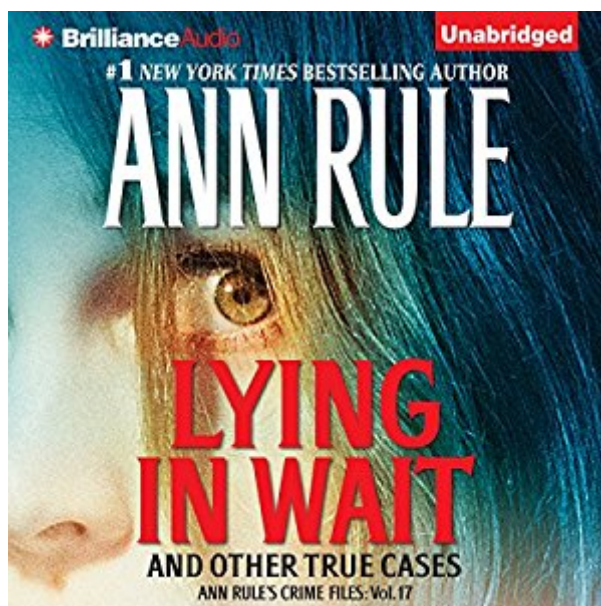


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# Lying In Wait: Ann Rule's Crime Files, Book 17



## Synopsis

Three decades ago, Jackie Schut was considered one of the most prolific "baby sellers" in the country. She traveled all over the US, murdered women who had just borne babies, and then stole their infants. She is still imprisoned in the South. A lovely, vibrant woman in San Antonio was found dead in a vacant lot. Her mother, a popular local realtor, never stopped looking for her killer. Just months ago, a truly unlikely suspect was found many states away. At last, the seemingly impossible case to solve had answers no one ever considered. On Christmas Day three years ago, two grandparents, their son, his wife, their two small boys, their daughter, and her boyfriend gathered to celebrate the holiday. For reasons that are still almost impossible to contemplate, the sister and her boyfriend shot and killed everyone in the room. In these chilling true stories, Ann Rule reveals the dark underside of the American family unit - together and torn apart. Her unforgettable accounts will intrigue you, and once again prove the obvious: that Rule is "America's best true-crime writer" (Kirkus Reviews).

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## Customer Reviews

Good set of stories. Anne Rule has done it again. Easy to read, but sad. I've been an Ann Rule fan for a long time, and (fortunately or unfortunately) I've learned a lot about trusting (and not trusting) people from Ann's stories. Her books have made me a much safer and alert person.

Ann Rule's latest collection of crime writings, "Lying in Wait," is missing the energy and edge she

used to write with. Even when she was only providing us with a lurid thrill she wasn't boring. This one is wrong from the very title (not one case has anybody "lying in wait"). She seems to be bored with her material, stale, as any writer would have to get when she has sat back churning out identical collections of the same ilk instead of making more demands on her considerable skills by taking on more challenging reporting work.

I can't believe she passed away, have been reading her books for 20 years or more. She was such a creative talented lady, as soon as I knew she had a new book being released I ordered it. What will I do now? My heart goes out to her family, she will be missed by all who loved her. Will be lost without her wonderful talent..

I read anything by Ms Rule. I like her stories and books. I can count on her to write entertaining true crime. Some of the stories in this book took place years ago, some more recent. I like the more recent stories, and I am always amazed at the evil stupidity of the perps. Rule always gives credit to the officers involved in the cases. That's a very nice thing for her to do. Without our law enforcement acting on our behalf and always protecting and serving the public, what would we do as a society? Now the reason I gave this book only 3 stars is because it's not as entertaining as the other books in her series, but that is just my opinion. If you're a fan, you'll want to read this book. If this is your first time reading a book by Rule, start with her book on Ted Bundy. That book is truly mesmerizing.

The 17th volume of Ann Rule's true crime files has some older case stories in it, but also some pretty new ones. I was especially taken with the first story in the volume, about a woman who was stealing infants and at the same time, murdering their mothers. Apparently, the woman was probably in cahoots with a doctor and others to sell infants on the black market. I was just appalled that crimes like this go on in the United States of America. One normally thinks of behavior like this as something more prevalent in less developed places. Not so. There are also stories of unlikely murderers (one case had a victim who was killed just 20 miles from where I live) and rapists. This volume makes for another interesting addition to Ms. Rule's true crime files series.

With such limited time to read, I enjoy Ann Rule's Crime Files where I can read one story in a sitting and in any order that I want. Written in the typical Ann Rule style, they are clear depictions of twisted and heartless lives that prey on others. On a recent family road trip we read a few of the stories aloud. "The Baby Seller" was disturbing and left us wondering if the crimes were limited to just those

referenced in the story and most of all...why? "Take a Lifer Home to Dinner" was such a shocking example of a wily criminal and a disillusional correctional system that even my police officer son was left shaking his head. I'm anxious to finish the other stories because what I have read thus far does not disappoint.

Ann Rule is the best! Great stories. She always brings the victims back to life! Have read many of her books and love them all! Though I don't know how she sleeps at night with all these horror stories in her head.

I always love Ann Rule's books, but I have to confess that I could not read the first story in this set as it was too graphic in nature and dealt with child molestation. This book would be great for someone who has not suffered from childhood sexual abuse, but if you have, please be forewarned that this may be too difficult for you to read. The other stories in the text were enjoyable, and Ann Rule is her usual masterful self.

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