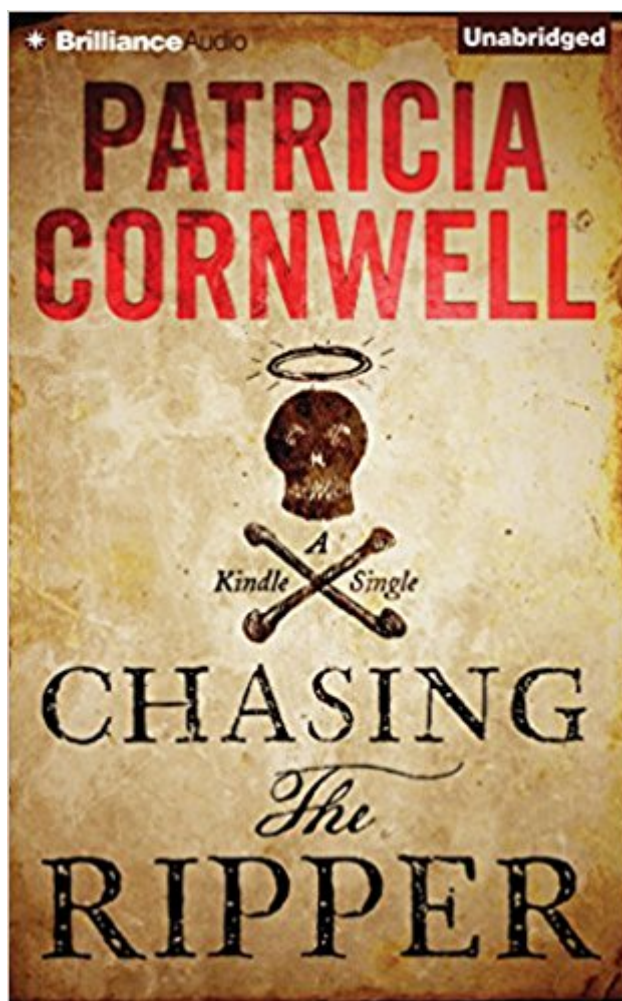


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# Chasing The Ripper



## Synopsis

In 2001, #1 New York Times bestselling crime novelist Patricia Cornwell was pulled into a real-life investigation of her own "the long-unsolved and deeply unsettling "Jack the Ripper" murders that mesmerized London in the late 1800s. Applying modern science and forensic techniques to a century-old crime, Cornwell's research led to the publication of *Portrait of a Killer*, in which she identified the renowned British painter Walter Sickert as the Ripper. The book became a #1 bestseller but also embroiled Cornwell in controversy as Ripperologists dismissed her claims and her credibility. But for Cornwell, the book was only the beginning. For more than a decade, Cornwell has devoted countless hours and invested millions in her pursuit of new evidence against Sickert. Now, twelve years later, Cornwell revisits the most notorious unsolved crime in history "determined to solve the mystery once and for all. In this exclusive Kindle Single, Cornwell restates her case against Sickert, unveils new evidence, clarifies his motivations, and makes him human "and, along the way, explains how such a prominent cultural figure could be a notorious killer. She also directly faces down her critics with withering skill and, in doing so, is likely to re-ignite the debate over history's most heinous unsolved crime. *Chasing the Ripper* offers a surprisingly personal and revealing look into what it has been like for Cornwell to pursue the most sensational murder case in criminal history "even as she continues to thrill her fans with a steady diet of new Scarpetta novels, including *Flesh and Blood*, her latest New York Times bestseller.

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## Customer Reviews

Patricia Cornwell is recognized as one of the world's top bestselling crime authors, with novels translated into thirty-six languages in more than 120 countries. Her novels have won numerous prestigious awards including the Edgar, the Creasey, the Anthony, the Macavity, and the Prix du Roman d'Aventure. Beyond the Scarpetta series, Cornwell has written a definitive book about Jack the Ripper, a biography, and two more fiction series, among others. Cornwell, a licensed helicopter pilot and scuba diver, actively researches the cutting-edge forensic technologies that inform her work. She was born in Miami, grew up in Montreat, North Carolina, and now lives and works in Boston.

I can understand how the case of Jack the Ripper becomes an obsession. And for Patricia Cornwell, it started when she first heard about the case and decided to write *Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper--Case Closed* framing the case with forensic evidence. Her conclusion - that Walter Sickert was the Ripper - met with a great hue and cry from the "Ripperologists" and now she is publishing a new book "Ripper: The Secret Life of Walter Sickert" in early 2017 with more details and some additional chapters. This Kindle Short (under 50 pages) is a teaser for the upcoming book and has plenty of "humble brags" - as in "who knew when I started that I would SOLVE the case" (my paraphrase) - which gets tiring after a while. There really is nothing new in this book and it serves as an advertisement for her upcoming book. But having said that, I think she's gotten enough evidence on Sickert that he could possibly BE the Ripper. It makes as much sense as any other theory out there.

It's unclear what the purpose of this book is. Is Patricia defending herself in kind of a tacky way? Is she attempting to supplement her original book on the Ripper? Is she ramping up a buzz for a new Ripper book? She kind of hints at this at the end. I'm not sure what she's trying to accomplish, but I thought the insight was interesting nonetheless. I think, perhaps, she should just lay this one to rest if there's not new evidence. She seems genuinely frustrated and weary of this case, but exhibits a strong sense of duty in leaving nothing untouched. I think her critics are too harsh. I read the original book more than a decade ago, and I honestly thought she solved the case at that point. I thought it would be in the news and laid to rest. It was not to be. I'd love to see her do some other cases. JFK maybe? I like her perspective and drive.

Patricia Cornwell has lived this true crime story for decades. She has been diligent in pursuing leads, even trying to use modern technology to help with proof. Unfortunately, decades of

improper storage and multiple contaminants have rendered no usable facts. Yet, she presents a formidable case. Fascinating!

I have never followed the story of Jack the Ripper. Since reading this overview of Patricia Cornwell's attempt at finding the truth I can't wait to read her book. She appears to have taken this seriously and I found her comments refreshingly candid.

Good quick read if it been awhile since reading first treatise written some time ago. Cornwall has grown in her forensic knowledge and I am in hope of an even more exciting rewrite in Ripper.

Returned for a refund. I too was misled by the advertising that promised new evidence. Quite a disappointment since I thoroughly enjoyed Portrait of a Killer and am convinced that she cracked the case. However this 30 minute read is not worth the \$2 for all the reasons cited by other reviews. Don't waste your money, and if you have, return for a refund.

I am glad we read this. I'm glad she persevered and wrote it.

Patricia Cornwell is an amazing researcher, writer and story teller. She holds your attention and makes you feel as if you are right there with her, making discoveries and solving mysteries.

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