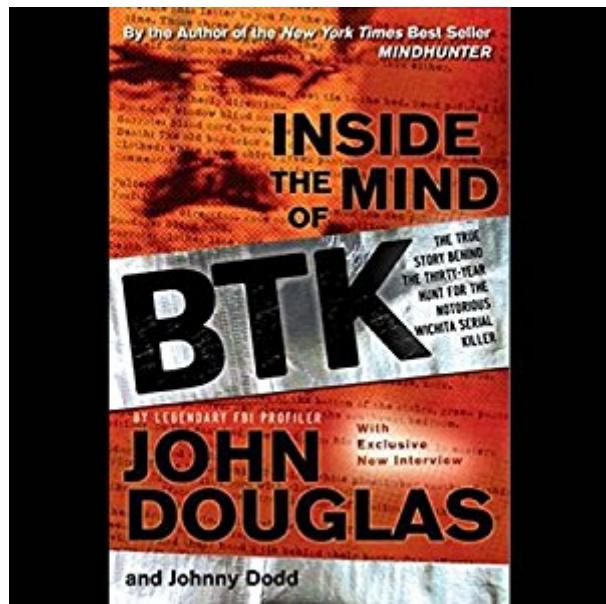


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Inside The Mind Of BTK: The True Story Behind The Thirty-Year Hunt For The Notorious Wichita Serial Killer



Synopsis

This incredible story shows how John Douglas tracked and participated in the hunt for one of the most notorious serial killers in U.S. history. For 31 years, a man who called himself BTK (Bind, Torture, Kill) terrorized the city of Wichita, Kansas, sexually assaulting and strangling a series of women, taunting the police with frequent communications, and bragging about his crimes to local newspapers and TV stations. After disappearing for nine years, he suddenly reappeared, complaining that no one was paying enough attention to him and claiming that he had committed other crimes for which he had not been given credit. When he was ultimately captured, BTK was shockingly revealed to be Dennis Rader, a 61-year-old married man with two children. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Not as good as *Nightmare in Wichita!* Much factual info, yes. The actual interview between BTK and Mr. Douglas is about 3 pages at the end of the book. The book is not well organized and it is poorly written. I found myself going back and forth on events and it took away from the flow of reading it. There are also contradictions. I have a fairly good memory and when I read something that I had already read told in a different way, I have to question the credibility of the writer. As other reviews have stated, Mr. Douglas is full of himself, yes he is. In fact, he's so full of himself that I will never read another book written by him. He takes a lot of credit for things that would have been taken care of without him. I'm now not so sold on profiling. There is a section where three profilers have a more

or less jam session trying to profile this criminal and I'm telling you it goes out in left field. They say things like crazy people having no basis whatsoever with the crime. So, you've been warned. I really don't know why I gave it 2-stars. I was being kind.

Very intriguing. Douglas is a very good author, and does a good job of weaving the story in such a way that it keeps you captivated the entire time. Doesn't matter if you already know the ending, you'll still learn something. Very easy to read. Not many, if any, clinical terms.

A truly amazing book, can seriously harm your sleep through. I find this book to be very real and all based on actual facts and memories of Rader. John Douglas, it seems, opened his heart here in a special way, which was very touching. The book is brilliantly put together. MR. Douglas is a man of enormously kind heart, pure humanity and endless energy. A true hero, a legend, a fighter, a saint in a way.

Goes deep into the mystery which is BTK. Get a first-hand look at a serial killer through the eyes of a veteran profile who understands their true natures... they are NOT HUMAN. Douglas succeeds in his main goal: BTK is demystified and shown to be the empty loser he truly is. A pathetic creature beneath even our contempt or pity.

I feel that the mind of BTK will always be something of a mystery. I think maybe that's why his former pastor thought he was possessed by the devil. Works for me. This is a very good book on the subject.

I'm a long time fan of John Douglas, even so, I was very disappointed in this book which seemed to me to be an effort to insert himself, after the fact, into those who contributed in major ways to the investigation of BTK. Granted, Douglas did contribute to the investigation, in its early stages, yet, overall, Douglas enters the analysis of BTK after much of the foot work and other analysis has already been done. I had hoped that Douglas would have offered some new insights into the pathology of BTK, yet every couple of pages seemed to me to be a restatement of old facts, and not much else that moved the reader, or analyst, any deeper into an understanding of the mind of this horrible serial killer. Toward the end of the book, another interesting character enters the cast of characters--a woman who visits BTK, supposedly as the one to whom BTK will bare his soul, and through whom BTK gives tidbits to the world outside the prison. Douglas missed an opportunity by

not delving beyond the surface of this unusual arrangement--for example, what drives people, women (it seems) in particular, to connect with these convicted killers behind bars, and to develop long term relationships with them, often becoming unwitting new victims--why didn't Douglas talk about this phenomenon, and why did he not pursue the particular dynamics of the BTK relationship with this woman (who Douglas met, and talked with....)The BTK story isn't over--as long as he maintains a devoted "follower" who mediates between himself and the outside world, as long as he "plays" with this woman, dangles her just beyond reach of her so-called interest in what he has to say, the BTK story will continue, albeit in a different way. He'll continue to be what he is--a manipulator, a deviant who lives vicariously through his fantasies, and through the pain he inflicts on the people he toys with.I think that there's more to be said here....

I read this book for a report in my Forensic Biology Class. The book was interesting and quite helpful in my report.

I am more informed after reading many of John Douglas' books. This book is no exception. I appreciated the time and detail he put into this writing!

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