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The Craven Silence 3 (True Crime Worldwide Vintage Edition)



Synopsis

Where civilization ends savagery begins...In their third narrative investigating the unsolved murder of JonBenet Ramsey the two bestselling authors of *The Craven Silence 2* have uncovered some startling new evidence. Is another boy from the Boulder neighborhood involved in the Christmas 1996 incident besides Burke? Why was an aborted 911 call made from the Ramsey residence on December 23rd? Was John Ramsey having an affair? Van der Leek and Wilson unravel secret after secret to uncover what lies beneath *The Craven Silence*.

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Customer Reviews

A magnificent work here on the third and final installation of the immensely popular series of narratives, *The Craven Silence*. I've read Van der Leek and Wilson's work now for several years, and appreciate each and every effort, but for those who haven't, I think the first thing you might notice is just how intelligent they are. This is a boon for obvious reasons, but perhaps the most beneficial asset as regards a quick mind and this case, is the ability to quickly separate at least some of what's relevant, from what isn't. This is invaluable in a case fraught with a voluminous amount of clutter, any number of rabbit holes one could foolishly scurry down at any turn, and one

that presents with existing opposing theories. This is no easy feat, but tackle the job though they do, they do it brilliantly, and with aplomb. A trademark of their work, is the effort they put into research, and in my personal experience in reading other books on the Jon BenÃ©t case, this effort sets them apart from others. This brings me to the second point a new reader will readily notice and appreciate, which is their work ethic and determination. They provide supporting documentation to accompany any and all of their reasoning at each step along the way, dots are connected, and the end result is a theory of this case that finally has legs. Turns out, this case wasn't nearly as complicated as it initially seemed, but just needed the help of a couple of independent thinkers to apply a healthy degree of discernment, and in some cases, skepticism, to the existing facts of the case, and then present it all in a cohesive manner to the reader. Van der Leek and Wilson have certainly done that. They can also write. This is a gift that truly can't be underestimated in any genre, but is especially the case in true crime, where good writing is sometimes lacking. With their objectivity, reliance on existing facts and new ones they've most certainly established, these two, Van der Leek and Wilson, could have made darn good detectives should they have chosen the profession. As luck would have it, though, they didn't, and readers everywhere can raise a glass to that.

You will not be able to stop reading these books once you start. At times I feel like the authors are in my head reading my thoughts on this case.

I was pretty hard on the first book in my review, but after completing the series it did get some better. Throughout, there are references and quotes that don't seem to relate. They talk repeatedly about the bikes but then never follow through on connecting them. They hint that the Stines are involved but never explain their theory. In all the books there is a persistent theme of "we're going to cover this topic in another book" in effort to get you to buy more books. To me this is a cheesy bait and sell scheme which never delivers. A good writer puts the time and effort in to research the topic, compile information and present it in a succinct, complete and understandable way. You will not find that in these books. On the other hand, they do present a good discussion of the psychological side of this case although they never bring it full circle. They have also compiled quotes from different interviews that show discrepancies in the Ramsey's statements. In the end, I did learn things about the case, and considered things I hadn't thought of before, therefore I guess, I'm glad I read it but wish it had been in one book that had been more organized and should have cost around \$10 USD.

Read the 3 installments on Kindle, and I think you brought an intuitive, intelligent enthusiasm to the interrogation via the psychology of the children. It's underestimated how much damage the sibling rivalry and parental short-sightedness does to the child's personality (and the adults who go with the flow!) It's so clear, in this telling of yours, that there were always two "only child" offspring in the house: first a son who is the only child until a sister comes along. He becomes the "other" child while she is given the turn at being the "only." If only the father had adopted his own boy as fiercely as she sank her teeth into her girl. There'd still have been damaged young people growing up- but they'd at least have grown up physically together and possibly lived equally long lives.

Very informative. Was not aware of a lot of information you gave. I watched the Dr Phil show and I could not believe how Burke presented himself. There is definitely something wrong with him. He had a diabolical look on his face which said it all. I do believe he killed his sister, and the parents covered it up.

I have always felt sad for the beautiful girl child Jon Benet and I have always wanted to know what happened to her. This book helps to find the answers. I was surprised to learn there was a previous 911 call made from the house during a Christmas party on the 23rd of December. What happened that night? Did Burke do something to Jon Benet? As we saw on the CBS documentary Burke had previously hit Jon Benet below the eye with a golf club. And as we saw on Dr Phill's documentary there's something not quite right about Burke. The revelation that fibre from Patsy's jumper was found on the duct tape on Jon Benet's mouth makes me feel incredulous that the parents got away with covering up what really happened to their daughter. More so to protect their own culpability than their sons and in doing so they denied Jon Benet her truth. There are many more revelations in the book particularly regarding the Ramsey's friends the Stines. It really is worth while reading the whole series. As I was reading I was happy that my father treated my sister and I equally and there was no sibling rivalry. If it was her birthday he would buy her something small too. My sister is my best friend. I am grateful to have had a warm working class upbringing rather than a cold, rich one. Love is more important than expensive toys.

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