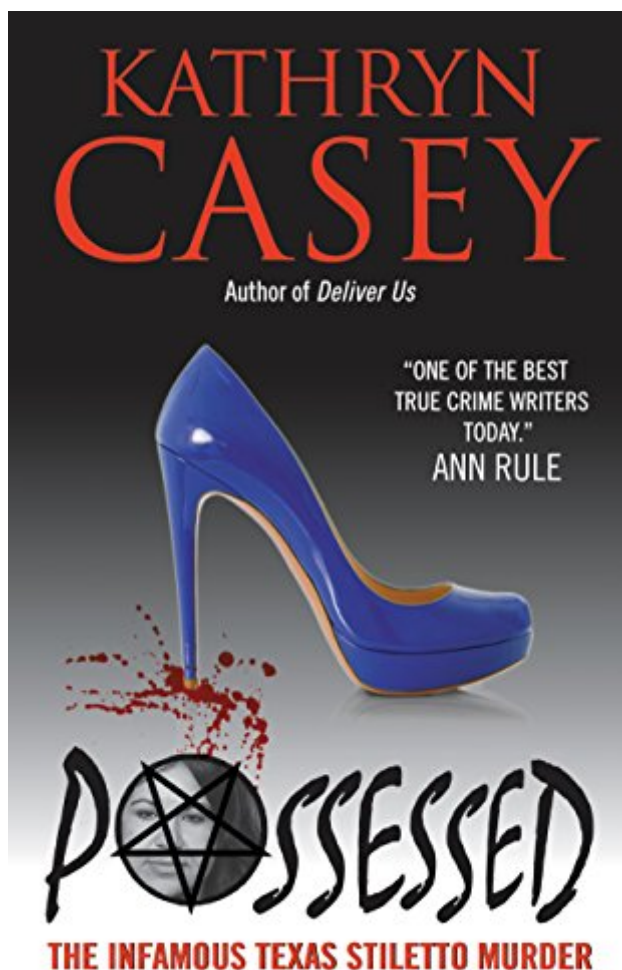


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Possessed: The Infamous Texas Stiletto Murder



Synopsis

A WALKING NIGHTMARE IN SIZE-NINE STILETTOS . . . The officer responding to a 911 call at one of Houston's hippest high-rises expected the worst. After all, domestic violence situations can be unpredictable. But nothing could've prepared him for what he found: a beautiful woman drenched in blood . . . an older man lying dead on the floor . . . and a cobalt blue suede stiletto with tufts of white hair stuck to its five-and-a-half-inch heel. With her stunning looks, magnetic personality, and erratic behavior, Ana Trujillo had a notorious reputation on the downtown Houston scene. She spoke often of occult powers, though few knew how deeply she believed such boasts. Stefan Andersson was a gentle soul, a Swedish transplant with a good career and trusted friends, who was desperate to find someone special. Theirs is a story of obsession, madness, and tragedy. Because once Stefan fell head over heels for Ana, he was under her control and he didn't have a chance in hell.

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Customer Reviews

I've been a huge fan of Kathryn Casey's true crime books and have read all of them. She thoroughly

researches each case that she features, interviews those who knew the victim(s) and perpetrator(s), and the perpetrator(s) themselves, whenever possible. She masterfully brings the key players in each case to life and this book is no exception. I was not familiar with this case prior to reading this book but found my heart breaking piece-by-piece as the perpetrator (Ana Trujillo) repeatedly took advantage and victimized the numerous people who genuinely cared about her and ultimately murdered a kind-hearted, selfless man with whom she previously had a "relationship" before brutally murdering him. Although I would not classify her to be as evil as Jodi Arias, she shamelessly tried to drag an innocent man's reputation through the mud in an effort to justify her crime. Kathryn Casey is one of the handful of rare true crime writers (like the late Ann Rule) who masterfully brings the characters and the story to life. Another great read and I highly recommend this book!

Excellent, excellent, excellent. True crime fans will absolutely love this one. Kathryn Casey delivers each and every time, and she gets better and better with each book. It's hard to find a great true crime writer (with so many books being published without the writer knowing all the facts of a case), but Casey leaves nothing un-turned, and she does so in a way that made it impossible to put this book down. I won't give too many details about the book, but it involves murder in a way I thought only happened in movies. It's disturbing, yes, but Casey writes in a way that lets you into her mind and life, including her past growing up, to help make sense of a such a senseless murder. A must read for true crime readers or anyone who likes a great psychological mystery.

I have heard and even used the old saying about a book being so good I could not put it down, but with POSSESSED, it was true, literally! I started it around seven o'clock in the evening and didn't put it down until I finished it around nine o'clock the next morning! Ms. Casey writes in a truly engaging style and includes such wonderful detail you feel you actually know the characters involved personally. This is a story that even the most imaginative fiction writer could not dream up. Ms. Casey details the lives of the two main characters separately and then brings them together until the fatal conclusion. Even if you have never previously read any true crime non-fiction, you will find this story riveting!

I've been reading true crime since I was 16. I'm 51. I have a voracious appetite for reading. Rarely do I veer off from the genre. In 1999 I took quite a hiatus from reading. I had nightmares, about being inside the bed like chamber, an abductor made for his victim. I quit cold turkey. For years. I've been back at it for 10 years now. This book is one of the best I have ever read. I don't know how the

author did it. After the victim was killed. I stopped. I almost cried. If I had it in book form, I would have thrown it across the room. I was really bent out of shape. I took a day. And picked back up. Read until 6:30am. At one point, my eyes were so dry I could barely see. I kept reading. And it got better. And BETTER. AND EVEN BETTER. I sound a little whacked being so personal in this review. But.....when you think about it. When you read about people killing, raping and eating people. That's a little whacked in itself. I've read a lot of books from this author. This is one of the BEST.

Well written and easy to read. This is a fascinating case. The author goes into detail with both the murderer and the victim. You get a real sense of who they were as people. One of the better true crime books I have read. It kept my attention the entire book and it was as much about the lives of the people involved as the actual killing.

Kathryn Casey at the top of true crime writers. I have read all of her other books, but this was the best. I was aware of this case from media coverage but this book makes it a real human story. Like the early Anne Rule classics, she starts out with the basics of the crime, the essential overall of "what happened". After that she introduces the characters, their background, their history in a way that helps the reader follow the circumstances as they came together create such an unfortunate outcome. Character portrayals are fair and objective without any attempts to 'sway' the reader. Ms. Casey's account of this crime is extremely well researched. There is a lot of detail but all was necessary to help weigh the facts and to form an opinion of the case. Once I started reading I couldn't put this book down. I also had some satisfaction in the verdict. It is my opinion that the jury got it 100% right and justice was served.

I could not put this one down! The story of Ana Trujillo's vicious murder of Stefan Andersson is riveting. Ms. Casey clearly spent hours upon hours researching and recording the details of this case, as she typically does in her books. The story is particularly sad in that Mr. Andersson seemed a kind, intelligent man, and the crime was so preventable had he not been so nice to Ms. Trujillo time and time again. You will still be pondering this one long after you have read the last page.

This true crime book piqued my interest because I had heard about it on t.v. While it was a good book it wasn't a great one. I felt like there was a lot of details missing as the story unfolded. The writings about the trial seemed to be a mere skeleton of all the real action. I feel there could have

been a lot more detail brought out about the crime and especially the trial.. I would recommend this book to other true crime readers with a bit of a disclaimer and a caution that while it is good, it is not great. Kathryn Casey has, in my opinion, written better books.

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