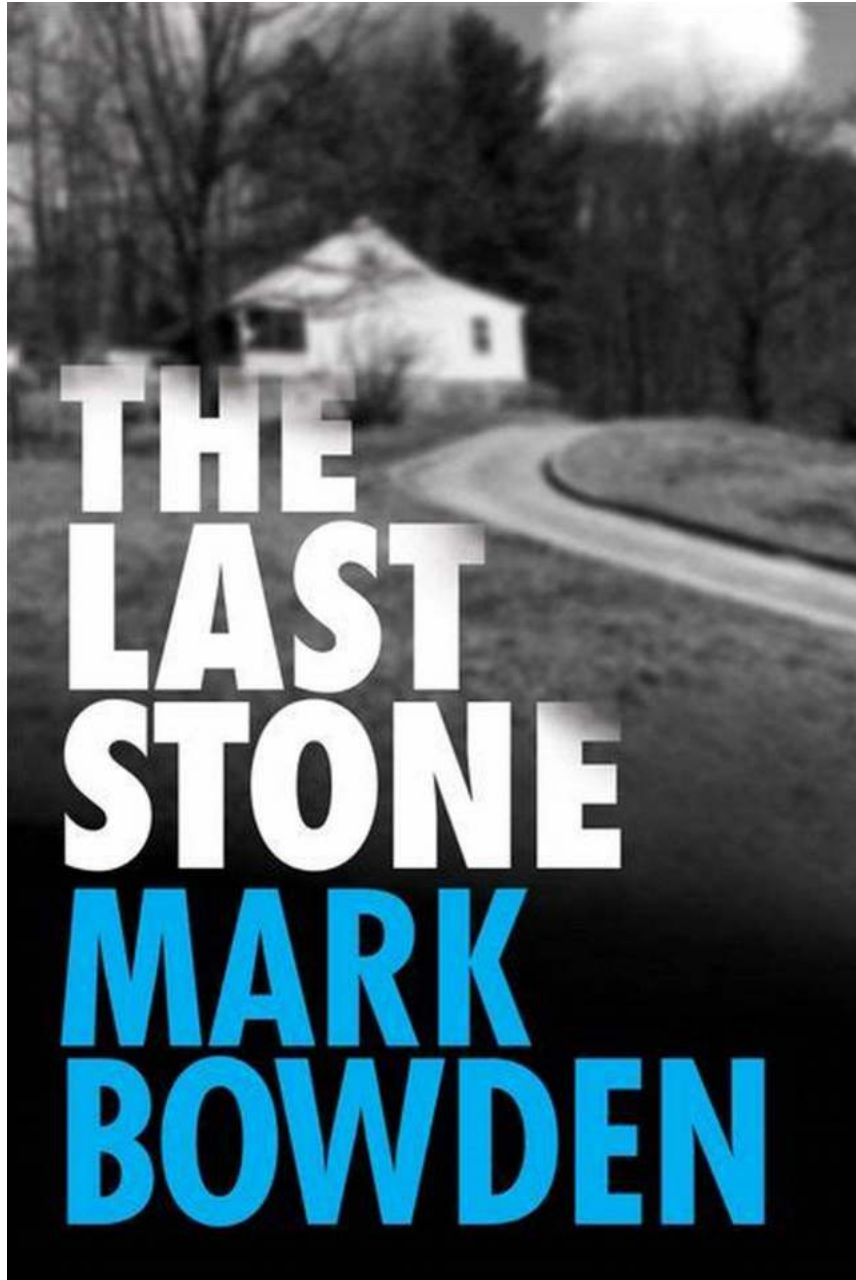


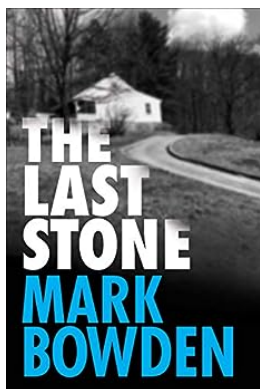
The Last Stone: A Gripping True Crime Story by Mark Bowden



In the world of crime literature, few authors can captivate readers like Mark Bowden. Known for his masterful storytelling and meticulous research, his latest book, "The Last Stone," brings another electrifying true crime investigation to life.

With an intriguing narrative, vivid descriptions, and a compelling cast of characters, Bowden once again proves why he is a master of the genre.

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The Last Stone by Mark Bowden (Kindle Edition)

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The Last Stone Synopsis

"The Last Stone" delves into the gripping real-life story of the disappearance of two young sisters, Sheila and Katherine Lyon, from a suburban shopping mall in Maryland in 1975. As the years went by, the case remained unsolved until 1993 when Detective Scott Hornoff reopened the investigation.

Bowden takes readers on a journey through the meticulous detective work, unforeseen twists, and turns, and the relentless pursuit of justice that eventually led to the uncovering of the truth. With heart-pounding suspense and colorful narrative, Bowden keeps readers hooked from the first page to the last.

Through extensive research and interviews with both law enforcement officials and the families involved, Bowden provides an intimate and comprehensive

account of the investigation, shedding light on the toll it took on both the families and the investigators themselves.

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Bowden's Unique Approach

What sets Mark Bowden apart as a true crime writer is his ability to humanize the characters, bringing them to life within the pages of his books. "The Last Stone" is no exception. With meticulous attention to detail, Bowden paints a vivid picture of the time, place, and people involved in the case.

