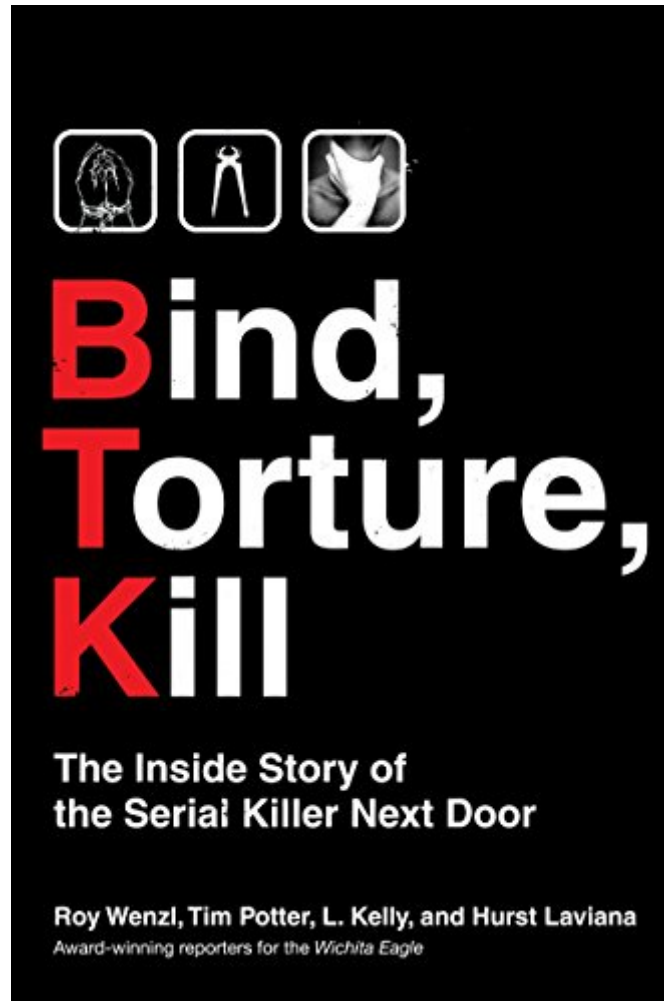


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Bind, Torture, Kill: The Inside Story Of BTK, The Serial Killer Next Door



Synopsis

For thirty-one years, an unremarkable family man stalked, killed, and terrorized the people of Wichita, Kansas. He was a devoted husband. A helpful Boy Scout dad. A reliable, conscientious employee. A dependable church president. And behind it all, the notorious serial killer BTK—a self-anointed acronym for "bind, torture, kill." Now that he's in prison serving ten consecutive life sentences, the whole world knows that Dennis Rader is BTK. But the intricate twists and shocking turns of this story have never before been told by the people who were intimately acquainted with the BTK killer and Rader the family man, or by the dedicated cops who finally caught him. *Bind, Torture, Kill: The Inside Story of the Serial Killer Next Door* takes readers behind closed doors, revealing the full and horrific tale as seen through the eyes of the killer, his victims, the investigators, and the reporters who covered it all. *Bind, Torture, Kill* is written by four award-winning crime reporters for *The Wichita Eagle* with the enthusiastic help of Wichita police lieutenant Ken Landwehr and his BTK Task Force. With hours of exclusive interviews with key Task Force members; in-depth interviews with the families of victims; an interview with Jeff Rader, the notorious killer's brother; and over thirty years' worth of original reporters' notes, archival news stories, photos, documents, and material previously suppressed at the request of the police, *Bind, Torture, Kill* lays bare the secret story behind the BTK psychopath and the people who brought him down.

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This particular account of the BTK story is specifically written from the point of view of the police who worked on the case. There are other accounts presented from other points of view, such as Bob Beattie's book, which has good information but was rushed into print and reads like a first draft. These reporters interacted with law enforcement during the unfolding of the story, and this was an appropriate way for them to present an account of it. This book was difficult for me to read, but I couldn't put it down. I knew one of the victims. I was a reporter who covered another of the murders. (I am not connected with any of the authors other than having met some of them.) And I was acquainted with several police officers who worked on the case at various times. This is a detailed account of how the solution to the case came together, with extremely accurate information -- so accurate, actually, that I went through the grieving process for my friend and for some of the now deceased police officers, all over again. I knew the pain of losing them, and also the terror and insanity of coming home from work and opening every closet door in my house with a knife in my hand, praying I wouldn't have to use it, and knowing that if I did, I'd be no match for an experienced murderer. I now know that my morbid fascination with reading every article and book I could find, and watching everything on TV, was just a part of the grieving process. I just had to know certain things before my heart could lay these losses to rest, allowing me to move on with my life. I feel like this book could be, in part, my own biography and the biography of so many others who lived in Wichita during this era.

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