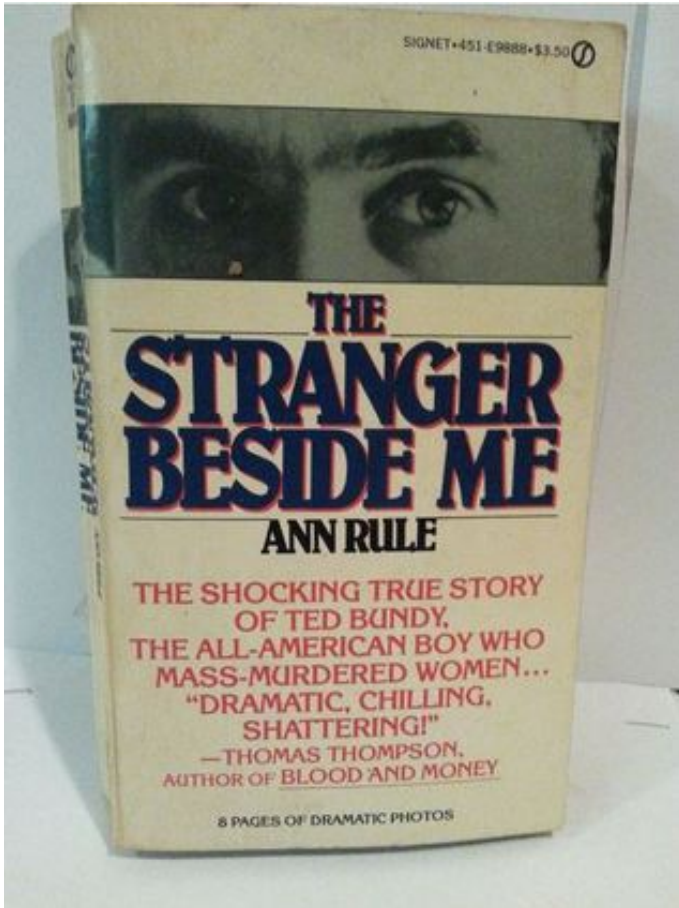

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The Stranger Beside Me



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Description

Not long ago, true crime writer Ann Rule recalls lying on an operating table. The anesthesiologist leaned over before putting her to sleep. "Ann," the anesthesiologist said softly, "tell me, what was Ted Bundy really like?" Despite meeting Florida's electric chair in 1989, the subject of Rule's bestselling book continues to haunt her. Rule and Bundy were friends. They met in 1971 at a Seattle crisis clinic, where they shared the late shift answering a suicide hotline. Their subsequent conversations, meetings, and letters spanned the rest of Bundy's life as he evolved into one of the century's most notorious serial killers. It's been 20 years since Rule first penned this chilling account. But the story--and her 2000 update--will still have readers reaching for their Xanax. No gratuitous gore here; just the basic, bone-chilling evidence. In fact, like a protective mother shielding us from horrors too awful to mention, Rule seems to avoid delving too deeply into crime scene descriptions. She devotes one paragraph in her new afterword to her discovery that Bundy engaged in necrophilia and returned to the scenes of his crimes to "line dead lips and eyes with garish makeup and to put blush on pale cheeks." She tells readers that John Hinckley, who shot Ronald Reagan, and David Berkowitz, the Son of Sam Killer, traded prison correspondences with Bundy. And she hints that Bundy's insatiable killer instincts may have started when he was a 14-year-old paperboy. (Ann Marie Burr, an 8-year-old girl on his route, mysteriously disappeared in the middle of the night and has never been found.) The skimpy update is over too soon, leaving readers wanting more and offering further proof of the public's never-ending fascination with serial killers. --*Jodi Mailander Farrell*

Insightful reviews

Nick: Fascinating and extremely quick read of the story of serial killer Ted Bundy, written from the point of view of a "crime writer" who coincidentally was at one time friends with the killer. This author disturbs me nearly as much as Ted Bundy though! She is at best the most naive crime writer ever born, or at worst a knowing witness of a serial killer's career from beginning to end, possibly simply to further a dying writing career. For someone so sure of her clever criminal mind, the author fails again and again to put 2 and 2 together, at least according to the yarn she tells you in the book. Here's some examples:

-when the Washington murders first start taking place, the only thing known about the suspect is a brief physical description, that he goes by "Ted" and that he may drive a Volkswagen. The author's old co-worker (Ted Bundy), matches the physical description, lived blocks from the missing girls, and after a quick check by the author, drives a Volkswagen. Author's conclusion: coincidence, not worth following up on.

