on the serial killer phenomenon. Rigorously researched, this innovative and highly compelling compendium covers every aspect of multiple murderers, including psychology, cinema, fetishism, fan clubs, "trophies", and trading cards.

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Overall, the book is recommended. Many passages are engrossing and the author is a great writer that provides shocking details and discusses many serial killers you probably haven't heard of. However, he is needlessly repetitive, introducing the same serial killers multiple times throughout the book and rehashing the same information. While he often goes into more details he didn't include earlier, his constant rehashing is annoying. I also found his "why" chapter a complete let down. The discussion in this all important chapter was superficial. Also, he quickly dismisses the "bad seed" idea and basically pins the behavior of serial killers on bad family backgrounds. OK right. I am sure a bad family background definitely contributes but its not going to lead to the completely out of this world deviant behavior exhibited by these people. There is obviously a "bad seed" component which in the modern era we would refer to as genetics. He does give some credence to

the idea the two may be related, i.e. these people had rotten family backgrounds (abuse in childhood or bizarre behavior by parents) because of a bad family genetic history. But the idea is not explored enough. The fact is millions of people grow up with abusive parents, and Albert Fish was not alone in the boarding school when he suffered abuse as a child. So what made Albert Fish grow up to be a complete freak while his fellow boarders presumably grew up normal or at least not as serial killers? Obviously there is a biological cause. Three things that were missing from this chapter were a discussion of brain imaging, more detail and genetics, and the Robert Hare psychopathy test. For example- hasn't functional MRI been tried on some of these people?

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