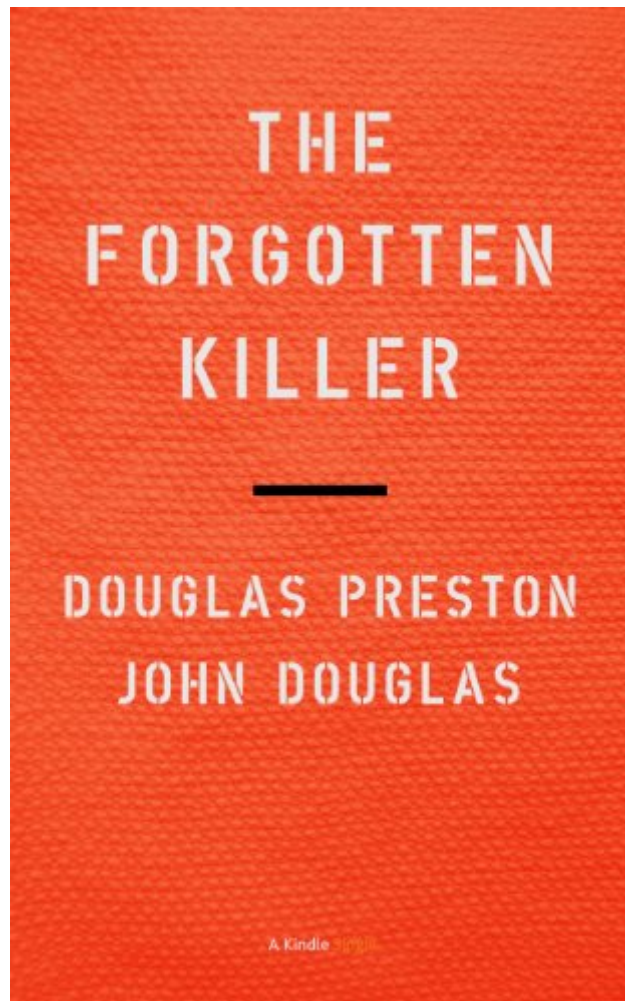


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The Forgotten Killer: Rudy Guede And The Murder Of Meredith Kercher (Kindle Single)



Synopsis

DESCRIPTION: "Amidst all the sound and fury surrounding the Italian murder trial of American student Amanda Knox, two people have been largely forgotten. One is the victim, Meredith Kercher, who was by all accounts a lovely, intelligent young woman full of great promise. Her murder was a terrible tragedy. The other is Rudy Guede—the actual murderer. This book shows that the evidence against Guede was overwhelming from the beginning. That he committed the crime alone, without help, is also beyond question. Guede was convicted in a fast-track trial and sentenced to 16 years in prison. But with time off for good behavior, he may be able to gain daytime release privileges as early as this year. Meanwhile, the endless judicial persecution of Amanda and her Italian friend and co-defendant, Raffaele Sollecito, continues unabated. Many people I speak to are still uncertain what to believe. They wonder if, perhaps, Amanda and Raffaele might have had something to do with the murder. Some people find it hard to accept that two completely innocent people could linger for so long under a cloud of suspicion, or that the criminal-justice system of a civilized European country could manufacture guilt out of thin air. Others have been influenced by the online industrial complex of Amanda-haters and conspiracy mongers, who have spread their falsehoods everywhere on the web. Many have made up their minds, but there are others who genuinely want to know the truth. "The Forgotten Killer", prepared by some of the country's leading experts in criminology, forensic science, crime scene analysis, and legal procedure, at long last presents the truth..." - Douglas Preston in Chapter One of "The Forgotten Killer: Rudy Guede and the Murder of Meredith Kercher".

