

# But I Trusted You: Ann Rule's Crime Files

Ann Rule

*Ann Rule (2006). No Regrets: Ann Rule's Crime Files. Simon and Schuster. p. 12. ISBN 978-0-7434-4875-8. David Lohr (April 21, 2015). "Author Ann Rule*

Ann Rae Rule (née Stackhouse; October 22, 1931 – July 26, 2015) was an American author of true crime books and articles. She is best known for *The Stranger Beside Me* (1980), about the serial killer Ted Bundy, her co-worker and one-time friend, who was later revealed to be a murderer. Rule wrote over 30 true crime books, including *Small Sacrifices*, about Oregon child murderer Diane Downs. Many of Rule's books center on murder cases that occurred in the Pacific Northwest and her adopted home state of Washington.

Ann Coulter

*starred, said of Walker "I love him; he's a wonderful guy. But I'll tell you something about him that'll astound you: He dates Ann Coulter." Coulter responded*

Ann Hart Coulter ( ; born December 8, 1961) is an American conservative political commentator, author, syndicated columnist and media pundit. A graduate of Cornell University (B.A., 1984) and the University of Michigan Law School (J.D., 1988), she launched her career as a corporate lawyer and law clerk before serving on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in the mid-1990s. Coulter gained national prominence in the late 1990s as a television legal analyst and has since authored more than a dozen best-selling political books, including *Slander* (2002), *Godless* (2006), and *In Trump We Trust* (2016). Known for her provocative rhetoric and polemical style, she frequently critiques liberal politics and media institutions and regularly appears across cable and radio platforms.

True crime

*prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi and Curt Gentry; and Ann Rule's The Stranger Beside Me, about Ted Bundy. Rule's 1987 work, Small Sacrifices, tells the story of*

True crime is a genre of non-fiction work in which an author examines a crime, including detailing the actions of people associated with and affected by the crime, and investigating the perpetrator's motives. True crime works often deal with violent crimes such as murders and serial killers, including high-profile cases (such as Ted Bundy, Charles Manson and the Zodiac Killer). A true crime work may use either a journalistic style with a focus on known facts, or a speculative style with a larger focus on the author's personal conclusions regarding a crime.

True crime has taken the form of various media, including literature such as magazines and books, television series and documentaries (which may sometimes feature dramatized scenes of the crime based on published accounts), and digital media such as podcasts and internet video. A true crime series may be structured as an anthology of stories focusing on different cases, or cover a single case in a serialized format. True crime podcasts experienced a major growth in popularity in the mid-2010s, with *Serial* setting listenership records, and the genre as a whole having seen long-term gains in overall listenership. True crime works have been particularly popular among women.

True crime has been credited with helping to increase interest in crime among the general public, while decreasing trust in the criminal justice system. Some true crime series have influenced perceptions of specific cases among the public and authorities. The genre has faced criticism for often relying on sensationalism and shock value, with concerns that true crime works are disrespectful to crime victims and their families, may

emphasize specific points over others in order to suit an author's preferred narrative or opinion, or may contain fictionalized content. Further criticism, based on analysis of popular podcasts, suggests that the genre's narrative conventions can lead to the dehumanisation of female victims, whose stories are often framed around their bodies rather than their personhood.

#### Cowden family murders

*murders were also the subject of a chapter in the book But I Trusted You (2009) by crime writer Ann Rule. Richard Cowden (age 28), his wife Belinda (age 22)*

Richard Cowden (born October 9, 1946), his wife Belinda June Cowden (born May 24, 1952), and their children, David James Phillips (born June 30, 1969) and Melissa Dawn Cowden (born March 19, 1974), disappeared from their campground in the Siskiyou Mountains near Copper, Oregon, United States, on September 1, 1974. Seven months later, in April 1975, their bodies were discovered approximately 7 miles (11 km) from their campsite. While law enforcement has suspected convicted killer Dwain Lee Little in their murders, their case remains unsolved.

The family's disappearance resulted in one of the largest search efforts in Oregon history, and their murders have been described as one of the state's most "haunting and baffling" mysteries. The case received nationwide attention at the time of its occurrence, and their murders have been profiled in numerous national media such as the New York Post and others. The murders were also the subject of a chapter in the book *But I Trusted You* (2009) by crime writer Ann Rule.

#### Charles Starkweather

*ISBN 978-0-8032-4787-1. Retrieved October 22, 2010. Rule, Ann (2004). Kiss Me, Kill Me: Ann Rule's Crime Files. Simon and Schuster. p. 224. ISBN 978-0-671-69139-4*

Charles Raymond Starkweather (November 24, 1938 – June 25, 1959) was an American spree killer who murdered eleven people in Nebraska and Wyoming between November 1957 and January 1958, when he was nineteen years old. He killed ten of his victims between January 21 and January 29, 1958, the date of his arrest. During his spree in 1958, Starkweather was accompanied by his fourteen-year-old girlfriend, Caril Ann Fugate.

