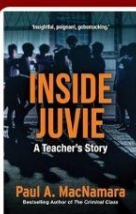


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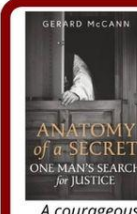
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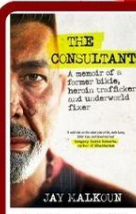
**Title:** Inside Juvie: A Teacher's Story  
**Author:** Paul MacNamara  
**Published:** 2024  
**ANF**

Inside Juvie plunges readers into the eye-opening journey of Tommy, a former state schoolteacher now navigating the tumultuous world of juvenile detention. Transitioning from teaching adults in prisons to stepping into classrooms within youth incarceration facilities is a far cry from the predictability and safety of traditional education.




**Title:** Anatomy of a Secret  
**Author:** Gerard McCann  
**Published:** 2024  
**ANF eBook** 

A courageous memoir about the personal toll of seeking justice from the Catholic Church. As a boy, Gerard was sexually abused by a Catholic priest at his local church. As a grown man, he confronts the trauma of the abuse he suffered and the psychological aftermath of the experience, grappling with shame, guilt, and the devastating impact it had on his family, relationships and sense of self. Anatomy of a Secret is a raw, compelling memoir that bravely shares long-silenced, unspoken truths.



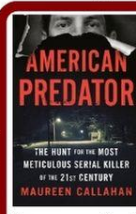
**Title:** The Consultant  
**Author:** Jay Malkoun  
**Published:** 2024  
**ANF**


In March 2019, a car bomb in Athens detonated the Mercedes Jay and his children had been riding in less than an hour earlier. Global media, law enforcement agencies, and underworld cartels speculated on who had moved to assassinate the former gangster and retired leader of one of the world's most feared and powerful underworld organisations. Confronting, confounding, hard to the core, and laugh-out loud funny, this is Jay Malkoun in his own words - a compelling narrative of violence, contradiction, and redemption.



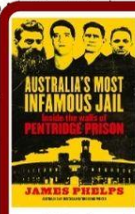
**Title:** Hearts of Darkness  
**Author:** Jana Monroe  
**Published:** 2023  
**ANF**


Jana Monroe was one of the first analysts and, at the time, the only female agent-in the world-renowned FBI Behavioral Sciences Unit at Quantico, consulted on more than 850 homicide cases, including infamous serial killers Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer, Edmund Kemper, and Aileen Wuornos. Monroe was the model for Clarice Starling in the movie version of The Silence of the Lambs; she even helped train Jodie Foster for her Oscar-winning role. Monroe's later years found her dealing with the aftermath of Columbine, heading up the FBI's post-9/11 investigation and much more.



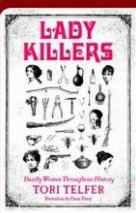
**Title:** American Predator  
**Author:** Maureen Callahan  
**Published:** 2019  
**eAudio** 


The names of notorious serial killers are usually well-known; they echo in the news and in public consciousness. But most people have never heard of Israel Keyes, one of the most ambitious and terrifying serial killers in modern history. The FBI considered his behaviour unprecedented. Described by a prosecutor as "a force of pure evil," Keyes was a predator who struck all over the United States. He buried "kill kits" and body-disposal tools across the country.




**Title:** Australia's Most Infamous Jail  
**Author:** James Phelps  
**Published:** 2023  
**ANF eBook eAudio** 


HM Prison Pentridge - home to Victoria's worst criminals for more than a century. Beginning with a gang of guards and a handful of convicts, for more than 145 years Pentridge housed a who's who of Australian criminals and Melbourne's underworld including Ned Kelly and Mark 'Chopper' Read. This is gritty, true crime storytelling, on steroids - about what life was really like behind the bluestone walls of Pentridge.



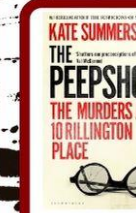
**Title:** Lady Killers  
**Author:** Tori Telfer  
**Published:** 2018  
**eBook** 

When you think of serial killers throughout history, the names that come to mind are ones like Jack the Ripper and Ted Bundy. Lady Killers is the first book to examine female serial killers through a feminist lens with a witty and dryly humorous tone and offers fourteen gruesome examples as evidence. Each chapter explores the crimes and history of a different subject and then proceeds to unpack her legacy...