Drawing on his journalistic background, Bowden provides a balanced perspective and avoids sensationalism. He carefully explores the motivations, actions, and emotions of both the investigators and the subjects, offering readers a layered understanding of the events surrounding the disappearance.

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The Lasting Impact

"The Last Stone" goes beyond the crime itself, shedding light on the long-lasting impact it had on the Lyon family, the community, and the field of law enforcement. Bowden delves into the challenges faced by the investigators, the frustration of the families, and the toll the case took on everyone involved.

Through his in-depth research and narrative skill, Bowden explores larger questions about justice, closure, and the effects of crime on society as a whole. His thought-provoking analysis adds another layer of depth to an already gripping story.

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Why You Can't Put it Down

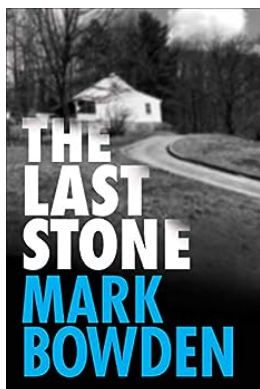
"The Last Stone" is a mesmerizing true crime story that will have you on the edge of your seat. Bowden's meticulous research, combined with his gripping storytelling style, creates an immersive reading experience that is hard to forget.

From the start, Bowden grabs your attention with his carefully crafted narrative and the captivating characters he brings to life. As the story unfolds, the twists and turns keep you guessing and hungry for more. Bowden's ability to create tension and suspense is unrivaled, making "The Last Stone" a page-turner that you won't be able to put down.

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With "The Last Stone," Mark Bowden once again proves his skill as a true crime writer. Through his compelling storytelling and meticulous research, Bowden brings this captivating investigation to life. This gripping tale of perseverance, justice, and the human spirit will leave readers enthralled from beginning to end.

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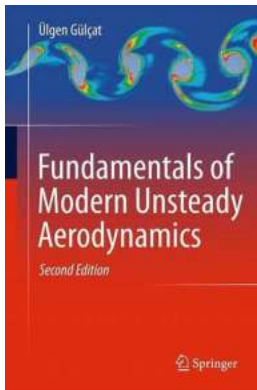
On March 29, 1975, sisters Katherine and Sheila Lyons, ages ten and twelve, vanished from a shopping mall in suburban Washington, DC. As shock spread, then grief, a massive police effort found nothing. The investigation was shelved, and the mystery endured.

Then, in 2013, a cold case squad detective found something he and a generation of detectives had missed. It pointed them toward a man named Lloyd Welch, then serving time for child molestation in Delaware.

The acclaimed author of *Black Hawk Down* and *Hue 1968* had been a cub reporter for a Baltimore newspaper at the time of the original disappearance, and covered the frantic first weeks of the story. In *The Last Stone*, he returns to write its ending. Over months of intense questioning and extensive investigation of Welch’s sprawling, sinister Appalachian clan, five skilled detectives learned to sift truth from determined lies. How do you get a compulsive liar with every reason in the world to lie to tell the truth? *The Last Stone* recounts a masterpiece of criminal interrogation, and delivers a chilling and unprecedented look inside a disturbing criminal mind.

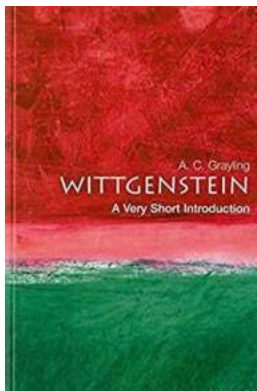
“One of our best writers of muscular nonfiction.” —The Denver Post

“Deeply unsettling . . . Bowden displays his tenacity as a reporter in his meticulous documentation of the case. But in the story of an unimaginably horrific crime, it’s the detectives’ unwavering determination to bring Welch to justice that offers a glimmer of hope on a long, dark journey.” —Time



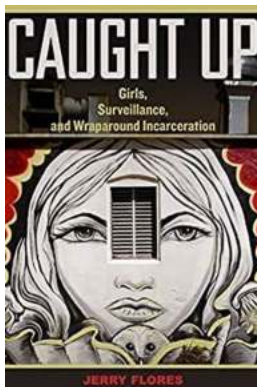
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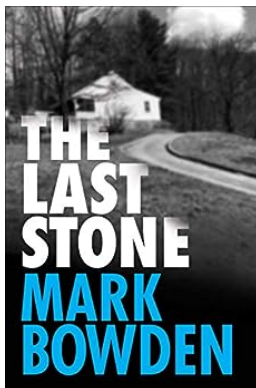
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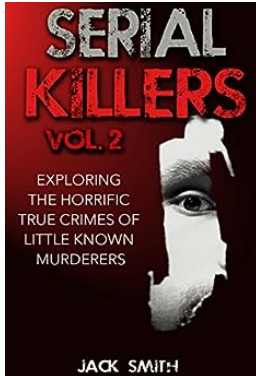
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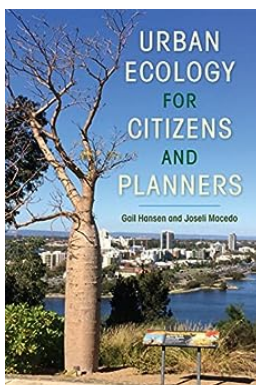
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