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# Scoreboard, Baby a Story of College Football, Crime, and Complicity by Ken Armstrong

Read by Gregory Gorton

12 hours, 41 minutes

Seattle Times reporters detail their investigation into crimes--including rape, robbery, and attempted murder--committed in 2000 by University of Washington football players. The journalists document the arrests, evidence, and dismissal of charges against some of the athletes. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Edgar Allen Poe Award. 2010.

 [Download from BARD: Scoreboard, Baby a Story of College Football…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74796)

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# Imperfect Justice: Prosecuting Casey Anthony by Jeff Ashton

Read by John Polk

13 hours, 44 minutes

Retired Florida attorney details the three years he spent prosecuting Casey Anthony for the death of her two-year-old daughter Caylee. Recounts the evidence against Casey, her ever-changing story, unusual behavior during Caylee's absence, and history of fabrications. Expresses his astonishment at her 2011 acquittal. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2011.

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# Nightmare in Wichita: the Hunt for the BTK Strangler by Robert Beattie

Read by Fred Major

13 hours, 28 minutes

Lawyer chronicles the more-than-three-decade search for the self-named serial killer BTK (bind, torture, kill), who terrorized Wichita, Kansas, residents. Begins with the 1974 discovery of the first-known victims, summarizes the murderer’s media correspondence, and follows the case through the 2005 arrest of Dennis Rader. Violence. Bestseller. 2005.

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# A Dance with the Devil: A True Story of a Marriage to a Psychopath by Barbara Bentley

Read by Annie Wauters

11 hours 29 minutes
A California-based advocate for victims reveals details about her marriage to a man who impersonated an admiral. Discloses the emotional and financial abuse she suffered prior to his attempt to murder her in 1991. Offers warning signs that suggest someone is a psychopath. Strong language and some violence. 2008.

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# Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: a Savannah Story by John Berendt

Read by Frank Coffee

13 hours, 29 minutes

In the 1980s, New Yorker Berendt began visiting Savannah, Georgia. Enchanted by the city and its inhabitants, he spent more and more time there. He introduces Savannah and the hodgepodge of friends he made, especially Jim Williams, an antique dealer active in the restoration of Savannah. He also discusses the murder on May 2, 1981, for which Williams went to trial--four times. Strong language.

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# Run Brother Run: A Memoir of Murder in My Family by David Berg

Read by Geoffrey Alan Berg

7 hours, 37 minutes

Attorney Berg chronicles his dysfunctional family life and the events that led to his brother Alan's 1968 murder in Texas by hired gun Charles "Chuck" Harrelson, actor Woody Harrelson's father. Discusses the trial and the shocking verdict. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

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# The Poisoner’s Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York by Deborah Blum

Read by Kerry Dukin

11 hours, 40 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning science journalist chronicles the birth of forensic medicine and the careers of toxicology pioneers Dr. Charles Norris and Alexander Gettler during the early twentieth century. Examines criminal cases in which Norris and Gettler identified previously difficult-to-detect chemicals and advanced scientific understanding of how poisons worked. Some violence. 2010.

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# American Lightning: Terror, Mystery, Movie-Making, and the Crime of the Century by Howard Blum

Read by Bob Moore

9 hours 51 minutes
Examines the October 1, 1910, bombing of the Los Angeles Times offices that killed twenty-one workers. Chronicles the violent labor disputes that preceded the attack. Discusses the roles of PI Billy Burns, filmmaker D.W. Griffith, and Clarence Darrow, who defended the two brothers accused of the crime. Some violence. Edgar Award. 2008.
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# In His Sights: a True Story of Love and Obsession by Kate Brennan

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

7 hours 58 minutes

Writing from a secret location, the author describes being stalked by her wealthy former lover Paul, who has pursued her for more than thirteen years. Details repeated moves and identity changes to escape Paul's harassment, which includes threatening calls, notes, and break-ins. Some strong language. 2008.
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# Joyce Ann Brown Justice Denied by Joyce Ann Brown

Read by Gail Nelson

7 hours 29 minutes

Experiences of an African American Texas woman wrongly convicted of robbery and murder in 1980. Brown recounts the bewildering criminal trial that resulted in a life sentence, her nightmare behind bars, and her nine-year struggle to prove her innocence. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 1990.

