

The Horrifying True Story of Family Terror That Will Keep You on the Edge of Your Seat



Deep within the realms of the human psyche, there lies a darkness that can consume even the closest of families. This is the harrowing true story of the Johnson family and the unspeakable horrors they endured for years.

The Perfect Family Turned Nightmare

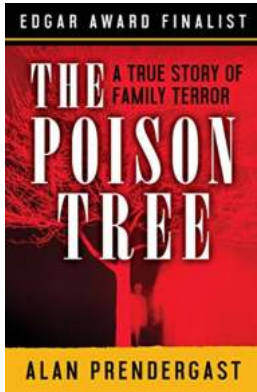
The Johnsons seemed like the perfect family. They lived in a quaint town, had successful careers, and were admired by the community. But behind closed doors, a sinister secret was tearing them apart.

The Poison Tree: A True Story of Family Terror

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A Darkness Takes Hold

It started with small, unexplained occurrences. Objects shifting on their own, eerie whispers in the night, and an unshakeable feeling of being watched. John and Sarah Johnson dismissed these events as mere coincidences, refusing to believe something malevolent was at play within their home.

Unraveling the Truth

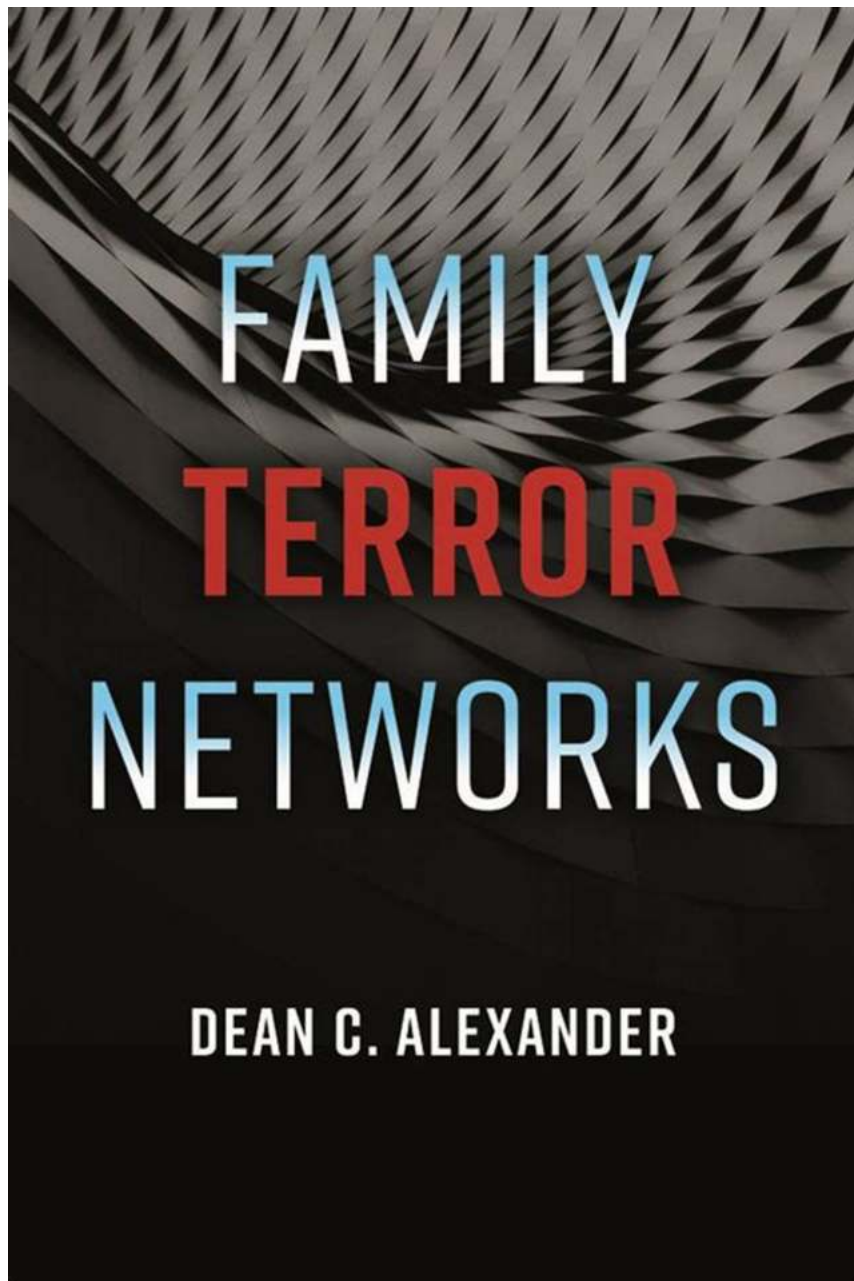
As the weeks turned into months, the Johnsons couldn't ignore the escalating violence that began to plague their lives. Strange scratches would appear on their bodies overnight, with no recollection of how they got there. The children became terrified of their own home, recounting stories of ghostly figures lurking in the shadows.

