

# **Lady Killers: Deadly Women Throughout History**

When it comes to criminal history, female killers have left a lasting impact on society. While the majority of murderers are male, there have been notable cases throughout history where women were the ones behind some of the most heinous crimes. Today, we delve into the sinister world of lady killers and explore the stories of those deadly women who instilled fear in the hearts of their victims.

## **The Blood Countess - Elizabeth Báthory**



Elizabeth Báthory, known as the "Blood Countess," was a Hungarian noblewoman who lived during the 16th and 17th centuries. Rumor has it that she was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of young girls. Báthory was obsessed with maintaining her youthful appearance and believed that bathing in the blood of virgins would preserve her beauty. Her crimes were eventually exposed, and she was imprisoned until her death.



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## The Angel of Death - Beverley Allitt



Beverley Allitt, also known as the "Angel of Death," was a British nurse who preyed upon her young patients. Between 1991 and 1993, Allitt murdered at least four children and injured several others. She used various methods, including suffocation and insulin injections, to carry out her deadly acts. Allitt's actions caused widespread panic and disbelief, as people struggled to comprehend how someone entrusted with the care of others could commit such horrific crimes.

### **The Black Widow - Belle Gunness**



Belle Gunness, known as the "Black Widow," was an American serial killer who operated during the early 20th century. She would entice men through personal ads and then murder them for their money. It is believed that Gunness killed

numerous suitors and her own children. Her true body count remains uncertain, as she burned down her house, leading authorities to find multiple corpses on her property. Guinness, however, managed to escape justice and her ultimate fate remains unknown.

### **The Monster of the Andes - Luisa Estela Morales**



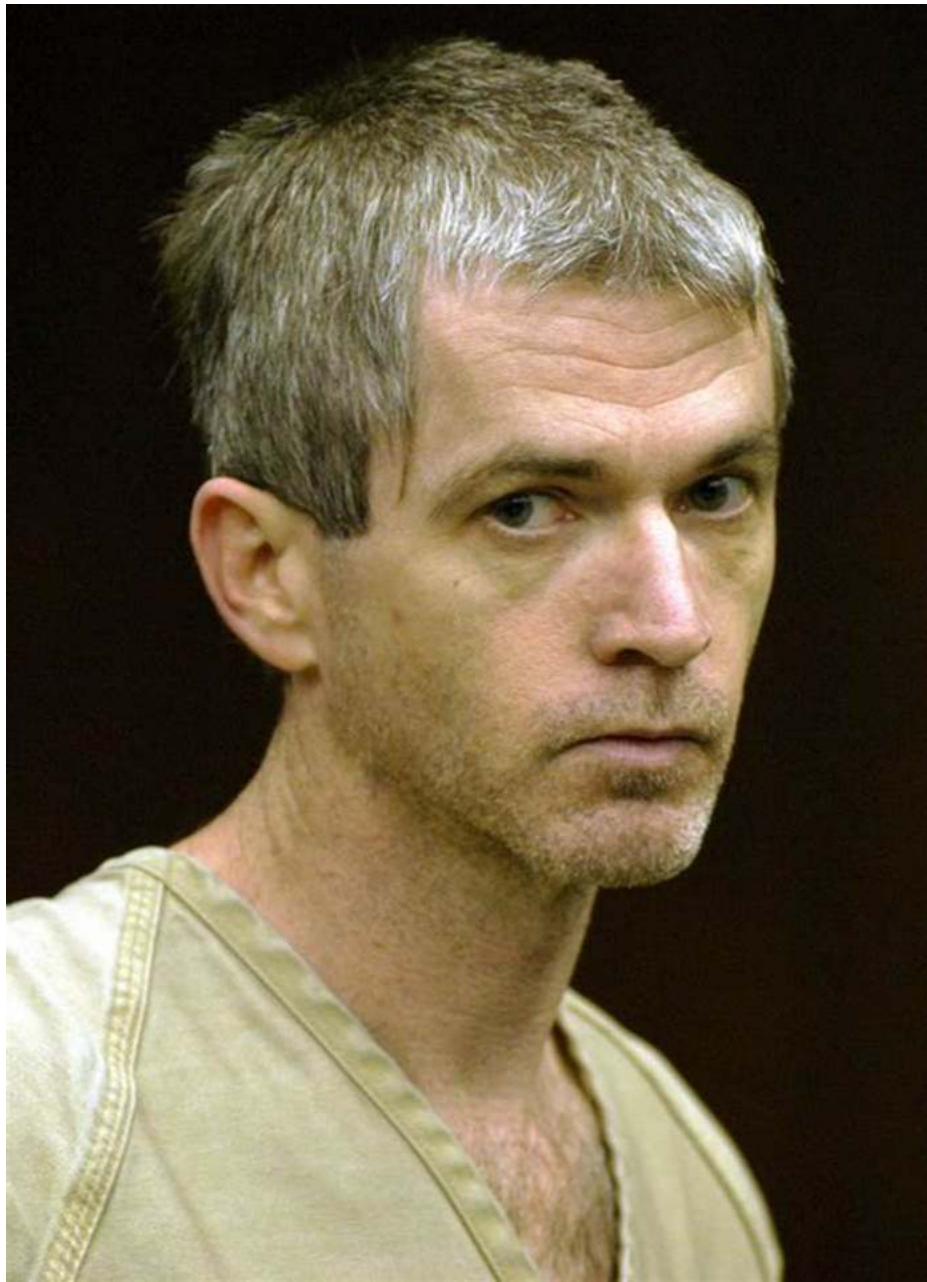
Luisa Estela Morales, known as the "Monster of the Andes," was a Colombian serial killer who targeted young girls. Acting in conjunction with her partner, Delfina de Jesús González, they abducted, abused, and murdered over 300 girls between 1974 and 1986. Their crimes shocked the nation, and the true number of victims may never be known. Morales and González were eventually apprehended and sentenced to lengthy prison terms.