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# Impossible Odds the Kidnapping of Jessica Buchanan and Her Dramatic Rescue by SEAL Team Six by Jessica Buchanan

Read by Erin Jones

8 hours, 40 minutes

Buchanan and her husband Landemalm tell of her kidnapping by Somali pirates on October 25, 2011, and her three months of captivity in a desert camp while Landemalm frantically negotiated for her release. Describes Buchanan's rescue on January 25, 2012, by a Navy SEAL team. Some violence. 2013.

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# Helter Skelter: the True Story of the Manson Murders by Vincent Bugliosi

Read by Ray Foushee

23 hours 54 minutes
Bugliosi prosecuted the 1969 murder case against cult leader Charles Manson and his followers. Among the brutal deaths attributed to the group is the mass murder of actress Sharon Tate and her house guests. Bugliosi gives detailed descriptions of the crime scenes, the frustrating investigation, the arrest and trial, and the retaliation murders. Strong language and violence.

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# The Central Park Five a Chronicle of a City Wilding by Sarah Burns

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

8 hours 44 minutes

Examines the trial of five black and Latino teenagers convicted of raping and beating New York banker Trisha Meili in 1989 and exonerated in 2002. Describes the social milieu and racial tensions of 1980s New York and their effect on what became known as "the Central Park Jogger" case. 2011.

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# Operation Family Secrets How a Mobster's Son and the FBI Brought Down Chicago's Murderous Crime Family by Frank Calabrese

Read by Michael Scherer

9 hours, 30 minutes

Imprisoned for racketeering, the author approached the FBI in 1998 and offered to tape incriminating conversations with his father Frank Calabrese Sr., a crew chief in the Chicago mob who was responsible for multiple murders. Violence and strong language. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: Operation Family Secrets How a Mobster’s Son…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.73179)

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# In Cold Blood a True Account of a Multiple Murder and its Consequences by Truman Capote

Read by Ray Hagen

11 hours 54 minutes
The author coined the term 'nonfiction novel' for this account of the murder of a Kansas family. He reconstructs the crime and the backgrounds and personalities of all the principals, drawing his information from observation, interviews, and official records.

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# The Murder Room the Heirs of Sherlock Holmes Gather to Solve the World's Most Perplexing Cold Cases by Mike Capuzzo

Read by Gregory Gorton

14 hours, 56 minutes

An inside look at Philadelphia's Vidocq Society, founded in 1990 by forensic sculptor Frank Bender, former FBI agent William Fleisher, and criminal profiler Richard Walter. Describes their monthly meetings with investigators from around the world to solve cold cases. Details some of the group's successes. Violence and strong language. 2010.

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# The Butcher Anatomy of a Mafia Psychopath by Philip Carlo

Read by Bob Moore

9 hours 46 minutes

Author of The Night Stalker (DB 62844) chronicles mobster assassin Tommy "Karate" Pitera's brutal killings in New York City during the 1980s. Discusses Pitera's life, his associates, and DEA agent Jim Hunt's investigation that led to Pitera's arrest. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2009.
 [Download from BARD: The Butcher Anatomy of a Mafia Psychopath](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.71692)

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# After Etan: The Missing Child Case that Held America Captive by Lisa Rachel Cohen

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

17 hours 19 minutes
Television producer examines the open case of Etan Patz, who disappeared at age six while walking to the school bus stop in his Manhattan neighborhood in 1979. Discusses the key players in the ongoing investigation, including the imprisoned child-molester and drifter whom many believe abducted Etan. Some strong language. 2009.

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# Almost Paradise the East Hampton Murder of Ted Ammon by Kieran Crowley

Read by Jake Williams

12 hours 32 minutes

New York Post reporter details the October 2001 murder of multimillionaire Ted Ammon allegedly by his wife Generosa's blue collar lover, Danny Pelosi. Traces Generosa's troubled childhood, Ted's financial success, and Danny's psychiatric problems--all factors in this author's analysis of the crime. Strong language. 2005.

