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Author Spotlight:  
Patricia Cornwell

When Ms. Cornwell’s first book, *Postmortem* was released many years ago, she was employed as a computer analyst at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond, Virginia.

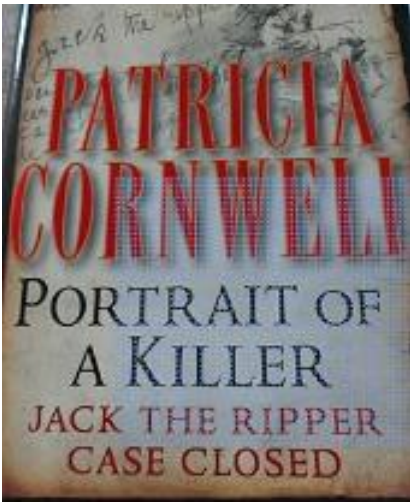
Though I did not read the above fiction piece, I had another one of Ms. Cornwell’s books on my shelf. I wasn’t sure I was ready to read about real-life events in such a way, but I finally swallowed the nerve and took a dive.

**Note:** Surprisingly, it was a book I had on my shelf for years. It was also one that once I started, took me quite a while to finish and I knew exactly why.

*Portrait of A Killer: Jack the Ripper Case Closed* gives insight into who was believed to be the infamous serial killer in the late 1880s through the early 1890s. It gives explicit information about the victims of Jack The Ripper and his motives for the murders.

**Note:** Including pictures. I was not prepared and had nightmares. \*\*shiver\*\*

Minus everything that disturbed me in this book (detailed descriptions of murders and images) It was an interesting read. I’m all about the who’s and why of a story, I just wasn’t ready to delve that deep into the graphic nature of the novel.



Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper-Case Closed:  
Cornwell, Patricia: 9780399149320: Amazon.com: Books



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It’s True Crime June

When looking at crime novels, specifically true crime, think about how the media shares information with the public. They have to be strongly censored when it comes to reporting. Now think about the shows on the Investigative ID, ION Mystery, and True Crime TV. Those alone can get graphic, and the depictions given by the investigators about the crime in question are intense.

**Note:** I will say that not all TV crime stories are cringy however, there are news outlets in other countries that don’t have the censorship we here in the US do. The content is disturbing.

One thing I’ll say about books is that there are no filters. Go back to what you see on TV and amplify it by ten or so. If you can handle graphic accounts with extremely detailed content, more power to you.

**Note:** It’s one thing to read fiction and form it into a movie reel in your head, knowing it’s not real. I handle this way so much better.

I found an article by the JSTOR Daily online discussing when they believe true crime became a thing for consumer reading. It’s pretty interesting information so I added the link if anyone is interested. [The Bloody History of the True Crime Genre - JSTOR Daily](#)

\*\*Book Notes\*\*

I’ll soon have more time to release a book this year. Hang in there with me. Next month, I’ll have a progress report.

**Note:** Book 3 of the Linear Brothers series is coming soon.

Check out the June events section on my website to see where I’m hanging out this month. Maybe if you have some time, you can come by and chat.

**Note:** Stay tuned.

Until next time! 😊

Word Of The Month  
snuggery

[www.worddaily.com](http://www.worddaily.com)

**noun:** a cozy or comfortable place, especially someone’s private room or den. *My snuggery was changed into a guest bedroom for the in-laws.*”

Scoop Of The Month  
Hail-meggdan

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And thus why the newsletter was delayed. A whopper of a hailstorm came through the neighborhood last week and we are still shaking our heads in disbelief at how to finish this cleanup. (plus we had an HS graduation and a wedding vow renewal).

Nerd Alert  
Gray Hair Myth Refuted

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They say if you pluck gray hair, more pop up. Not only will they not appear in droves, but the hair may not grow back because of a potentially damaged hair follicle from said plucking. (I earned every one of my grays, and I embrace them). 😊