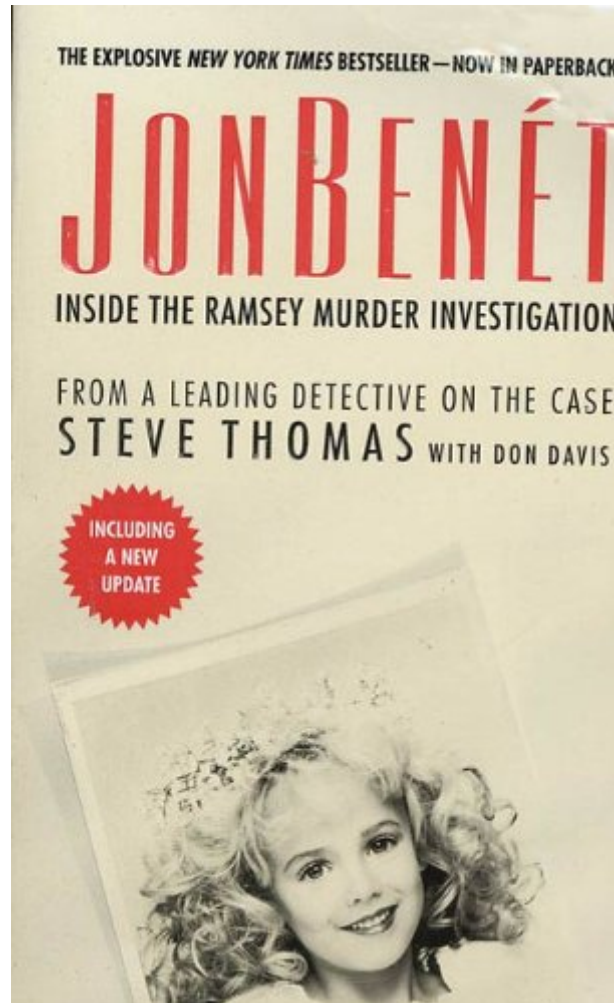


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JonBenet: Inside The Ramsey Murder Investigation



Synopsis

Finally, the information you've been waiting for: who really killed JonBenet? Perhaps the most compelling murder case of our day, the death of six-year-old JonBenet Ramsey galvanized the nation-and years after it occurred, the mystery still endures. Who killed the young beauty queen and why? Who is covering up for whom and who is simply lying? In *JonBenet*, the most authoritative and comprehensive study of the Ramsey murder, a former lead Boulder Police detective, Steve Thomas, explores the case in vivid and fascinating detail-pointing the way toward an analysis of the evidence some deem too shocking to consider. Here, Thomas raises these and many other provocative questions:-How was the investigation botched from the beginning-and why did police so carelessly allow the crime scene to be tampered with?-Why were John and Patsy Ramsey protected from early questioning and any lie-detector tests, even though their stories and behavior were erratic, suspicious and inconsistent?-Why was crucial evidence ignored, why were certain key witnesses unquestioned by detectives, and why were the Ramseys privy to sensitive information about the case and even police reports?

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Customer Reviews

As a former prosecuting attorney who specialized in crimes against children, I absolutely could not put this riveting book down. I literally finished it in one day. Mr. Thomas gives a true insider's account of the mess that was the JonBenet Ramsey murder investigation, from the bungled preservation of evidence by the first officers on the scene to the incredible stonewalling by both the Ramseys and Boulder DA Alex Hunter and his plea-happy bunch of senior attorneys. The Boulder Police Department took a lot of heat, some of it well-deserved, for the lack of progress in making an arrest in this case. This book makes it perfectly clear, however, that the handful of dedicated and experienced investigators who were assigned to the case by Boulder's "New-Age" police chief, Tom Koby, were stymied at every turn by the DA's incredible fear of actually having to try this case against the experienced trial attorneys who were hired by the Ramseys less than 36 hours after JonBenet's lifeless body was discovered in the basement of her own home. It is no secret that Mr. Thomas believes that Patsy Ramsey murdered her child in the late evening hours of Christmas 1996. Based upon the mountain of evidence he discloses in this book, much of which was ignored or actually suppressed by the Boulder DA, I believe his conclusion is a fair one. Certainly the Ramseys themselves have done everything in their power to thwart the disclosure of the truth in this case, in the process naming as possible suspects just about every person who ever has been close to them. In fact, they just this week backed out of taking polygraph tests yet again. One can only wonder what they are hiding.

READ THIS BOOK! Jon Benet, by Steve Thomas, who was the leading police investigator and who interviewed both the Ramseys in Atlanta after they had stonewalled the police for a protracted time, and then ultimately resigned in disgust over the whole morass of a bungled investigation, has written the best book on the murder of Jon Benet thusfar. (I have also reviewed *Mother Gone Bad* and *Perfect Murder: Perfect Town* here on and I have read numerous other books about the murder of Jon Benet). Thomas very clearly details the evidence - what the police knew when, what the Ramsey's said and did when, and how they later contradicted themselves innumerable times. Thomas goes further. He offers the most intelligent rebuttal to the intruder theory and all the other stun gun nonsense propagated by Lou Smitt in a careful, step-by-step manner. In my humble opinion, if you read this book, *Perfect Murder Perfect Town* and *Mother Gone Bad* and still believe that an intruder broke into the Ramsey home that Christmas eve and then fed Jon Benet pineapple, changed her clothing, struck her over the head with a blunt instrument and took her to a closet room in the basement and garrotted her with Patsy Ramsey's broken paintbrush, then wrote a two practice ransom notes and a third "war and peace" of a ransom note with Patsy Ramsey's pen on

Patsy Ramsey's notepad, then your elevator just doesn't go to the top floor. As an insider to the investigation, Thomas is best able to relate what the police knew when, to detail the unbelievable hostilities between the police and the DA and the degree that the DA (Alex Hunter) was playing into the hands of Team Ramsey (the Ramsey attorneys and investigators) and to the national press.

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