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# Columbine by David Cullen

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

16 hours, 58 minutes

Journalist uses eyewitness testimony, police reports, and the killers' writings to dispel myths that the Columbine shooters were bullied, isolated kids who targeted victims. Argues Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold had friends, good grades--and plans to blow up the school. Discusses the murderers' psychological assessments. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

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# Whitey Bulger America's Most Wanted Gangster and the Manhunt that Brought Him to Justice by Kevin Cullen

Read by Richard Davidson

19 hours, 15 minutes

Award-winning reporters chronicle the South Boston crime boss's life, including his involvement in gang wars, bank robberies, and murders from the 1950s into the 1990s; secret work as an FBI informant; and sixteen-year flight from authorities. Details the investigation that led to Bulger's 2011 capture in California. Strong language. 2013.

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# Murder in Italy the Shocking Slaying of a British Student, the Accused American Girl, and an International Scandal by Candace Dempsey

Read by David Hartley-Margolin

12 hours 56 minutes

Detailed account of the 2007 murder of British student Meredith Kercher in Perugia, Italy, and the arrests of her American roommate Amanda Knox, Amanda's Italian boyfriend, and a local acquaintance. Explores the intense media interest in the case and Knox's support in her hometown of Seattle. Some strong language. 2010.

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# A Stolen Life A Memoir by Jaycee Lee Dugard

Read by Mare Trevathan

6 hours

The author describes her 1991 abduction at age eleven by parolee Phillip Garrido and his wife. Recounts her eighteen years of captivity, during which she endured sexual abuse and raised two daughters, and her 2009 discovery and rescue. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2011.
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 Also available on digital cartridge DB073692

# Out There the In-Depth Story of the Astronaut Love Triangle Case that Shocked America by Diane Fanning

Read by Annie Wauters

7 hours 59 minutes
Details circumstances surrounding NASA astronaut Lisa Nowak's 2007 assault on Air Force captain Colleen Shipman, who was dating Nowak's former lover, fellow astronaut Bill Oefelein. Describes events leading up to and following the attack, including Nowak's career highlights and her arrest. Some strong language. 2007.
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 Also available on digital cartridge DB068480

# The Road out of Hell: Sanford Clark and the True Story of the Wineville Murders by Anthony Flacco

Read by John Polk

10 hours 44 minutes
Detailed account of Stewart Northcott's 1920s murder spree in Wineville, California. Flacco uses newspaper articles, court transcripts, and interviews to inform a narrative written primarily from the perspective of Northcott's teenage nephew Sanford Clark, an unwilling accomplice whom Northcott sexually abused. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2009.

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# Deaths on Pleasant Street the Ghastly Enigma of Colonel Swope and Doctor Hyde by Giles Fowler

Read by Gregory Gorton

8 hours 28 minutes
Reconstructs the 1909 murder case that shocked early twentieth-century America. Kansas City doctor Bennett Clark Hyde was accused of poisoning his wife's uncle, philanthropist Colonel Thomas Swope, and creating a typhoid outbreak among the Swope family to inherit their fortune. Details Hyde's initial trial and subsequent appeals. 2009.

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# The Darkest Night Two Sisters, a Brutal Murder, and the Loss of Innocence in a Small Town by Ron Franscell

Read by Joe Wilson

11 hours 3 minutes
Details the 1973 Casper, Wyoming, abduction of two sisters by two men who raped the teen and threw them both from a bridge, killing the younger child. Describes the surviving girl's ongoing troubles and her attackers' lives before and after their swift arrest and conviction. Violence and strong language. 2007.
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# Secrets in the Cellar a True Story of the Austrian Incest Case that Shocked the World by John Glatt

Read by Fred Major

7 hours, 13 minutes

Investigative reporter's account of Austrian engineer Josef Fritzl, who secretly imprisoned his daughter Elisabeth in a dungeon for twenty-four years while claiming she had joined a cult. Discusses Josef fathering seven children with Elisabeth, the terror he inflicted on his family, and his prior crimes. Violence. 2009.