-Author's old co-worker Ted leaves Washington to go to law school in Utah; murders stop in Washington. Similar murders that the author reads about begin in Utah. Author's conclusion: coincidence, not worth following up on.

-Later on, Ted is finally at least a serious suspect. He is arrested and convicted on kidnapping charges (but not murder) in Utah; author's conclusion: that can't be Ted, they got the wrong guy. Author starts sending Ted money on a regular basis!!!

-Ted escapes from jail and disappears. Author's mom mails clippings of grizzly mass-murders in Florida shortly thereafter, at a time when authorities had not yet linked them to the escaped prisoner Ted. She attaches a note saying "It sounds like the 'Ted' murders. I wonder...". Author's

conclusion: coincidence, not worth following up on.

Maybe I'm way off here, but any dope should have put it all together by then. Of course maybe that just explains why the author WRITES about crime instead of SOLVES crime.

Also beware of the last 50 pages or so. Extremely slow going, and also full of the author's sympathies for one of the most brutal killers to ever walk the earth. Pretty sad really.

Israel: This was a haunting book, I simply could not put it down. Ann Rule narratives are honest, straightforward accounts of events as she knows them, no sensational embellishments. An incredible true crime book.

Una de las grandes habilidades de Ann Rule (primer libro suyo que leo) es la de poder organizar una gran cantidad de información técnica, entrevistas, evidencias y criminalística puntual de una manera que se hace deliciosamente digerible.

La historia de Bundy es simplemente fascinante, ni la mejor película de ficción podría haberse inventado algo así. Rule se las arregla para mantenerse lo más objetiva posible ante los horrores que dejara Bundy en su camino, sin usar elementos sensacionalistas ni melosos.

The Stranger Beside Me es una lectura fascinante, adictiva y oscura.

Mel: A poorly written and very disturbing book. Not just because of Ted Bundy but because of Ann Rule. She writes about how she knew Ted over a long period of time, suspected he might be the man police were looking for but then claims she had no way of knowing for certain and it isn't her fault he wasn't apprehended earlier. She is an ex-police officer and says she has good contacts in the force but after she makes her original inquiry about Ted's car she explains her own failure to insist they look at him more closely by saying he was just one of hundreds of names they were investigating. She is critical of the women who stood by Ted yet she herself is one of those women.

Shaun: Wow. This used to be an arduous read. among the epilogue, the afterword 1986, the final bankruptcy 1989, the update: two decades later 2000, and a postscript penned via Rule's daughter, i presumed i would by no means end this. That said, it really is thought of via many to be the definitive paintings not just on Bundy the serial killer, but additionally on Bundy the charismatic, attractive, and promising legislation student. And really. What are the chances? you are a suffering unmarried mother of four, eking out a residing writing actual crime articles for detective magazines and all of sudden not just have you ever obtained a freelance to jot down a e-book detailing a string of grizzly murders, yet as soon as the assassin is stuck you discover out he's a chum and former coworker. Seriously. you cannot make these things up. At times, i discovered Rule's narrative to be repetitive and overly introspective, yet i suppose given the circumstances, it was once challenging to avoid. And what the hell. She merits to get it off her chest. Plus, eventually, she makes a few legitimate observations, rather with appreciate to Bundy's ultimate interview during which he attempts to "blame" his activities on violent pornography and detective magazines (ie actual crime stories). I had truly watched the interview

