Lying In Wait: Ann Rule's Crime Files: Vol.17
Ann Rule presents another collection of fascinating and disturbing true-crime stories drawn from her real-life personal files in this seventeenth volume in the #1 New York Times bestselling Crime Files series. MOVING IN FOR THE KILL In this all-new collection of investigative accounts from her private archives, “America’s best true-crime writer” (Kirkus Reviews) exposes the most frightening aspect of the murderous mind: the waiting game. Trusted family members or strangers, these cold-blooded killers select their unsuspecting prey, wait for the perfect moment to strike, then turn normality into homicidal mayhem in a matter of moments. Ann Rule will have you seeing the people and places around you with heightened caution as you read these shattering cases, including:

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With her ability to translate the most complex cases into storytelling as dramatic and chilling as a bedroom window shattering at night (The New York Times), Rule expertly analyzes the thoughts and deeds of the sociopath, in this seventeenth essential Crime Files volume.

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I have read every Ann Rule book ever written even her Possession (her one and only novel - and I loved it - despite harsh reviews I thought it was original at its time - ) anyway, I am rough on her because at one time she set the bar so high no one else could touch her - the past few books have been duds - one in particular and I feel sorry for any of the victims family involved but the strange case of Rhonda something or other - I cannot even remember the NAME of the book but it was just not good reading material at all I was very disappointed regardless - this book my bar has been set low because I feel Ann is getting to a point where her passion may be directed in other areas and it's reflected in her writing. This book however I enjoyed - it wasn't her best but the stories, for me anyway, I thought were pretty astonishing - I mean Good Lord the things people do to one another - it boggles the mind- one story about people so hateful they wanted to "kill any jews on the way" was a quote and I cannot imagine feeling that amount of hate for anyone - she brings to light a story about to kids who kill the boy's father and wife and it's just heartbreaking I cannot imagine losing a family member to such senseless violence - I wish my memory were better - I enjoy her compilations such as this one more so than when it's one story (take away the Dianne Downs and Ted Bundy ones they are hands down my favorite of all time) but I always remember one short story where this woman moves in with her husband and five children in a very lonely area - his brother comes and kills the husband and they live together as man and wife - he leaves and here is this woman with five kids and her husband buried right outside!!!

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