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# Dillinger's Wild Ride the Year that Made America's Public Enemy Number One by Elliott J. Gorn

Read by Joe Wilson

12 hours 45 minutes
Chronicles the final year in the life of John Dillinger (1903-1934). Details the crime spree that began a month after his release from nine years in prison and ended with his death at the hands of federal agents. Describes bank robberies and shoot-outs and discusses Dillinger's lingering pop-culture presence. 2009.

 [Download from BARD: Dillinger’s Wild Ride the Year that Made…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.71465)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB071465

# Anne Perry and the Murder of the Century by Peter Graham

Read by Gary Tipton

12 hours, 15 minutes

Describes the notorious 1954 New Zealand matricide committed by teenage friends Pauline Parker and Juliet Hulme, who later became bestselling mystery writer Anne Perry. Discusses the girls' plans to run away and become writers, their trial and prison terms, and their lives since their release. Some violence. 2013.

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 Also available on digital cartridge DB077316

# Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

Read by Ann Marie Lee, Will Patton and Danny Campbell

9 hours, 6 minutes

An examination of the 1920s murders of wealthy Osage Indian Nation members in Oklahoma. When the newly-formed FBI bungled the investigation, young Director Hoover turned to ex-Texas Ranger Tom White, who put together an undercover team, including one of the only American Indian agents in the Bureau. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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# The Eyes of Willie McGee a Tragedy of Race, Sex, and Secrets in the Jim Crow South by Alex Heard

Read by Barry Bernson

13 hours, 33 minutes

Author examines the 1945 Mississippi case of African American Willie McGee, who was convicted of raping Willette Hawkins, a white married woman. Chronicles the involvement of civil rights leaders, celebrities, and the Communist Party USA as they tried unsuccessfully to prevent McGee's 1951 execution. Violence and some strong language. 2010.

 [Download from BARD: The Eyes of Willie McGee a Tragedy of Race…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74649)

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# Finding Chandra: a True Washington Murder Mystery by Scott Higham

Read by Chuck Young

7 hours 3 minutes

Washington Post reporters chronicle the 2001 disappearance of federal intern Chandra Levy; the initial focus on Rep. Gary Condit, who had an affair with Levy; the discovery of her remains; and the arrest of a suspect eight years later. Some violence and some strong language. Edgar Award nominee. 2010.
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# Say Nothing: a True Story of Murder and Memory In Northern Ireland by Patrick Radden Keefe

Read by Matthew Blaney

14 hours, 42 minutes

In 1972, Jean McConville, a thirty-eight-year-old mother of ten, was dragged from her Belfast home by masked intruders, and her bones weren’t found until 2003. Discusses McConville’s abduction as well as the rest of the violent Northern Ireland conflict known as the Troubles and its aftermath. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

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# Blood Will Out: the True Story of a Murder, a Mystery, and a Masquerade by Walter Kirn

Read by Ray Hagen

7 hours, 29 minutes

Kirn, author of Up in the Air (DB 53856), recounts his fifteen-year long-distance friendship with a man he knew as Clark Rockefeller. Relates learning in 2008 that the man was an imposter and was wanted for a 1985 murder. Explores the clues Kirn overlooked. Bestseller. 2014.

 [Download from BARD: Blood Will Out: the True Story of a Murder…](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.78624)

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# Nightmare in Napa the Wine Country Murders by Paul LaRosa

Read by Jim Zeiger

7 hours, 53 minutes

Award-winning journalist chronicles events surrounding the murders of roommates Leslie Mazzara and Adriane Insogna, who were stabbed by an intruder in their Napa, California, home on Halloween 2004. Traces the police investigation that appeared to dead-end until new developments and a surprise confession revealed the alleged killer. Some violence. 2007.

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# Seven Days of Rage the Deadly Crime Spree of the Craigslist Killer by Paul LaRosa

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

4 hours 56 minutes
Recounts the 2009 crimes of Boston University medical student Philip Markoff, who robbed women at gunpoint in their hotel rooms and killed one who fought back. Explains how Markoff found victims through their Craigslist ads and details police use of cell-phone and computer records to track the unlikely suspect. 2009.

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# Honeymoon with a Killer by Don Lasseter

Read by Joe Wilson

12 hours 9 minutes
Describes the short, troubled marriage of Rebecca Salcedo and Bruce Cleland, which ended with the 1997 shooting death of Bruce during a supposed carjacking. Details events surrounding the murder and the subsequent arrests and trials of Rebecca and her two cousins. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2009.

