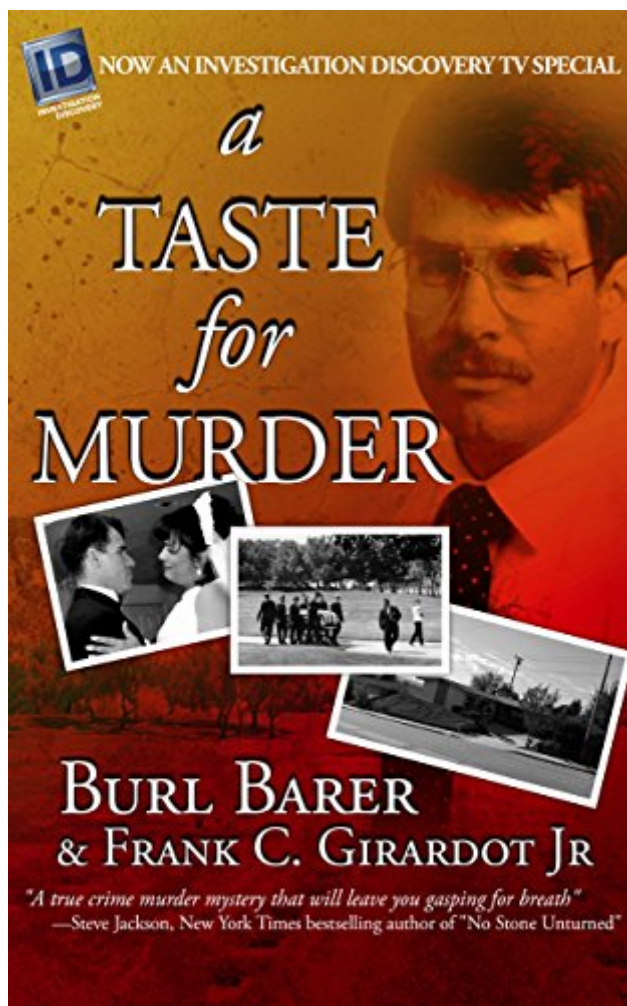


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A Taste For Murder



Synopsis

As Seen On Investigation Discovery's "Epic Mysteries" "A true crime murder mystery that will leave you gasping for breath"--Steve Jackson, New York Times bestselling author of BOGEYMAN and NO STONE UNTURNED "A doozy of a murder"--Suzy Spencer, New York Times bestselling author of BREAKING POINT Burl Barer, with co-author Frank Giradot, has hit yet another home run with this crime story. A smart and well-written who-dunnit tale.--Cathy Scott, Los Angeles Times bestselling author of THE KILLING OF TUPAC SHAKUR Frank Rodriguez, a much-loved counselor of troubled teens, lies dead on the bedroom floor. His wife and step-daughter are in shock, and so is the medical examiner when he performs the autopsy. Aside from being dead, Frank is in perfect health. Demanding to know the cause of her husband's death, Angie Rodriguez badgers the police, insisting that Frank was murdered. The cops attribute her assertions to overwhelming grief, but soon they too believe that Frank didn't die of natural causes. When the police enlist their number one suspect to help in the investigation, things spiral out of control until police are dealing with a daring plot to murder Angie's best friend, and allegations of another homicide so evil and perverse that even seasoned L.A County Detectives are shocked beyond belief ... and so will the readers!

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Customer Reviews

Though I was familiar with this story, having seen it on one of the many one-hour crime shows on Investigation Discovery, this author delivered much more than a brief glimpse of what happened. He developed the characters with personalities that were realistic and compelling, both the good and the bad. The writing style was easy to read and understand, sometimes even humorous, without a lot of boring technical mumbo jumbo. I highly recommend this book for true crime readers who like to get to know the people, not just the facts.

I loved this book! When I read the word "oleander" I knew I was familiar with this case from a television program I had seen. However, this book was so much better than the television program in that Barer and Girardot give all the nitty-gritty details that that made it a real page turner. Angie thought she was smarter than law enforcement and everyone else but she finds out in the end that she wasn't. I highly recommend this book if you are looking for a great read.

Angelina RodrÃfÃ-guez, never will forget that name for her twisted, cartoon world that only herself lived by. Its a fun read with twist and incredible tale of true crime in its most amazing peek. I would like to congratulate the authors of this crazy true crime story Burl Barer and Frank C. Girardot Jr. The best part was the recording audio, it takes you to another lead.... Death Row is only the beginning.....

I found this book most interesting and the murderer to be a very disturbing character. She was so beautiful, had almost everything going for her, and yet she threw it all away. For what? You have to read the book to find out. I couldn't find the email address of the author he said to use for this...so I'll just state here that yes, I do think Angie was guilty of the second crime mentioned in the book (don't want to make a spoiler here). The reason I believe this is that I don't think Angie had a conscience left... so money became everything to her, not child care. I bought the Kindle edition and found it quite readable and enjoyable! So thanks to the author for this good work.

I love true crime stories. I don't love the tale they tell, but I love the telling of the

tale, and Barer and Girardot do not fail to deliver an enthralling look into the mind of a sociopathic killer. Angie, seemingly true only to the classic chameleon traits of her narcissistic/sociopathic personality, is a pretty convincing actress. At least initially. However, she makes mistakes typical of those who think they're smarter than law enforcement. Spouse on spouse murders are unfortunately not atypical. She still manages to make a cruel, senseless, and heartless crime even more so, due to the depth of her greed and disregard for human life. This is a woman who doesn't murder because she has fallen out of love and grown discontented with, or fearful of, her spouse after years of abuse, for example she is a woman who devises and schemes well in advance. Relationship longevity and falling in love with the victim, who was kind and generous, were never part of her plan. The authors have done a great job providing background information into the life of the killer, as well as parlaying her attempts at deception. Always believing that she is outwitting the detectives, her downfall is that she is not as smart as her grandiosity has convinced her she is, and this results in her snare, which she never saw coming, even though she certainly should have. As a reader, you root for the cops more and more with each revelation of the depths of her depravity, while your disgust for her increases commensurately. Barer and Girardot have delivered a rendering of a psychopathic and heartless murderer, whose evil deviance defies natural universal laws. I won't reveal the extent of her profligate wickedness, but be forewarned; the book includes an additional shocking revelation and confirmation of her deeply distorted pathology. While horrified by her behavior, one cannot help but recognize the foreshadowing of things to come once the extent of her victimization in the form of childhood abuse is revealed. While not coming even close to a condonation, it serves as a sober warning of the damage done to those whose souls are damaged and stolen in their formative years, especially by those who they should have been able to trust as their protectors. There is a section at the end which speaks to this victimization, which is a welcomed addition, as it casts a realistic light on this moral failure of society. The only negative I experienced in my reading of the book is that within just the first few pages of the book, I was able to guess the method by which the victim was murdered. It didn't ruin anything for me though, as the book is so well-written, that you want to finish it in one sitting without pausing!

The woman is crazy! I can't believe she won the Gerber case. The poor woman in the restaurant was giving friendly advice, not a motive for murder!

This was a terrific true crime book. Once I put it down, I thought about it until I picked it up again the

next day. I thought it was very well written and held my interest throughout the whole book. I loved it. I could possibly read it again.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, even though the subject concerns a true tragedy. It is very well written and manages to create suspense even when you already know the facts. Please read both the foreword and epilogue as they are informative and entertaining on their own. The touches of humor in this book are ver welcome as well. This is the first book I have tried from these authors and I will look for more

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