prior on within the studying technique and admit that he virtually had me biting--hook, line, and sinker. However, after analyzing Rule's analysis, i believe she used to be spot on. Which, i believe is the point. A sociopath, Bundy was once a grasp manipulator, incapable of empathy and missing a conscience. He definitely wasn't capable of totally have fun with his culpability. Pointing the finger at society turns out in line with his character.I individually came across many of the accessories to be of little value, aside from the afterword and the final chapter, which either rfile the rest of Bundy's ordeal.All in all, a desirable tale advised with competence, at the least for the main part. when you choose up a later printing like I did, reflect on skipping the epilogue, the replace 2000 and the postscript.As an aside, notwithstanding accidental or no longer at the a part of Rule, i feel there's an enticing dialogue of the dying penalty. It took hundreds of thousands of greenbacks to place Bundy to death, way over it will have expense to maintain him alive. Furthermore, for the reason that he represents a "diseased" brain, i'm wondering if "we" (society) overlooked a chance to raised comprehend precisely what contributes to the making of a Bundy.I additionally wonder whether as a society we have to redefine what constitutes sanity and madness and the felony implications. i am not definite males like Bundy have the ability to forestall themselves, similar to i don't believe such a lot folks with common functioning brains can know the way a Bundy could not cease himself. an individual who does what he did should be taking part in by way of a unique set of rules, and it sort of feels to me they're struggling with whatever which may be not more their fault than a guy who's with cancer. What does that suggest legally? i am not sure. yet whereas placing males like Bundy to demise "feels" correct on a few visceral level, it does not even start to tackle the underlying problem. Of course, at the different hand, this can be a guy who escaped twice, murdering and/or brutally attacking a half-dozen sufferers sooner than being recaptured. Had he the opportunity, he could have killed again.Anyway, plenty of foodstuff for thought.

Deborah Edwards: nonetheless the main well-known - and probably the simplest - of the real crime genre, that includes Ted Bundy because the poster boy for America's obsession with serial killers. Rule's ebook stands proud for a few reasons. She knew Bundy, labored along him in a drawback center, and even if she used to be a former policewoman with a true expertise for learning sociopaths, Bundy used to be so intelligent, so charming, so doubtless "normal," that Rule by no means as soon as suspected his darkness. Her fluid writing variety and skill for conveying the proof with no sensationalizing them, makes the booklet much more chilling in its rendering of daily humans ignorant of the killer correct subsequent to them. To this day, i've got a heightened know-how of the "tricks of the trade" a few serial killers use to trap victims. the guy with the solid who wishes aid sporting something, the fellow with crutches who retains losing an item, the passenger door handles faraway from the interior of a car, the overly captivating guy who wishes directions. Bundy's tale is a too universal one nowadays of the neighbor everybody loved and concept could not very likely have preyed upon the nice intentions of unsuspecting women...until he tells the police the place the entire our bodies are hidden (or in Bundy's case, a small fraction of the capability bodies). A must-read for an individual drawn to the darkness our society can spawn.

Paquita Maria Sanchez: "Oh, i used to be simply within the correct position on the correct time..."...NOT anything that a number of the ladies in Ted Bundy's lifestyles may come to claim approximately assembly America's Grade-A machismo pin-up boy. In fact, so far as i will be able to tell, Ann Rule was once the single individual to really reap the benefits of understanding

