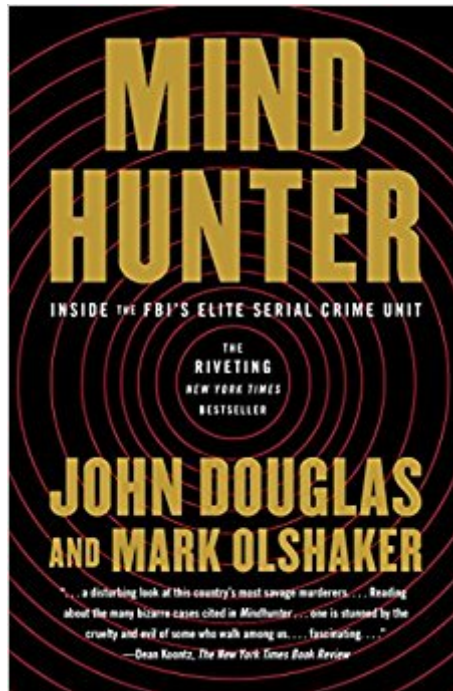




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# Mindhunter: Inside The FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit



## Synopsis

Discover the classic, behind-the-scenes chronicle of John E. Douglas's twenty-five-year career in the FBI Investigative Support Unit, where he used psychological profiling to delve into the minds of the country's most notorious serial killers and criminals—the basis for the upcoming Netflix original series. In chilling detail, the legendary *Mindhunter* takes us behind the scenes of some of his most gruesome, fascinating, and challenging cases—and into the darkest recesses of our worst nightmares. During his twenty-five year career with the Investigative Support Unit, Special Agent John Douglas became a legendary figure in law enforcement, pursuing some of the most notorious and sadistic serial killers of our time: the man who hunted prostitutes for sport in the woods of Alaska, the Atlanta child murderer, and Seattle's Green River killer, the case that nearly cost Douglas his life. As the model for Jack Crawford in *The Silence of the Lambs*, Douglas has confronted, interviewed, and studied scores of serial killers and assassins, including Charles Manson, Ted Bundy, and Ed Gein, who dressed himself in his victims' peeled skin. Using his uncanny ability to become both predator and prey, Douglas examines each crime scene, reliving both the killer's and the victim's actions in his mind, creating their profiles, describing their habits, and predicting their next moves.

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## Customer Reviews

A book that I will never ever forget. Compelling evidence that criminals should never ever be released. After reading this, I learned that I was not as paranoid about my children's safety as others said I was. I am glad that I was as cautious as I was. I also learned that I am not the only one who believes that behavior is predictable even though I have been told that it is not. I cried after reading this section because I have observed when crimes are committed and the perpetrator is caught and then released, they go back and commit more crimes, most times the crimes are even more violent than before. I could predict what a criminal was going to do next. I also learned how to accurately know what type of person did a certain crime.

This is one of the most significant books on societal ills I've ever read. Law enforcement's new ability to profile and find serial killers is nothing short of amazing. Just after reading it, a 15 year old in our small city raped and murdered an 8 year old. The murderer is to be tried as an adult. Douglas's book gives me important insight into this decision. But the book is much more than simply relevant to that event. It describes the very complex and demanding effort of Douglas and his colleagues to bring an awful and misunderstood dark side of the human mind into the mainstream of FBI and other police procedures.

For those who believe that evil exists in the world and some people should not be allowed to walk among us, this book is for you. John Douglas recounts the formation of the FBI's Investigative Support Unit. He describes some of the nation's most notorious serial killers and the story of how they were hunted down and, in most cases, brought to justice. He offers a great pearl of wisdom near the end of the book regarding crime in America: "I believe that the only chance of solving our crime problem is if enough people want to. More and more courts and more prisons and better investigative techniques are fine, but the only way crime is going to go down is if all of us simply stop accepting and tolerating it in our families, our friends, and our associates." Douglas is a strong supporter of the death penalty and explains his reasoning several times in the book. The NRA's "Refuse to be a Victim" course recommends this book for "insight into criminals' minds". If you simply do not want to know about evil people, do not read this book. The only negative for me was that Douglas has a very high opinion of himself and, in many of the cases, rides in and "solves" the

crime with his profile of the killer. Also, not a "gun guy" he gets a reference to S&W and Colt backwards (p. 230) and refers to a .223 Mini-14 as a "high powered hunting rifle" (p. 241). A worthwhile addition to your library.

The author details many cases he was involved with and that gets your attention in a hurry. This book is not for everyone, but, you have to take note that this is a non fiction book. The names of the victims and their murderers are all true. I applaud the author for his book, his work, his contributions and for his personal sacrifices made in behalf of homicide victims and their families. A job well done for putting the elite unit together and making it work. I highly recommend.

This book was an in depth, excellent, and fascinating look into the minds and crimes of violent criminals. In understanding more about how these folks see the world I believe it is possible to reduce one's chances of becoming a crime victim. Also, a very interesting read. Highly recommended .

JOHN Douglas as mindhunter, agent, lawman and human being is just the tip of the iceberg. His landmark tell-all is tantalizing in all the right places - giving just enough information regarding the Bureau's developing school/s of thought with respect to applied psychoanalytics during it's early years to have you literally begging for more. Case history, per se, as an agent of delivery is used sparingly. Information on methodologies are without any [tedious] detailing while Douglas consistently follows up with effective, sometimes harrowing!, anecdotal implementation of such. ( more often, a second consideration or 'extra-' careful analysis yields Douglas himself to have been the direct causal agent of the [eventual] apprehension of UNSUB X, lending a 'real-life Superman' air to an outwardly simple man, and one whom is unlikely to toot his own horn regardless of a legendary status.) ...Over-all : MINDHUNTER spares us lackluster minutiae of statistics, development, Bureau directives, etc. Instead, any average untrained John Q finds himself privileged to - fortunately & fleetingly - prowl in the shoes of an elite: an expertly-trained, man-to-machine - MindHunter

A must read, great book. Very detail and well organized. Unable to put book down for 4 days straight, this book deserves a TV show and a Movie. John Douglas is a great man who poured his feelings and emotions out for others to understand the job of a Federal Agent in a very sick sick world. He allows the reader to walk in his shoes and to comprehend the path taken page by page.

The book serves to appreciate and admire those who work daily to help and serve the people.  
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I gave this 5 stars because it was so interesting to me that I could not put it down. John Douglas did a great job of explaining the history of his career & all of the horror he had seen. It is a humble reminder that there truly is evil in this world & unfortunately to not be too trusting. Great book

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