

Nonfiction Genre Study: True Crime

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Assignment: Read two true crime titles. The following is a list of suggestions, but you are not limited to these titles. Please feel free to choose another title that fits this category.

Classics/Benchmarks

- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil by John Berent
- In Cold Blood by Truman Capote
- Helter Skelter by Vincent Bugliosi
- The Stranger Beside Me by Ann Rule
- The Devil In the White City by Erik Larson

Serial Killers

- American Predator by Maureen Callahan
- Green River Running Red by Ann Rule
- Boys Enter the House by David Nelson
- The Kill Jar by J. Reuben Appleman
- Death in the Air by Kate Dawson

Medical Murders/Crime

- The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream by Dean Jobb
- Starvation Heights by Gregg Olsen
- Blind Eye by James Stewart
- The Girls by Abigail Pesta

White Collar Crime/Fraud

- Bad Blood by John Carreyrou
- The Queen by Josh Levin
- Guilty Admissions by Nicole Laporte
- Red Notice by Bill Browder
- Billion Dollar Whale by Bradley Hope

Organized Crime

- Tiger Girl and the Candy Kid by Glenn Stout
- Handsome Johnny by Lee Server
- Invisible by Stephen Carter
- The Corporation by T. J. English
- The Black Hand by Stephan Talty

Cults

- Don't Call it a Cult by Sarah Berman
- The Road to Jonestown by Jeff Guinn

- Pilgrim's Wilderness by Tom Kizzia
- Slonim Woods 9 by Daniel Levin
- Broken Faith by Mitch Weiss

Wrongfully Accused

- The Innocent Man by John Grisham
- Central Park Five by Sarah Burns
- The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist by Radley Balko
- Two Truths and a Lie by Ellen McGarrah

Cold Cases

- I'll Be Gone in the Dark by Michelle McNamara
- The Third Rainbow Girl by Emma Eisenberg
- Highway of Tears by Jessica McDiarmid
- Lost Girls by Robert Koker
- Cold Case North by Michael Wallace Nest
- The Last Stone by Mark Bowden

Bios/Memoirs

- Yellow Bird by Sierra Crane Murdoch
- My Friend Anna by Rachel DeLoache Williams
- Chase Darkness With Me by Billy Jensen
- The Less People Know About Us by Axton Betz-Hamilton
- A Serial Killer's Daughter by Kerri Rawson

Historical Crimes

- The Blood of Emmett Till by Timothy Tyson
- Furious Hours by Casey Cep
- Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
- The Wicked Boy by Kate Summerscale
- The Bourbon King by Bob Batchelor
- The Ground Breaking by Scott Ellsworth

Criminal Psychology

- The Killer Across the Table by John Douglas
- Murderous Minds by Dean Haycock
- The Confidence Game by Maria Konnikova
- Incendiary by Michael Cannell

Lives of the Victims

- Boys Enter the House by David Nelson
- We Keep the Dead Close by Becky Cooper
- The Five by Hallie Rubenhold
- The Good Girls by Sonia Falerio

-Last Call by Elon Green

Forensics (True Crime adjacent)

-18 Tiny Deaths by Bruce Goldfarb

-Morgue by Vincent Di Maio

-Forensics by Val McDermid

-The Poisoner's Handbook by Deborah Blum

-American Sherlock by Kate Winkler Dawson

-All That Remains by Sue Black

-Silent Witnesses by Nigel McCrery