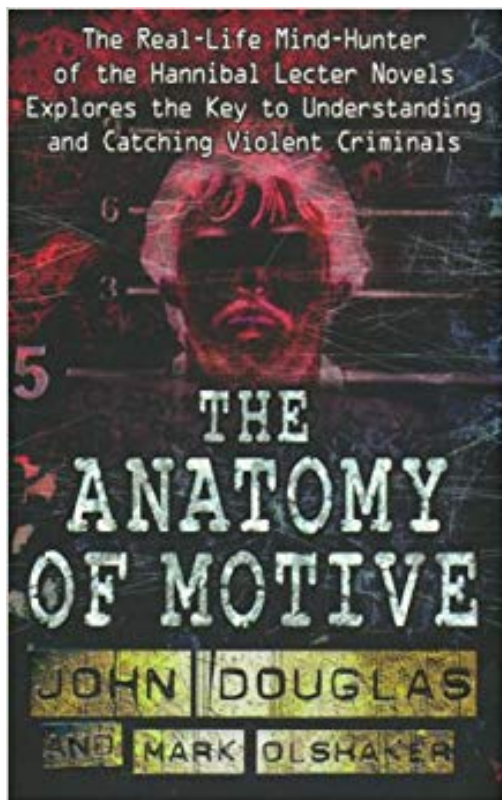


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## Reviews of the The Anatomy of Motive by MARK OLSHAKER' 'JOHN E. DOUGLAS

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Review: The Anatomy of Motive by nJohn Douglas and Mark Olshaker

“The Anatomy of Motive” by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker is a well written book, one of a series the authors have written on criminology. In this book they are outlining how to dissect a case based on psychological evidence pointing to the type of individual who committed the crime. It is at once educational in its scenario (case) presentation and fascinating in the detail the authors provide on famous and some not so famous cases, mostly from the last 75 years. Almost all of the cases they present are murder cases.

The authors are well qualified to do this, as they are retired from the FBI Quantico Unit and were often called in to help with cases from across the nation. Also they spent years interviewing imprisoned felons looking for patterns which they could apply and narrow the search for the perpetrator of hard to solve cases.

With the amount of detail the authors present, the book tends to be somewhat sensualistic. And that adds to the interest in reading the book. At spots the book is a gory read. And that adds to the interest in reading the book. But the book does succeed in presenting several principles to apply to solving hard to solve cases. The mere stating of the principles would be boring. But with the scenarios (cases) it succeeds in its educational purpose, and in maintaining the reader's interest.

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Unfortunately it has been several months since reading this, but my general impression was that it was informative. Its strength is the explanation of how psychological motive underlies, and differentiates, types of violent crimes. As any fan of Mr. Douglas expects, numerous fascinating case examples culled from his career solving violent crime illustrate the narrative. Recommended for students of human nature, psychology students or dilettantes, or any reader whose life philosophy is forewarned is forearmed.

DrayLOVE

The book gets a bit formulaic. Give the details of the crime, give the profile they came up with, then tell about the person arrested, stressing similarities to the profile. Nonetheless, it is very interesting and a fast read.

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Could be used as a textbook. The book is a fascinating read. I chose the book to enhance a book I am writing. However, I would have read this book anyway. It is good.

Ucantia

Dark death in the mind of killers and what really makes them tick. There are eight stories from the legendary FBI Profiler John Douglas and Mark Olshaker.

Douglas identifies the anti-social personality, showing surprising similarities and differences among various types of deadly offenders. He also tracks the progressive escalation of those criminals' sociopathic behavior. His analysis of such diverse killers as Lee Harvey Oswald, Theodore Kaczynski, and Timothy McVeigh is gripping, but more importantly he helps us learn how to anticipate potential violent behavior before it's too late.

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I took a course in college called British Mystery Novels and I wish our professor had us read this book before we read the novels.

However, the information helps me understand some of the people that I have had to deal with over the last fifteen years. In fact, Douglas opened my eyes to the reason why my father beat me; he was a sadist. He actually enjoyed torturing me. There was no other reason he beat me with a bat at age sixteen; I was only twenty-minutes late. He was one sick hombre.

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"The Anatomy of Motive..." by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker, ISBN 0-671-02393-4 (PB), Pocket Books 1999 - is a 393 page exposition by a seasoned writer (11 publications) and FBI's legendary profiler. It is a well-written and indexed (19 pp) mind-probing study of violent evildoers which seeks to observe why misdeeds are committed in especial ways and how that may indicate who (UNSUB) did the particular crime.

Douglas had two decades with the FBI (with teaching and investigative assignments) Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) at Quantico and he discloses the field practice of applied criminal psychology to the crime scenes, forensic evidences and interrogation techniques.

An extensive listing and/or recital of many high profile cases is looked to - including Manson, Berkowitz, Speck, Gacy, Zamora, Pierre & Andrew, Ross, Nickell, List, Coleman & Brown, Cunanan, and Kaczynski is but to highlight a few. I found his judgmental commentaries on these killer

criminals were useful, and based on his personal thorough experiences.

The final chapter includes 4 brief case studies where the reader is to provide the 'who' (suspect) utilizing the basics of 'why' and 'what' had occurred. This book is entrancing and based entirely on true facts, raising the question of why one would want to read crime fiction in place of real people in real places.

Book is interesting. Audible narrator is awful.

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