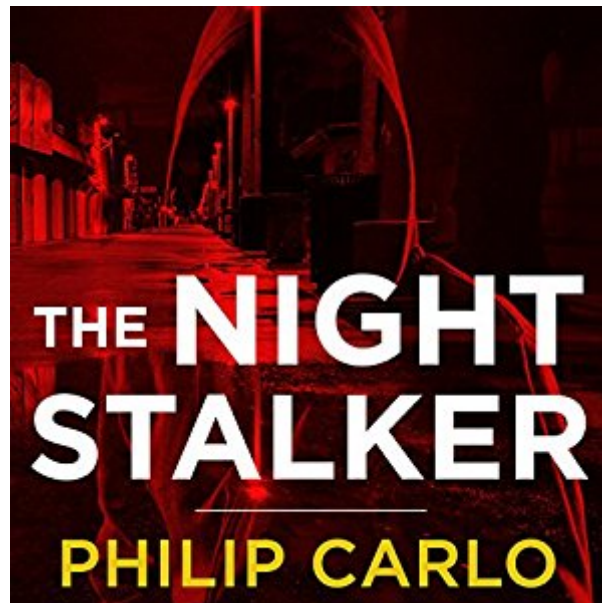




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The Night Stalker: The Life And Crimes Of Richard Ramirez



Synopsis

Decades after Richard Ramirez left 13 dead and paralyzed the city of Los Angeles, his name is still synonymous with fear, torture, and sadistic murder. Philip Carlo's classic *The Night Stalker*, based on years of meticulous research and extensive interviews with Ramirez, revealed the killer and his horrifying crimes to be even more chilling than anyone could have imagined. From watching his cousin commit murder at age 11 to his 19 death sentences to the juror who fell in love with him, the story of Ramirez is a bizarre and spellbinding descent into the very heart of human evil. Incredibly, after *The Night Stalker* was first published, thousands of women from all over the world contacted Carlo, begging to be put in touch with the killer. Carlo interviewed them and here presents their disturbing stories and the dark sexual desires that would drive them towards a brutal murderer. And in an exclusive death row interview, the killer himself gives his thoughts on the "Ramirez Groupies" - and what he thinks they really want.

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Customer Reviews

Excellent book! A good read for those of you who like to read true crime stories. This book is a true account of the notorious "Night Stalker" known as Richard Ramirez, a Satan-worshipping heartless killer who racked-up one of the highest body counts in California history. The book details Richard's killing spree, crime by crime, then takes you through the capture, trial, and conviction of this psychopath. This book does not contain crime scene photos that include the victims, but does show some of the interior of the houses in which the crimes were committed. This is a good thing for those of you who do not want to be subject to gore. Photos include Richard Ramirez at the trial,

including some photos of the police and lawyers involved with the capture and conviction.

I have been an avid reader (mostly of the True Crime genre) for many years. I enjoy wandering into the realm and dangerousness of crime and criminals without the exposure. Having had read many other stories about famed serial killers, I knew that when I saw this book that I had to read it. Prior to discovering this book, I had only basic knowledge of the crimes of Richard Ramirez through criminal documentaries or television programs. I must say, I am overwhelmed. This book is probably THE BEST book on crime/criminality that I have ever read! It goes through every facet of the story to be told, the background history on Ramirez, the accounts from the detectives' perspectives, and the fear and reign of terror were quite palpable. I admit that this book scared me and left me with some residual emotional scars that only a good book can-- For instance, I am now a compulsive lock-checker and I have started making sure that I am able to thwart an attack of similar magnitude by leaving myself random items that can be used as weapons and/or ways to know if someone is skulking around my home. It's not paranoia...it's considering what most people do not want to consider--that they may become victims at some point. I am sure that the families impacted by the Night Stalker never imagined that when they went to bed that their entire safety and security would be imposed upon...in their own homes. I digress...The book is superb! From learning about what could have possibly set this into motion within Ramirez's youth and learning how "normal" and well-versed he could also be is just another facet of why he was so bone-chilling and terrifying. Phillip Carlo did an excellent job on the research, on the writing, on the many things that make this book such an excellent account of the Night Stalker crimes. It quickly has become top-brass to me & ranks right up there with the best: Ann Rule, Truman Capote, Vincent Bugliosi. Fascinating read!

It's hard to believe people like Richard Ramirez exist? What's even more baffling are the groupies!! What would attract someone to a person who has caused so much terror and pain! Not a bad read - somewhat monotonous and repetitive during the trial and could do with better proof reading but overall pretty good.

I've read many books about Richard Ramirez & this is the best. I still feel his cousin was involved with some of the murders, especially with children.

Very intense and frightening account of a sick and twisted "thing." I was in that area when he was active!!! R.R. was a true monster and devil. Well written - I could not put it down.

If you like to read about serial killers, this is the book for you. Describes the Night Stalkers family life and Growing up, all of the crimes in detail, the entire trial and all of its complexities, the sentencing and life in San Quentin. Very well written

Incredibly well written. Therefore a long but easy read. The first part of the book about Ramirez's lifestyle while killing was bone-chilling. Philip Carlo did his research!

Great book that helped me in my criminal justice class

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