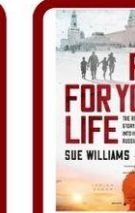
**Title:** Great Australian Rascals, Rogues & Ratbags  
**Author:** Jim Haynes  
**Published:** 2022  
**ANF / LPN MP3 eAudio** 


The bold, the bad and the slightly mad... Jim Haynes brings us fifteen larger-than-life Aussie rogues -- some of the greatest, and most unknown, ne'er-do-wells from Australia's history, from colonial times to the modern era, telling their truths and exposing the myths. Told with Jim's inimitable combination of Australiana, history and humour, packed with murders, mystery and miscreants is perfect for all fans of Australian history and true crime.



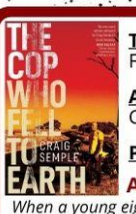
**Title:** The Peepshow: The Murders at 10 Rillington Place  
**Author:** Kate Summerscale  
**Published:** 2025  
**ANF**

London, 1953. Police discover the bodies of three young women hidden in a wall at 10 Rillington Place, a dingy terrace house in Notting Hill. On searching the building, they find another body beneath the floorboards, then an array of human bones in the garden. But they have already investigated a double murder at here, three years ago, and the killer was hanged. Did they get the wrong man? A nationwide manhunt is launched for the tenant, a softly spoken former policeman named Reg Christie.



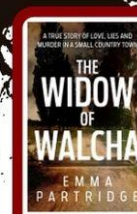
**Title:** Run For Your Life  
**Author:** Sue Williams  
**Published:** 2024  
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
What started out as a great adventure turned into a terrifying nightmare when Nick Stride and his family were forced to flee for their lives. Nick moved to Russia in 1998 to help build the British Embassy in Moscow, but ended up on the run with his wife and two children after leaking secrets from Vladimir Putin's one-time deputy. Hiding off grid on Australia's final frontier the family faced crocodiles, sharks, snakes, raging bushfires, a devastating cyclone, and survived. Now, emerging from isolation, the family are finally ready to share their incredible story.




**Title:** The Cop Who Fell To Earth  
**Author:** Craig Semple  
**Published:** 2023  
**ANF**

When a young eighteen-year-old Craig Semple joined the New South Wales Police Force in 1988, he generally preferred to steer clear of trouble rather than turn and face it. But like so many young police officers, he gradually built resilience to fear. During a career spanning a quarter of a century, Craig Semple saw just about everything: murder, drug addition, suicide, fatal accidents, armed robbery, organised crime and much more. The Cop Who Fell to Earth gives rare insight into the difficulties and dynamics of criminal investigation.



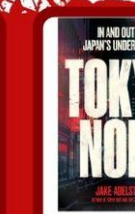
**Title:** The Widow of Walcha  
**Author:** Emma Partridge  
**Published:** 2022  
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
All farmer Mathew Dunbar ever wanted was to find love and have a family of his own. That's why, just months after meeting Natasha Darcy, he didn't hesitate to sign over his multi-million-dollar estate to her. When Mathew died in an apparent suicide soon afterwards, in a stranger-than-fiction twist, Natasha's estranged husband -- who she was once charged with trying to kill -- was the first paramedic on the scene. Journalist and author Emma Partridge travelled to Walcha drawn by the town's collective worry that Natasha was going to get away with murder.



**Title:** Framed  
**Author:** John Grisham & Jim McCloskey  
**Published:** 2024  
**ANF**

Framed shares ten true stories of men who were innocent but found guilty and forced to sacrifice decades of their lives to prison. In each story, Grisham and McCloskey recount the hard-fought battles for exoneration. They take a close look at what leads to wrongful convictions, the racism, misconduct, flawed testimony, and the corrupt court system that can make them so hard to reverse. Told with page-turning suspense as only John Grisham can deliver, Framed is the story of overcoming adversity when the battle already seems lost, and the deck is stacked against you.



**Title:** Tokyo Noir  
**Author:** Jake Adelstein  
**Published:** 2024  
**eBook** 

A darkly comic sequel to Tokyo Vice, equal parts history lesson, true-crime exposé, and memoir. It's 2008, and it's been a while since Jake Adelstein was the only gaijin crime reporter for the Yomiuri Shimbun. The global economy is in shambles, Jake is off the police beat but still chain-smoking clove cigarettes, and Tadamasu Goto, the most powerful boss in the Japanese organised crime world, has been banished from the yakuza, giving Adelstein one less enemy to worry about -- for now. As Adelstein puts his life back together, he discovers he may be no match for his greatest enemy -- himself.