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# My Stolen Son the Nick Markowitz Story by Susan Markowitz

Read by Mare Trevathan

8 hours 12 minutes

Describes the 2000 murder of the author's fifteen-year-old son Nick. Explains that the killers were young men who had a drug dispute with Nick's half-brother. Discusses Nick's life and the nine-year search for Jesse James Hollywood, who fled the country after arranging Nick's death. Strong language and some violence. 2010.
 [Download from BARD: My Stolen Son the Nick Markowitz Story](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.73417)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB073417

# The Fact of a Body: a Murder and a Memoir by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich

Read by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich

10 hours, 40 minutes

When beginning her summer job at a Louisiana law firm, the author is staunchly anti-death penalty. But the moment she reviews old tapes of convicted murderer Ricky Langley, she is overcome with the feeling of wanting him to die, and something in his story is unsettlingly familiar. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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# The Informant the FBI, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Murder of Viola Liuzzo by Gary May

Read by Michael Kramer

16 hours, 37 minutes

Examines the role of FBI informant Gary Thomas Rowe Jr., who infiltrated the Alabama Klan and identified suspects in the 1965 murder of civil rights activist Viola Liuzzo, a white woman from Detroit, while he participated in other race crimes. Criticizes the effectiveness of the FBI's reliance upon informants. 2005.

 [Download from BARD: The Informant the FBI, the Ku Klux Klan, and the…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.73394)

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# In the Middle of the Night by Brian McDonald

Read by Joe Wilson

7 hours 31 minutes

Describes the July 23, 2007, murders of Dr. William Petit's wife and daughters by two career criminals who broke into the Petit home in Cheshire, Connecticut. Details the background of the family members and their accused killers. Violence and strong language. 2009.
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# I’ll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman’s Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara

Read by Suzanne Toren

11 hours, 40 minutes

The late author’s lifelong interest in true crime culminated in investigating the never-identified serial-killing rapist who plagued California in the seventies and eighties, whom she dubbed the Golden State Killer. This detailed telling of what she learned was completed posthumously by her researcher. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2018.

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# Savage Appetites: Four True Stories of Women, Crime, and Obsession by Rachel Monroe

Read by Jayme Mattler

8 hours, 29 minutes

Four narratives examine the appeal of crime. A frustrated 1940s heiress revolutionized forensic science. A young woman entwined herself with the Tate family after the Manson murders. A landscape architect fell in love with a convicted murderer through letters. And a teenager fan of the Columbine killers planned a mass shooting. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

 [Download from BARD: Savage Appetites: Four True Stories of Women…](https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.97742)

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# The Last Place You’d Look: True Stories of Missing Persons and the People Who Search for Them by Carole Moore

Read by Catherine Byers

11 hours, 7 minutes

Former investigative journalist discusses numerous case studies of missing persons and some of the errors committed by the police in the initial searches and investigations. Explains the importance of DNA, forensic tools, and dental records in identifying or finding lost individuals. Includes families' personal--and emotional--experiences. Some violence. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: The Last Place You’d Look: True Stories of…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.73820)

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# The Yoga Store Murder the Shocking True Account of the Lululemon Athletica Killing by Dan Morse

Read by Mark Delgado

8 hours, 54 minutes

Washington Post reporter dissects the March 2011 murder of a young saleswoman by her coworker in an upscale yoga-apparel boutique in Bethesda, Maryland--a killing overheard but ignored by employees in the Apple Store next door. Violence and some strong language. 2013.

