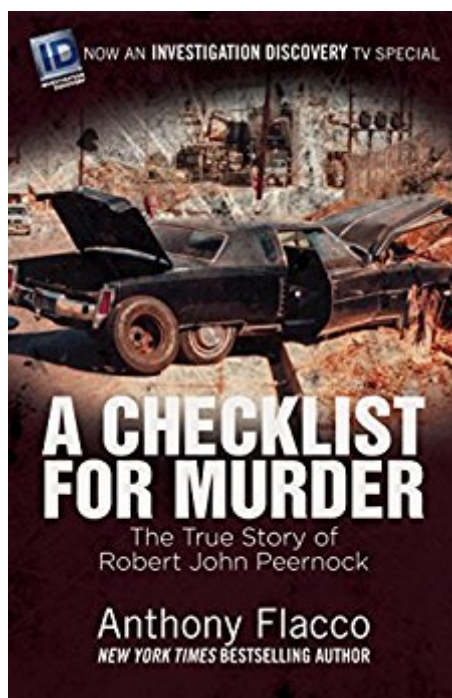


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A Checklist For Murder: The True Story Of Robert John Peernock



Synopsis

From award-winning author Anthony Flacco comes a powerful tale of a picture-perfect family, the madness that plagued them, and a betrayal that plunged them into a fatal nightmare. Robert Peernock appeared to have the ideal life; working as a pyrotechnics engineer and computer expert and coming home to his wife and daughter, Peernock projected the American dream. Even when he and his wife separated, it seemed amicable, just a small bump for the well-to-do family. But there was madness in his house: in private, Peernock was violent, subtly manipulative, and bordering on psychotic. But the horrifying details of his home life would only come to light after Peernock finally lost all control. Peernock had come home, brutally beat both his wife and daughter, force fed them alcohol, and deliberately sent them to their death behind the wheel, staging it to look like a drunk driving accident. He didn't foresee that his daughter would survive, and even with years of abuse, her attempted murder, and horrendous injuries, he never anticipated that she would speak so powerfully against him. Throughout his trial, Peernock claimed a massive government conspiracy against him. He hired and fired lawyers multiple times, deadlocking juries and spinning a web of lies. NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author Anthony Flacco (IMPOSSIBLE ODDS, THE ROAD OUT OF HELL) chronicles the sensational trial and all the terror that preceded it, looking deep into the mind of a deranged killer whose American dream was a waking nightmare for those trapped within it.

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Customer Reviews

I have read a few books about this horrific crime. This book is the best one for it informs the reader more details about what took place prior, during and after Robert J. Peernock committed his heinous crimes against his wife and daughter. It is sad that the wife was killed but we need to be extremely thankful that the daughter somehow managed to survive the ordeal she experienced that day and into the night. True crime readers will definitely feel this book is worth purchasing and that it is very well written.

The first thing that comes to mind is riveting; the second is incredulity. This crime is hard to comprehend...that a biological father can treat his daughter so horrendously and his wife, the mother of his children, in such a callous manner. In this case truth, indeed, is stranger than fiction. Anthony Flacco does a brilliant job of giving all the facts so the reader has plenty of information to draw their own conclusion. This is a hard to put down book.

If you like true crime books, this is one you won't be able to put down. It is very well-written and keeps you anxious to see what's in the next paragraph all the way to the end of the book. The writer takes care to let us learn about every character in the book...from the evil perpetrator all the way to the prosecutors and the judge at his trial. I couldn't put it down, and frankly am a little sorry I've finished it. It'll be hard to find another one that is as well-written as this.

This is one of the most craziest true crime stories I have ever read. Robert Peernock is a true psychopath. What he did to his wife, and what he put his own daughter through for the sake of greed is mind boggling. Mr. Flacco did an excellent job covering this case. I had previously seen on one of the crime shows, but not as much detail. I hope that Tasha finds some peace. She is very brave and a big hero, in my book. As a few other reviewers have stated, Peernock should have gotten the death penalty.

I read a copious amount of true crime but this was my first Anthony Flacco read. I don't usually post a review but as Anthony is my new favourite true crime writer I made an exception. He doesn't

belabor all the unnecessary facts or family histories, grammar and spelling are good. Reads like a novel Anthony has an uncanny ability to channel the feelings and emotions of all involved. I wish Tasha peace and love and everyone a little bit of advice from Buddha 'Peace comes from within, Do not seek it without'. Do not try and understand this poor excuse for a man, psychopaths do not feel human emotion hence can never be understood by rational people, it's a waste of peace to try.

Very well written true story. The author does a great job of giving the reader lots of rich background of the players. The story is not repetitive like some true crime stories. The story continued in a linear fashion and really kept me engaged. The twists and turns were fascinating, and led to an unpredictable ending.

I only read true crime and biography and this was a good one. Engrossing, I couldn't wait to pick it up each night. What makes it a bit different is that one intended victim survived and therefore the facts of the case are based on her recall of events rather than piecing evidence together to build the picture. A very unhinged father who cared little for his family, committed a horrific crime for his own selfish gain. His behaviour in court made it easy for others to see his explosive nature and come to the right verdict. Despite years in jail, those involved in the case, including jurors, lawyers and the victim, continue to be at risk of retaliation from the perpetrator. Shockingly intriguing read.

This is a book I could not put down; a real page turner. So hard to imagine how he could do this to his wife much less to his daughter. A very controlling man and as I read more and more I thought perhaps he would finally stop his evil ways but even prison did not do that for him. Truly mentally ill and should never be released and yet he still cannot accept that it is all his fault and does not deserve any mercy. He continues to blame everyone else.

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