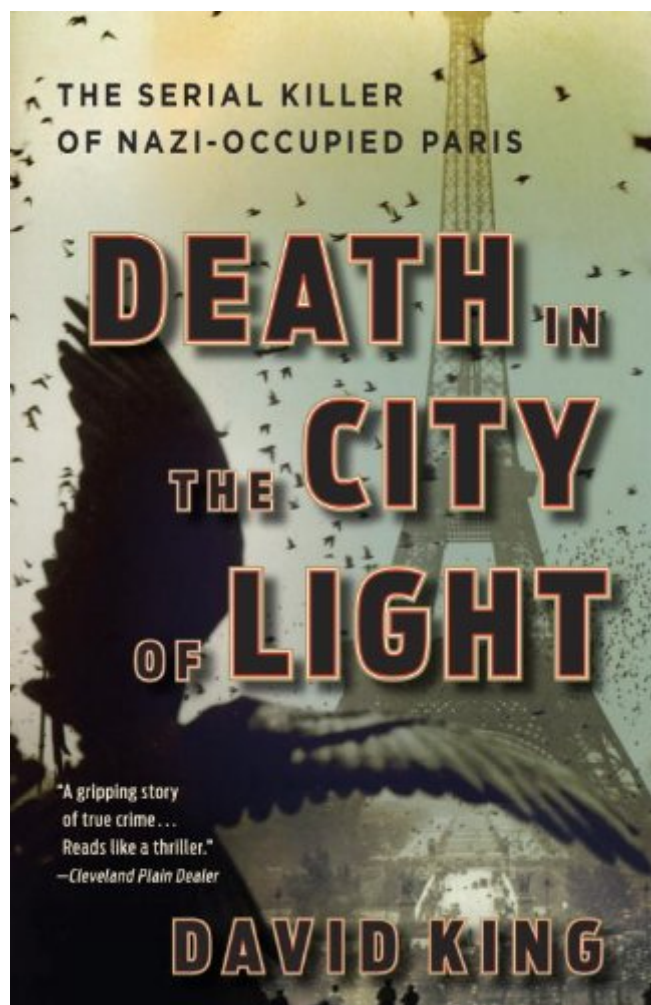


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Death In The City Of Light: The Serial Killer Of Nazi-Occupied Paris



Synopsis

The gripping, true story of a brutal serial killer who unleashed his own reign of terror in Nazi-Occupied Paris. As decapitated heads and dismembered body parts surfaced in the Seine, Commissaire Georges-Victor Massu, head of the Brigade Criminelle, was tasked with tracking down the elusive murderer in a twilight world of Gestapo, gangsters, resistance fighters, pimps, prostitutes, spies, and other shadowy figures of the Parisian underworld. But while trying to solve the many mysteries of the case, Massu would unravel a plot of unspeakable deviousness. The main suspect, Dr. Marcel Petiot, was a handsome, charming physician with remarkable charisma. He was the "People's Doctor," known for his many acts of kindness and generosity, not least in providing free medical care for the poor. Petiot, however, would soon be charged with twenty-seven murders, though authorities suspected the total was considerably higher, perhaps even as many as 150. Petiot's trial quickly became a circus. Attempting to try all twenty-seven cases at once, the prosecution stumbled in its marathon cross-examinations, and Petiot, enjoying the spotlight, responded with astonishing ease. Soon, despite a team of prosecuting attorneys, dozens of witnesses, and over one ton of evidence, Petiot's brilliance and wit threatened to win the day. Drawing extensively on many new sources, including the massive, classified French police file on Dr. Petiot, *Death in the City of Light* is a brilliant evocation of Nazi-Occupied Paris and a harrowing exploration of murder, betrayal, and evil of staggering proportions.

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This book outlines one of the most serious atrocities in the backdrop of a country occupied by a Fascist that would do anything to eradicate the world of what he believed were inferior and a stain to the fabric of the superior race. Very well written and documented. A book that will certainly keep you reading well into the late hours of the night.

I just started reading this, and it's kind of a slow start, but it's a true account of the evil doings of a serial killer in murderous Nazi-occupied Paris. I know it will hold my interest because of the early forensic investigation practices, and how far it's progressed since then. I personally don't know anyone who likes reading this sort of thing.

Great historical read. The first half is especially intense. It will be hard to put down. Sad, but fascinating.

If Hollywood made this into a movie, people would say it is too unbelievable, but unfortunately it was all too real. The amount of material and facts that the author was able to uncover about this horrible event that happened over 70 years ago is amazing. The only downside of this book is that there are still unsolved mysteries surrounding the case that will never be solved.

Being fascinated by World War II, in particular the European Theater, this is an excellently researched book about a footnote event within the overall war. It gave a great picture of life during Nazi occupation of Paris, France. I recommend for true crime people, and people who enjoy World War II history.

fascinating history, but a little too detailed to be a 5 star. History surrounding this story of Paris is enlightening. Good example of how review of the facts of history are much more accurate than the media reports that surface at the time of the events.

People never cease to floor me with their depravity. This book was fascinating.

Well researched, well documented, well written.

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