 [Download from BARD: The Yoga Store Murder the Shocking True…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77925)

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# People who Eat Darkness the True Story of a Young Woman who Vanished from the Streets of Tokyo and the Evil that Swallowed Her Up by Richard Lloyd Parry

Read by Simon Vance

13 hours, 11 minutes

London Times Tokyo bureau chief investigates the case of twenty-one-year-old Englishwoman Lucie Blackman, who was murdered after moving to Tokyo, Japan, in 2000 to work as a nightclub hostess. Follows the trial of the accused and describes the Blackman family's anguish. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: People who Eat Darkness the True Story of a…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.76031)

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# The Girls of Murder City: Fame, Lust, and the Beautiful Killers who Inspired Chicago by Douglas Perry

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

12 hours, 7 minutes

Profiles of the women who crowded Chicago's Murderess's Row in 1924, including charismatic Beulah Annan and Belva Gaertner--both accused of killing their lovers. Explains that newspaper reporter Maurine Watkins was inspired to write the play Chicago after observing that all-male juries of the day tended to acquit beautiful females. 2010.

 [Download from BARD: The Girls of Murder City Fame Lust and the…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.75638)

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# The Monster of Florence by Douglas J. Preston

Read by Ray Childs

13 hours, 55 minutes

Author Preston describes the cold case of a serial killer who murdered seven pairs of lovers outside Florence, Italy, between 1974 and 1985. Working with Italian crime reporter Mario Spezi, Preston details their quest for the man they believe is guilty and their run-ins with authorities. Some violence. Bestseller. 2008.

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# Portrait of a Monster: Joran van der Sloot, a Murder in Peru, and the Natalee Holloway Mystery by Lisa Beth Pulitzer

Read by Theresa Conkin

11 hours, 32 minutes

Profiles the suspect in the 2005 disappearance of Alabama teen Natalee Holloway in Aruba and the 2010 murder of twenty-one-year-old Stephany Flores in Peru. Details van der Sloot's time in Aruba, Thailand, and Peru, and his attempt to extort money from Holloway's mother. Some violence and some strong language. 2011.

 [Download from BARD: Portrait of a Monster: Joran van der Sloot, a…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74053)

 Also available on digital cartridge DB074053

# But I Trusted You and Other True Cases: Ann Rule’s Crime Files. Volume 14 by Ann Rule

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

11 hours, 32 minutes

Seven accounts of murders in which the victims trusted their killers. In the title case, a school counselor was shot by his estranged wife while he slept. "Monohan's Last Date" recounts the crime of a trucker dispatching a swinger. Violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

 [Download from BARD But I Trusted You and Other True Cases: Ann…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.70372)

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# Green River, Running Red: the Real Story of the Green River Killer, America’s Deadliest Serial Murderer by Ann Rule

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

17 hours, 50 minutes

Crime journalist analyzes the twenty-two-year search for a serial killer who terrorized the Seattle area and murdered over fifty prostitutes. Traces the victims’ lives while assessing the police investigation that led to Gary Ridgway’s confession in 2003. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2004.

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# The Meaning of Matthew My Son's Murder in Laramie, and a World Transformed by Judy Shepard

Read by Nicola Daval

6 hours 30 minutes
Shepard discusses her gay son Matthew's life, events surrounding his brutal 1998 murder, and her gay-rights activism. Describes the conviction of two Laramie men for beating the slightly built, twenty-one-year-old student unconscious--supposedly for flirting with them--and leaving him tied to a fence to die. Violence and some strong language. 2009.
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# My Story by Elizabeth Smart

Read by Emily Maixner

9 hours, 30 minutes

Elizabeth Smart recounts her ordeal of being kidnapped at age fourteen from her family's home in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 5, 2002, and her nine months of captivity. Highlights the ways her religious faith sustained her sanity, her subsequent recovery, and the trial of her abusers. Bestseller. 2013.

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# Erased: Missing Women, Murdered Wives by Marilee Strong

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

13 hours 39 minutes
Drawing upon her research of the Scott and Laci Peterson case, journalist Strong explores more than fifty similar murders she terms "eraser killings." Describes well-planned intimate-partner homicides that employed soft-kill methods and left no evidence to link the murderer to his victim. Some violence and some strong language. 2008.
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# Exposed the Secret Life of Jodi Arias by Jane Velez-Mitchell

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

13 hours, 10 minutes

Broadcast journalist recaps the trial of Jodi Arias, convicted of the June 2008 murder of her off-and-on lover Travis Alexander in Mesa, Arizona. Details the investigation and the often-graphic testimony of detectives, friends, and Arias herself. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. 2013.

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