

CORNWALL MURDER FILES

FAMOUS CASES SOLVED AND UNSOLVED

Patricia Gray

"The easiest murder in the world to solve is the one where the killer gets too clever. The one that really challenges the police is the murder someone only thought of two minutes before they pulled it off."

Raymond Chandler

In this intriguing book Patricia Gray documents a dozen cases of murder committed in Cornwall in the later decades of the last century and five in the present. Each in their time caused something of a sensation, as murders always do in small communities. The death sentence was still available to judges who heard a number of these cases, adding a further lurid quality to the public interest in them.

The author has selected crimes which give coverage of the whole county, including one in the Isles of Scilly. The motive for each varies, some the result of robberies gone wrong, others caused by lovers' passions, greed and jealousy, and one involving terrifying child abuse. In a number of instances the murderer faced the ultimate penalty, in others acquittal came following lengthy trials. The book ends with a number of murders as yet unsolved.

The following chapters are included:

Constantine: The Invisible Man • Falmouth: A Quick Cop
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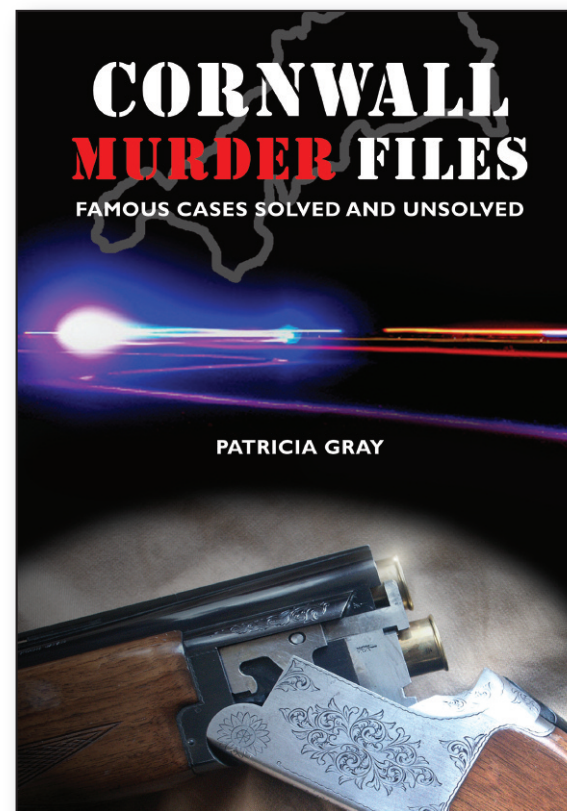
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