Both Starkweather and Fugate were convicted on charges for their parts in the homicides; Starkweather was sentenced to death and executed seventeen months after the events. Fugate served seventeen years in prison, gaining release in 1976. Starkweather's execution by electric chair in 1959 was the last execution in Nebraska until 1994.

Criminologists and psychologists have analyzed the Starkweather case in an attempt to understand spree killers' motivations and precipitating factors. It also became notorious as one of the earlier crime scandals that reached national prominence, much like the kidnapping of Charles Lindbergh's son, with the media outlets covering the case at the time openly condemning Starkweather.

#### Tina Peters (politician)

*that some files were deleted or replaced with other files; according to the report, the "trusted build" deleted a total of 28,989 log files but did not*

Tina Marie Peters (born September 11, 1955) is an American politician who served as County Clerk of Mesa County, Colorado, from 2019 to 2023; however, in 2021, she was temporarily suspended by the Colorado Secretary of State. Peters is the first election official in the U.S. convicted of criminal charges related to efforts to overturn the 2020 presidential election predicated on conspiracy theories regarding the legitimacy of Donald Trump's defeat. In August 2024, she was convicted in Colorado state court on seven charges —

four of which were felonies — relating to unauthorized access to election machines. She was subsequently sentenced to nine years of incarceration.

Edmund Kemper

*it. Trust somebody enough to sit down and talk about something that isn't a crime; thinking that way isn't a crime. Doing it isn't just a crime; it's*

Edmund Emil Kemper III (born December 18, 1948) is an American serial killer convicted of murdering seven women and one girl between May 1972 and April 1973. Years earlier, at the age of 15, Kemper had murdered his paternal grandparents. Kemper was nicknamed the "Co-ed Killer", as most of his non-familial victims were female college students hitchhiking in the vicinity of Santa Cruz County, California. Most of his murders included necrophilia, decapitation, dismemberment and possibly cannibalism.

Found sane and guilty at his trial in 1973, Kemper requested the death penalty for his crimes. Capital punishment was suspended in California at the time, and he instead received eight concurrent life sentences. Since then, he has been incarcerated at California Medical Facility in Vacaville.

Ann Winterton

*2009. "Extracts from the Chronicle Files". Glancing Back. The Congleton Chronicle. 3 March 2022. p. 6. ePolitix – Ann Winterton[usurped] official site Guardian*

Jane Ann, Lady Winterton (née Hodgson; born 6 March 1941 in Sutton Coldfield) is a retired British Conservative Party politician who was the Member of Parliament (MP) for Congleton from 1983 to 2010. She is married to Sir Nicholas Winterton, also a former Conservative MP.

Crime in Oregon

*Retrieved November 4, 2024 – via Google News. Rule, Ann (2009). But I Trusted You, and Other Case Files. New York: Simon and Schuster. p. 425. ISBN 978-1-439-16054-1*

The rate of crime in Oregon, at least since 1985, has varied from below the United States national average to slightly above, depending on if one is looking at violent crime or property crime statistics. The violent crime rate remained below the national average every year between 1985 and 2022, while property crime generally remained above the average during that time. Every year between 2011 and 2020, Oregon maintained one of the 20 lowest violent crime rates in the United States. However, some of the most notorious serial killers in U.S. history were known for killing or operating in Oregon, including perhaps the most famous, Ted Bundy, as well as the second most prolific in terms of confirmed murders, Gary Ridgway, among many others.

Michigan Murders

*Ultimate Crime. London, England: Marshall Cavendish. pp. 3963–3983. ISBN 0748535209. Keyes, Edward (2010) [1976]. The Michigan Murders. Ann Arbor, Michigan:*

The Michigan Murders were a series of highly publicized killings of young women committed between 1967 and 1969 in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area of Southeastern Michigan by an individual known as the Ypsilanti Ripper, the Michigan Murderer, and the Co-Ed Killer.

All the victims of the Michigan Murderer were young women between the ages of 13 and 21 who were abducted, raped, and extensively bludgeoned prior to their murder before their bodies were discarded within a 15-mile radius of Washtenaw County. The victims were typically murdered by stabbing or strangulation and their bodies were occasionally mutilated after death. Each victim had been menstruating at the time of her death, and investigators strongly believe this fact had invoked an extreme rage into the evident sexual

motive of her murderer. The perpetrator, John Norman Chapman (then known as John Norman Collins) was arrested one week after the final murder. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for this final murder attributed to the Michigan Murderer on August 19, 1970, and is currently incarcerated at G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility.

Although never tried for the remaining five murders attributed to the Michigan Murderer, or the murder of a sixth girl killed in California whose death has been linked to the series, investigators believe Collins to be responsible for all seven murders linked to the same perpetrator.

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