A Frantic Search for Answers

Fueled by fear and desperation, the Johnsons sought out the help of paranormal experts, seeking an explanation for the terror that had befallen them. Each attempt to rid their home of the malevolent presence only seemed to make things worse. It was as if whatever entity inhabited their home grew stronger with every failed attempt to banish it.

The Unthinkable

As the horror intensified, so did the toll it took on the Johnson family. Their relationships strained, their mental and physical health deteriorating rapidly. The once-happy home became a place of fear and despair.



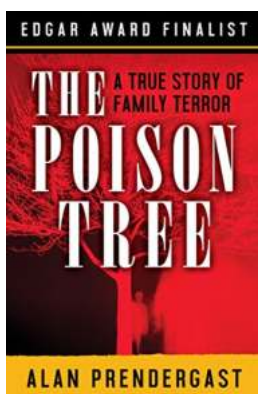
A Desperate Fight for Survival

With no other options left, the Johnsons made the difficult decision to leave their home, hoping to escape the clutches of the malevolent force that had tormented them for too long. They sought solace in a new town, desperate to rebuild their lives and leave the horrors behind them.

The Aftermath

The Johnsons' story serves as a harrowing reminder of how even the strongest of families can be torn apart by darkness. They continue to rebuild their lives, forever changed by the terror they endured. The true origins of the evil that lurked within their home remain a mystery, serving as a bone-chilling cautionary tale for all who hear it.

The true story of the Johnson family is not for the faint of heart. It is a chilling reminder that evil can lurk anywhere, even within the walls of our own homes. It serves as a stark warning to always listen to the whispers in the dark and never dismiss the unexplainable. The terror endured by the Johnsons will forever haunt those who hear their tale. Are you ready to uncover the dark secrets that lie within?



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Edgar Award Finalist: The shocking account of a Wyoming father who terrorized his family for years—until his children plotted a deadly solution.

One cold November night, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, fifteen-year-old Richard Jahnke Jr., ROTC leader and former Boy Scout, waited for his parents to return from celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the night they met. When his father got out of the car, the boy blasted him through the heart with a twelve-gauge pump-action shotgun. Richard's seventeen-year-old sister, Deborah, was sitting on the living room couch with a high-powered rifle—just in case her brother missed.

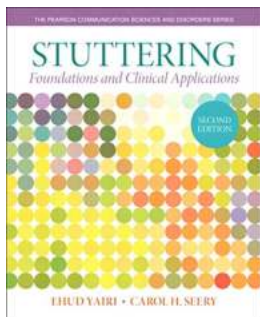
Hours later the Jahnke kids were behind bars. Days later they made headlines. So did the truth about the house of horrors on Cowpoke Road.

Was it cold-blooded murder? Or self-defense?

Richard Jahnke Sr., special agent for the IRS, gun collector, and avid reader of *Soldier of Fortune*, had been subjecting his wife, Maria, and both children to harrowing abuse—physical, psychological, and sexual—for years. Deborah and her brother conspired to finally put a stop to it themselves. But their fate was in the hands of a prejudiced and inept judicial system, and only public outcry could save them.

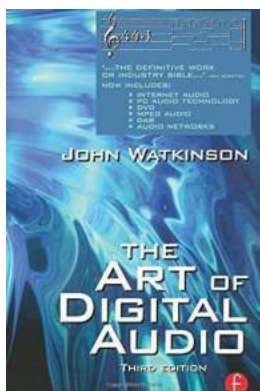
Written with the full and revealing cooperation of the Jahnkes, this finalist for the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime is “the ultimate family nightmare, played out in the heartland of America. . . . From the night of the murder through both trials,

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(Chicago Tribune).



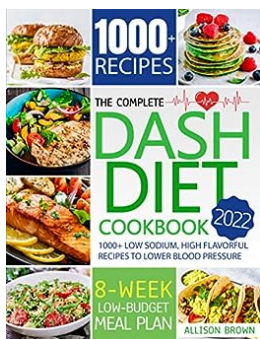
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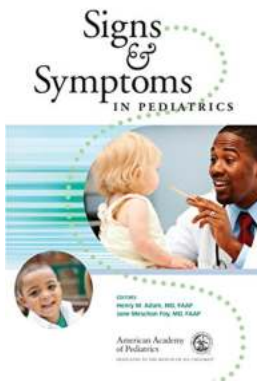
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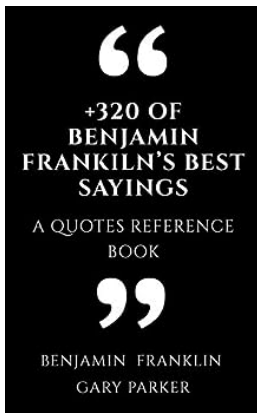
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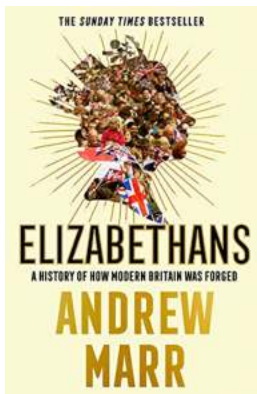
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