him. And boy, did she ever. To country it rather plainly, Rule isn't what one might name a "great" writer. or perhaps quite a superb "writer." She repeats herself to intensify her aspect like she's me writing like I speak whilst i am wasted, which i am really yes she's not. She says such things as (and i am paraphrasing here) "I could not have testified in Ted's defense. That used to be simply whatever i couldn't do." Really? might you do it, Ann? may you?!? Wait, i am confused...so you are asserting you may do it otherwise you could not do it? you spot what I mean. Additionally, she frolics in a minefield of cliches. i guess if you are discussing whatever as delicate as a serial killer's dump-site for a battered, raped, & strangled 12 yr previous girl's body, you sorta have to bust out just a little of the outdated flowery sympathies and "oh, the humanities." And for those who discover that you simply have been close, own associates with a psychopathic killer, humans count on a stunning heavy-handed volume of "woe is me, I by no means fairly knew him, will I ever fairly be aware of anyone, why used to be I so stupid, who am I, God?" Debra Morgan ballyhoo. Whatever. despite her loss of authorial prowess, Rule was once lucky adequate to paintings with a pleasant younger guy at a suicide hot-line in Seattle who was once prepared to assist her out. strong ole' good-looking Ted. Friend. Student. Son. Eldest brother. Fiance. Volunteer. Outdoorsman. destiny politician. Saver of drowning children. Chaser of purse-snatchers. Purse-snatcher. Kleptomaniac. Psychopath. Chauvinist. Power-monger. Rapist. Sadist. Serial murderer. Necrophiliac. Con-artist. Liar... ..One factor for you to certainly say concerning the man is that his pursuits have been diverse. And his "interests" might lead him to devote a few lovely shittastically evil crimes. and plenty of 'em, with ever-increasing voracity and viciousness. And now, Ann Rule had her monstrous holiday e-book idea! YAAAAAAAAAAAAAY! I will not stay in this aspect for too long, as Rule has been getting shit approximately this for decades. i'm going to easily say that she was, in fact, in a special place to write down a ravishing book, and he or she kinda botched it. possibly it used to be purported to were Truman Capote operating at that problem hot-line again in 1974. All the same, I loved the publication for the sheer undeniable fact that i'm so desirous about Ted Bundy. This dude was once a soft operator, which makes him (to my mind) some of the most terrifying serial killers of all time. I mean, simply watch the guy at work...<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZ9jqF...> That video additionally comprises my favourite "accidental black comedy" quote of all time: "I were impolite." -Ted Bundy All the same, he used to be probably the most high-functioning psychopaths ever to were caught. Which makes him an individual worthy knowing, and understanding well. I will not get too preachy on you here, yet i might imagine that his exact manifestation of psychopathology...the viciousness of his crimes mixed together with his skill to operate a little within the highlight simultaneously...to schmooze his captors so effectively that he used to be in a position to get away from detention center two times and stay away from recapture regardless of his lifestyles at the FBI's "Most Wanted" list...to stand as his personal attorney, and make millions of girls fall in love with him and struggle for his reason and really think his innocence regardless of the entire proof to the contrary....that he used to be in a position to reside for nine years after his preliminary dying sentence on his personal criminal prowess alone...the easy incontrovertible fact that he was once simply so solid AT BEING A SOCIOPATH could make him a useful specimen. He had the entire "skills" of such someone maxed-out to as severe a level as his darkish facet was. In my opinion, this truth by myself might were more than enough cause to maintain the asshole alive, specially contemplating the large advances now we have had in genetics and neuroscience on the grounds that he used to be completed in 1989. Findings which recommend not just power tools of early detection of psychopathology, but additionally

argue for the unlucky inevitability of a lot of the violent crimes dedicated by means of delinquent personalities whilst early actual abuse and mind harm are further to the fire. Which makes a complete different argument as to their sanity on the time in their crimes. which might make a good extra argument pertaining to their eligibility for execution. ALSO, it should simply fucking make experience to check those humans in an effort to capture them early. comprehend them. i will exit on a limb and recommend that shall we ultimately even perhaps aid THEM. I know...how dare I?Regardless of all that, i feel that i do know at the very least one little woman who may perhaps prefer to understand a piece extra approximately genetics and their impact on delinquent behavior...whether she is familiar with she may still or not... Anyway, i have been analyzing this below the radar and stale and on for a few time, and i am completely satisfied to eventually be performed with it. i did not wish my goodreads pals to grasp me as "you know, Kristi. That chick who wishes a whole yr to learn a publication by way of fuckin' Ann Rule." Anyway, it used to be ok. learn it for its subject material instead of its literary merit.Or simply watch this:[http://www.guba.com/watch/3000024509/...](http://www.guba.com/watch/3000024509/)

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