### **The Jigsaw Killer - Jūrō Watarase**



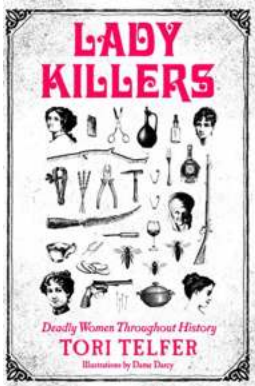
Jūrō Watarase, famously known as the "Jigsaw Killer," was a Japanese murderer who inspired fear in the late 20th century. Watarase was notorious for his intricate and sadistic methods of murder, often leaving intricate puzzles behind with his victims. He targeted both men and women, and his reign of terror lasted over a decade before he was eventually apprehended. The detailed nature of his crimes earned him the nickname of the "Jigsaw Killer."

## The Deadly Nurse - Charles Cullen



Charles Cullen, commonly referred to as the "Deadly Nurse," was an American nurse who became one of the most prolific serial killers in history. Working in hospitals across several states, Cullen was responsible for the deaths of over 40 patients. He administered lethal doses of medications, often choosing his victims at random. Cullen's ability to elude suspicion for so long and the number of lives he took earned him his notorious reputation as the "Deadly Nurse."

These are just a few examples, spanning different countries and eras, of deadly women who left a mark on history. The reasons behind their crimes may vary, but the impact they had on their victims and society remains significant. It is important to remember that killers come from all walks of life, and these lady killers serve as a stark reminder that evil can lurk behind even the most unsuspecting faces.



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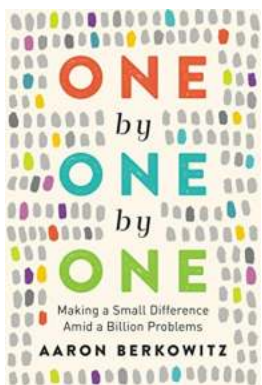
Inspired by author Tori Telfer's Jezebel column "Lady Killers," this thrilling and entertaining compendium investigates female serial killers and their crimes through the ages.

When you think of serial killers throughout history, the names that come to mind are ones like Jack the Ripper, John Wayne Gacy, and Ted Bundy. But what about Tillie Klimek, Moulay Hassan, Kate Bender? The narrative we're comfortable with is the one where women are the victims of violent crime, not the perpetrators. In fact, serial killers are thought to be so universally, overwhelmingly male that in 1998, FBI profiler Roy Hazelwood infamously declared in a homicide conference, "There are no female serial killers."



Lady Killers, based on the popular online series that appeared on Jezebel and The Hairpin, disputes that claim and offers fourteen gruesome examples as evidence. Though largely forgotten by history, female serial killers such as Erzsébet Báthory, Nannie Doss, Mary Ann Cotton, and Darya Nikolayevna Saltykova rival their male counterparts in cunning, cruelty, and appetite for destruction.

Each chapter explores the crimes and history of a different subject, and then proceeds to unpack her legacy and her portrayal in the media, as well as the stereotypes and sexist clichés that inevitably surround her. The first book to examine female serial killers through a feminist lens with a witty and dryly humorous tone, Lady Killers dismisses easy explanations (she was hormonal, she did it for love, a man made her do it) and tired tropes (she was a femme fatale, a black widow, a witch), delving into the complex reality of female aggression and predation. Featuring 14 illustrations from Dame Darcy, Lady Killers is a bloodcurdling, insightful, and irresistible journey into the heart of darkness.



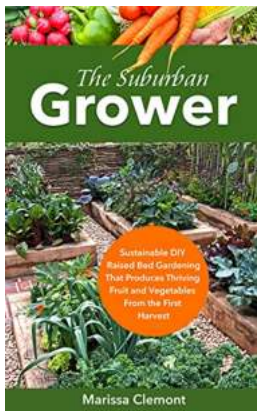
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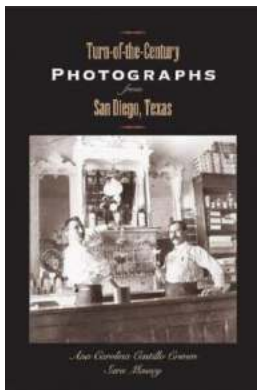
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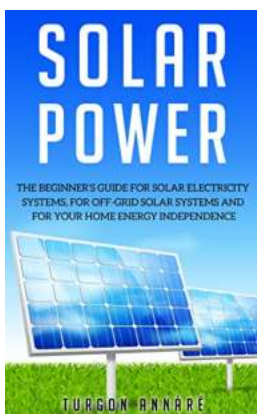
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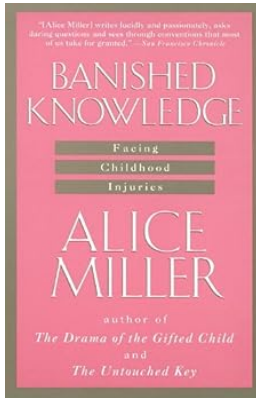
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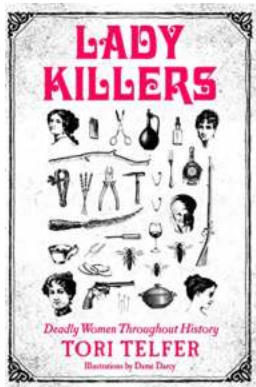
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