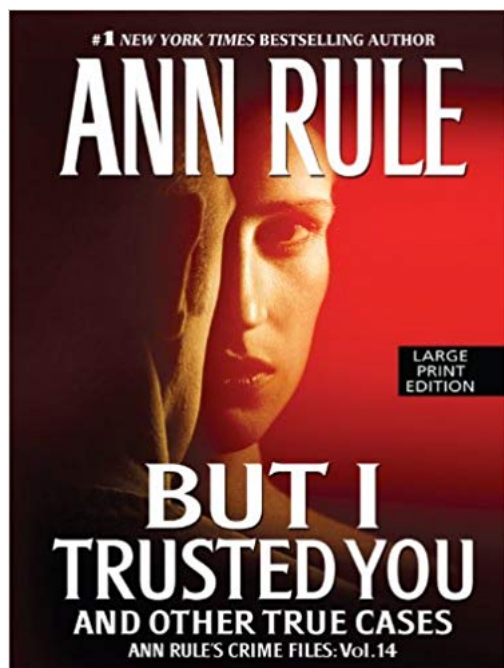


But I Trusted You And Other True Cases (Ann Rule's Crime Files) *by* Ann Rule



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Explores cases of people killed by trusted spouses, lovers, family members, or helpful strangers who turned on them, including the murder of Chuck Leonard, a middle school counselor who was an odd mix of family man and wild man.



Reviews of the **But I Trusted You And Other True Cases (Ann Rule's Crime Files)** *by* Ann Rule

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Ordered this because my husband came across it and expressed an interest. One of the stories involved his cousin and family . I had heard the story from him before but was interested to see Ms. Rules take on it. I have always liked her writing and this was just as good as any others to I have read before. I have only read the one story involving our family and it made me sad and angry that

such evil can exist in this world.. This family was gone before I knew them but feel that I would have loved them after reading this book.. Anne Rule speaks for the victims in this and her other books which make them worth reading.. so often everyone remembers the name of the criminal and not their victims.. Anne Rule makes sure that doesn't happen. I look forward to reading the rest of this book.

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This book is a collection of short reads, a couple of which are very interesting but the whole doesn't stand out as anything but passing time. If you're bored with time to kill, you could do a lot worse than Ann Rule. But...

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This is another of Ann Rule's outstanding books. I would recommend this book to anyone who is fascinated by true crime stories. As always she selects good stories to tell and tells them well.

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Among true crime fans there are those who love Ann Rule and those who don't. I'm proud to let my Ann-Rule-fan-flag fly. She's written some truly great books (Small Sacrifices and Bitter Harvest, to name two) and some that are merely better than most in the genre. Rule does have a tendency to over praise the dead - the "beautiful wife and mother", etc - but I'm willing to overlook that. I see it as part of Rule's determination to keep the victim front and center, to avoid lavishing undeserved attention on the killer. Ann Rule wants to understand the forces that make a killer and how we as a society deal with those who commit the worst crimes.

Her "Crimes Files" series doesn't allow for much space to deal with either question at any length nor to demonstrate her flair for original reporting. This is only my second book from the series and while I'm getting used to the limitations, I'm also beginning to appreciate these books for what they are. By telling a series of stories, Rule can paint a broader picture. Rule is as fascinated as ever with how normal, how plausible killers can be every other area of their lives. But I Trusted You is packed with failures of the criminal justice system. Case after case show sociopaths freed from prison to commit more heinous crimes. Most of the cases are from the 1970s - the land before DNA - and several are either unsolved or unresolved. Time moves on, Rule shows us, but the questions are never answered. Two (The Voyage of the Spellbound and Dark Forest) are truly haunting in their lack of answers.

If you're an Ann Rule fan, this book will tide you over until her new book is released this fall. It's not her best but it's better than most of the St. Martins True Crime Library. If you're new to Rule, start with one of her classics (I'm partial to Small Sacrifices as a starting point) to see what a true crime master can do.

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it's Ann Rule, she's the best at what she does

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great book

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I haven't had much time to dedicate to read of late, I have always loved Ann Rule's books so was very pleased to find this available on Kindle at a period when I did have some spare time. As always I got hooked within the first couple of pages. Admittedly it was a bit slow going and not the usual page turner you get from Ms Rule but not that bad that I gave up on it.

Ann Rule is one of the greatest mystery writers of all times. All of her mystery books and her novel were excellently written and extremely interesting to the point that it was hard to put the book down.

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