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Customer Reviews

I wonder if it would do any good to send an Italian translation of this to the court that is currently deciding the Knox-Sollecito trial in Florence. Do the facts even matter to them? It seems so obvious. Rudy Guede committed the murder during a botched robbery, after which he fled the country. This book provides a concise and internally consistent account of what almost certainly happened, starting with the data at the crime scene. The authors detail the overwhelming -and straightforward- evidence to suggest that Guede was the murderer and acted alone. Along the way, the authors detail the inept or corrupt (more often corrupt, I see) behaviors -and apparent motives- of police,

DNA "experts," prosecutors, and the courts (and the media and internet fanatics). At only 81 pages (it costs almost nothing), it is concise, clear and convincing. The authors other opinions, commentary and updates can be found at the Injustice in Perugia website. I found the second, third and fourth chapters especially compelling, as they were written by forensic and legal experts assessing 1) data obtained from the crime scene itself (Douglas and Olshaker), 2) known aspects of the investigation (Moore), and 3) court findings (Heavey and Lovering). I strongly recommend these three chapters to anyone interested in reviewing actual data from the crime, the investigation, and trials that followed. I wonder if this book has the power to change minds of those who think Knox and Sollecito are guilty. I would hope so - the case as presented by prosecutors and police seems to be completely discredited. The authors of these three chapters often times paint a compelling picture of the motives and missteps of Guede, the prosecutors, and the courts.

I was expecting the book to be devoted to the subject of Rudy Guede, but it's not. Only the book's introduction focuses exclusively on Guede, but that entire chapter repeats information that has already been covered elsewhere. I didn't learn anything new from reading that chapter. After the introduction, there is a chapter written by the author of *The Monster of Florence*, who relates his own horrible treatment at the hands of Giuliano Mignini, the same corrupt prosecutor who fingered Lumumba, Knox, Sollecito, and Guede for Kercher's murder (well, at least he's right 25% of the time). Then there is a piece-by-piece critical examination of the evidence in the case, written by a former FBI profiler. I found this to be the most valuable chapter in the book, worth the price for this chapter alone. One thing that came to mind when I read this chapter: if Knox, Sollecito, and Guede had jointly committed the murder and then conspired a cover-up to throw a rock in the window and make the scene look like a botched burglary, then why didn't they flush the toilet to hide Guede's feces? Why would they go to great lengths to cover up a crime, yet leave blatant evidence out in broad daylight? That same chapter also discusses the fact that Mignini gave a press conference when Knox and Sollecito were arrested, in which he claimed that the crime scene had been cleaned by the perpetrators. Well, if that were the case, again, why didn't they flush the toilet? It boggles the mind that the authorities arrested three people before even doing DNA testing, including testing of the feces. Amazingly, the investigators announced to the public that they had determined Amanda Knox was guilty before they even looked at the evidence. Wow.

This book is an awesome collection of case analysis from pros in murder investigation and forensics, law, and journalism. There are many good books on the Kercher case now but I rank this

number one for describing the actual crime clearly and concisely. The chapter by FBI pioneer of criminal profiling John Douglas is presented as if it were a consultation on an unsolved case from the FBI to a local police department. This gives excellent insight into how skilled professionals integrate different forms of evidence together to draw logical conclusions. The profiles given on the Criminal Minds TV show are a little bit reality and a whole lot of dramatization. This is the REAL deal. The chapter by FBI murder investigator Steve Moore reveals what goes through a seasoned investigator's mind as he processes the crime scene and follows the evidence towards a conclusion. There is a constant danger of reversing the process as the Italian police did in this case: fixating too soon on a conclusion and pretzeling the evidence to try and fit it. I was touched by Moore's own recollections about the heavy responsibility of handling informants as he talked about Guede. "Each time I had them released after a petty offense, I knew that I "owned" whatever they did while they should have been serving a month in jail." You can feel his fear. The chapter by Doug Preston describes his terrifying encounter with Prosecutor Mignini where he was brought in for interrogation and accused of heinous crimes because he disagreed with Mignini's crime theory on The Monster of Florence case.

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