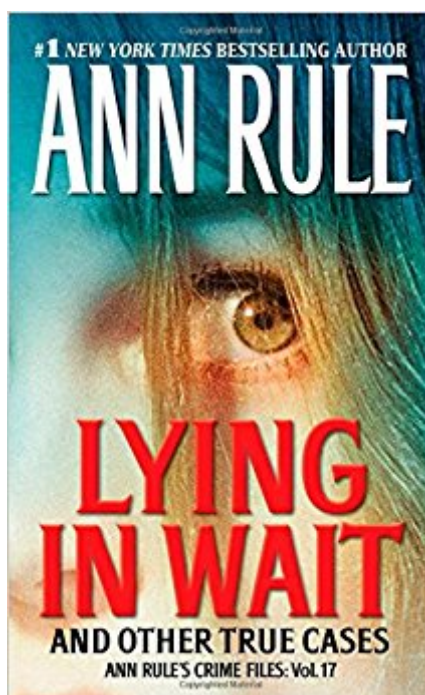


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Synopsis

Ann Rule presents another collection of fascinating and disturbing true-crime storiesâ”drawn from her real-life personal filesâ”in this seventeenth volume in the #1 New York Times bestselling Crime Files series. **MOVING IN FOR THE KILL** In this all-new collection of investigative accounts from her private archives, â”œAmericaâ”™s best true-crime writerâ”• (Kirkus Reviews) exposes the most frightening aspect of the murderous mind: the waiting game. Trusted family members or strangers, these cold-blooded killers select their unsuspecting prey, wait for the perfect moment to strike, then turn normality into homicidal mayhem in a matter of moments. Ann Rule will have you seeing the people and places around you with heightened caution as you read these shattering cases, including:

- â”• New mothers murdered, their infants kidnapped, in an atrocious baby-selling scheme
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- â”• A criminal known for his Houdini-like escapes is serving time for murder in a botched robberyâ”now the convict is being served dinner in a civilianâ”™s home, where he has one more trick up his sleeve
- â”• A long-lost relative who came home to visit, leaving a bloody trail through Washington and Oregon; no one realized how dangerous he and his ladylove wereâ”until it was far too late. . . .

With her ability to translate the most complex cases into storytelling â”œas dramatic and chilling as a bedroom window shattering at nightâ”• (The New York Times), Rule expertly analyzes the thoughts and deeds of the sociopath, in this seventeenth essential Crime Files volume.

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Customer Reviews

Ann Rule is the author of thirty New York Times bestsellers, all of them still in print. Her first bestseller was *The Stranger Beside Me*, about her personal relationship to infamous serial killer Ted Bundy. A former Seattle police officer, she knows the crime scene firsthand. For more than two decades, she has been a powerful advocate for victims of violent crime. She lives near Seattle. Visit her at AuthorAnnRule.com.

Good set of stories. Anne Rule has done it again. Easy to read, but sad. I've been an Ann Rule fan for a long time, and (fortunately or unfortunately) I've learned a lot about trusting (and not trusting) people from Ann's stories. Her books have made me a much safer and alert person.

Ann Rule's latest collection of crime writings, *"Lying in Wait,"* is missing the energy and edge she used to write with. Even when she was only providing us with a lurid thrill she wasn't boring. This one is wrong from the very title (not one case has anybody "lying in wait"). She seems to be bored with her material, stale, as any writer would have to get when she has sat back churning out identical collections of the same ilk instead of making more demands on her considerable skills by taking on more challenging reporting work.

I can't believe she passed away, have been reading her books for 20 years or more. She was such a creative talented lady, as soon as I knew she had a new book being released I ordered it. What will I do now? My heart goes out to her family, she will be missed by all who loved her. Will be lost without her wonderful talent..

I read anything by Ms Rule. I like her stories and books. I can count on her to write entertaining true crime. Some of the stories in this book took place years ago, some more recent. I like the more recent stories, and I am always amazed at the evil stupidity of the perps. Rule always gives credit to the officers involved in the cases. That's a very nice thing for her to do. Without our law enforcement acting on our behalf and always protecting and serving the public, what would we do as a society? Now the reason I gave this book only 3 stars is because it's not as entertaining as the other books in

her series, but that is just my opinion. If you're a fan, you'll want to read this book. If this is your first time reading a book by Rule, start with her book on Ted Bundy. That book is truly mesmerizing.

The 17th volume of Ann Rule's true crime files has some older case stories in it, but also some pretty new ones. I was especially taken with the first story in the volume, about a woman who was stealing infants and at the same time, murdering their mothers. Apparently, the woman was probably in cahoots with a doctor and others to sell infants on the black market. I was just appalled that crimes like this go on in the United States of America. One normally thinks of behavior like this as something more prevalent in less developed places. Not so. There are also stories of unlikely murderers (one case had a victim who was killed just 20 miles from where I live) and rapists. This volume makes for another interesting addition to Ms. Rule's true crime files series.

With such limited time to read, I enjoy Ann Rule's Crime Files where I can read one story in a sitting and in any order that I want. Written in the typical Ann Rule style, they are clear depictions of twisted and heartless lives that prey on others. On a recent family road trip we read a few of the stories aloud. "The Baby Seller" was disturbing and left us wondering if the crimes were limited to just those referenced in the story and most of all...why? "Take a Lifer Home to Dinner" was such a shocking example of a wily criminal and a disillusional correctional system that even my police officer son was left shaking his head. I'm anxious to finish the other stories because what I have read thus far does not disappoint.

Ann Rule is the best! Great stories. She always brings the victims back to life! Have read many of her books and love them all! Though I don't know how she sleeps at night with all these horror stories in her head.

I always love Ann Rule's books, but I have to confess that I could not read the first story in this set as it was too graphic in nature and dealt with child molestation. This book would be great for someone who has not suffered from childhood sexual abuse, but if you have, please be forewarned that this may be too difficult for you to read. The other stories in the text were enjoyable, and Ann Rule is her usual masterful self.

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