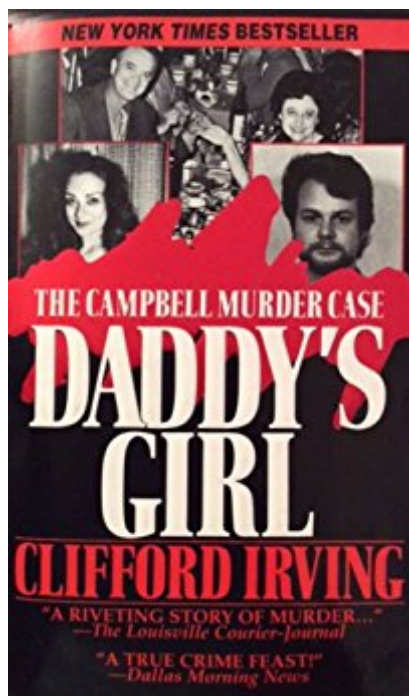


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Murder of a lawyer - true crime at its detailed best. James Campbell, well-liked Texas attorney, and Virginia Campbell, his paralegal wife, are found shot to death in the bedroom of their Houston home. The most likely suspects are the victims' youngest daughter Cindy and her ex-Marine boyfriend, David West. But Cindy and David have an alibi the police can't crack. And then David falls in love with a sexy ex-stripper turned private investigator. She coaxes a confession from him that explodes into national news. "Fascinating ... Few writers could have pulled together so insightful a work." -- Austin Challenger "Clifford Irving builds suspense with skill and makes the people come to life... a fine book." -- Houston Chronicle Lawyers from coast to coast use this book as a dramatic way to teach no-holds-barred cross-examination.

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Clifford Irving continues to be his own worst enemy. Not quite able to live down his infamous Howard Hughes hoax, Irving has to work very hard to re-gain his audience's trust. Might I suggest commenting on what should be a reportage of facts, centering himself smack-dab at the core of his tale, writing adolescent and churlish descriptions of women he deems not proportioned correctly--

that is fat, would not be the way to accomplish that. When Irving can move himself out of his way, we can see why readers buy his books. Some of the writing is smooth, powerful, and unsustainable. And this tale is nothing short of Southern Gothic. However, even at the Kindle low price of 2.99 it is simply not worth the effort. And what is up with the use of the * as in s*x-i kid you not. That and the ice replaced with an apostrophe in the F word. When was this published? On top of everything else this was extremely distracting. And, yeah full-time. I kept wondering what Queen Ann would have done with this material. Skip it.

This was a long laborious read. I have read many true crime books and I have never seen the author insert him or herself in the book as much as Mr. Irving did. I felt the book was more about Mr. Irving than the victims or the crime. One of the things that annoyed me was the apparent challenge that Mr. Irving has some with non perfect people. There were several descriptions of people in the book that were (in my opinion) needlessly rude. For example in his description of Cindy Campbell he described her face as pig like with her eyes and snout swollen. His description of the prosecutors co-council is equally unkind. I did not feel that these descriptions added anything to the book and in most instances distracted from the story. The book was not all bad, there were brief examples of excellent writing that gave me hope the book would improve, but sadly it did not. Overall the book was too long and the author inserted himself too much in to the trial and the book.

While the case is interesting, I thought the author was too self-serving and overstated his importance throughout the trials. He has been proven to be a dishonest author in the past and doesn't always seem credible in this book. His revelations from an "anonymous donor" would be impossible for that person to personally know, as he or she was obviously not there when the incidents took place, but they are presented as fact. I don't agree with some of his conclusions or the slant of the presentation, but beyond that, I just don't like the author much. There are better books about this case, and far better books in the genre. As to the outcome of the trials, I believe justice was ultimately served and those convicted were guilty.

I don't know who said this read like a novel - it did not. It was a total snooze. There was no real new information and the information provided was boring. I was not impressed that the writer knew Shakespeare and really didn't care that he did. It added nothing to the story. I really surprised this book was rated so highly. It was a horrible story the fact that the writer didn't tell the story so that it was interesting just made it that much more horrible.

I don't usually review books, but this was the most boring book I have read in a long time. The story was probably interesting, but all the court room stuff was terrible, no one cares about picking a jury & how would the author know what the attorneys are thinking. After finishing that section, I was confused about which attorney was which & you really want me to believe that the author went to lunch with the prosecutor, the defense & the judge . As other have said, the book would have been much better if he had just stuck to telling the story & not added his impressions & opinions. Doubt I will read another book of this author.

This is a true crime story but other authors are able to keep me guessing or cover the facts in a better, more gripping, fashion. Irving puts himself totally in the story, as if without him the case would not have been solved. I enjoyed his book on the Howard Hughes scandal much more than this one. In fact, I was able to put this book down a couple of times and read other books without missing this one.

A diligent effort in giving the reader the whole story of this mind boggling case! Excellent portrayal of the trial that will keep you turning the pages wanting more and more. Irving does not disappoint in this engrossing true crime story of a daughter with an evil heart.

I didn't hate the book, but didn't much care for it, either. It's definitely one I wouldn't read again. Unfortunately, while this could have been a great read, Irving added needless details and repeated them, making it difficult to want to continue reading to the end. Towards the end of the book, I found myself skimming the remainder and after finally finishing it, it left the feeling that maybe this author was playing both sides to get information for his book. It also left the feeling that perhaps this author thought he was the jury.

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