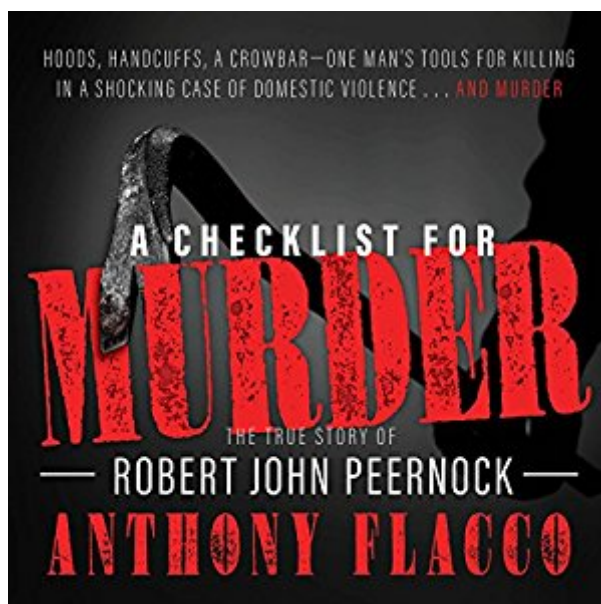


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Synopsis

Robert Peernock appeared to have the ideal life; working as a pyrotechnics engineer and computer expert and coming home to his wife and daughter, he projected the American dream. Even when he and his wife separated, it seemed amicable, just a small bump for the well-to-do family. But there was madness in his house: in private, Peernock was violent, subtly manipulative, and bordering on psychotic. But the horrifying details of his home life would only come to light after Peernock finally lost all control. Peernock had come home, brutally beaten both his wife and daughter, force-fed them alcohol, and deliberately sent them to their deaths behind the wheel, staging it to look like a drunk driving accident. He didn't foresee that his daughter would survive, and even with years of abuse, her attempted murder, and horrendous injuries, he never anticipated that she would speak so powerfully against him. Here, New York Times best-selling author Anthony Flacco chronicles the sensational trial and all the terror that preceded it, looking deep into the mind of a deranged killer whose American dream was a waking nightmare for those trapped within it.

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Customer Reviews

I've always been a true crime fan, but somehow have never read anything by Anthony Flacco... until now. Guarantee it won't be the last time! I thoroughly enjoyed his style of writing: unlike some authors in this genre, he doesn't seem to be in love with the figurative "sound of his own voice". What I mean is that some authors seem to feel as though the reader is of limited intellect and/or insight, and therefore they must explain the psychological roots, motivations, and ramifications of

everything the killer does or thinks. I find that very irritating, and the lack of that pretension is what drew me to Flacco's book and kept my enjoyment level on an even keel throughout the entire story. What this evil man (Peernock) did to his beautiful 20-something daughter and his ex-wife is just so savage that it's hard to wrap your mind around it. I understand rage killings; sometimes people with a predisposition to violent reactions just explode, and whoever's in the way pays the price. I don't condone it, of course, but I understand it. It's the ones like Robert Peernock that leave me speechless. He let himself into and lay in wait inside the house he'd shared with his ex-wife and daughter. When his daughter arrived home in the mid-afternoon, he then carefully and methodically bound and drugged her for hours and hours, awaiting the eventual arrival of his ex-wife home from work around 8pm. His ex-wife wasn't as "lucky" as his daughter, however; he killed her before even leaving the house. Then he loaded them into a car and staged a horrific accident, attempting to turn the car into a fireball to obliterate any forensic evidence. Luckily, his plan ultimately unraveled. The tension was palpable throughout the entire book, and I read it through without a pause.

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