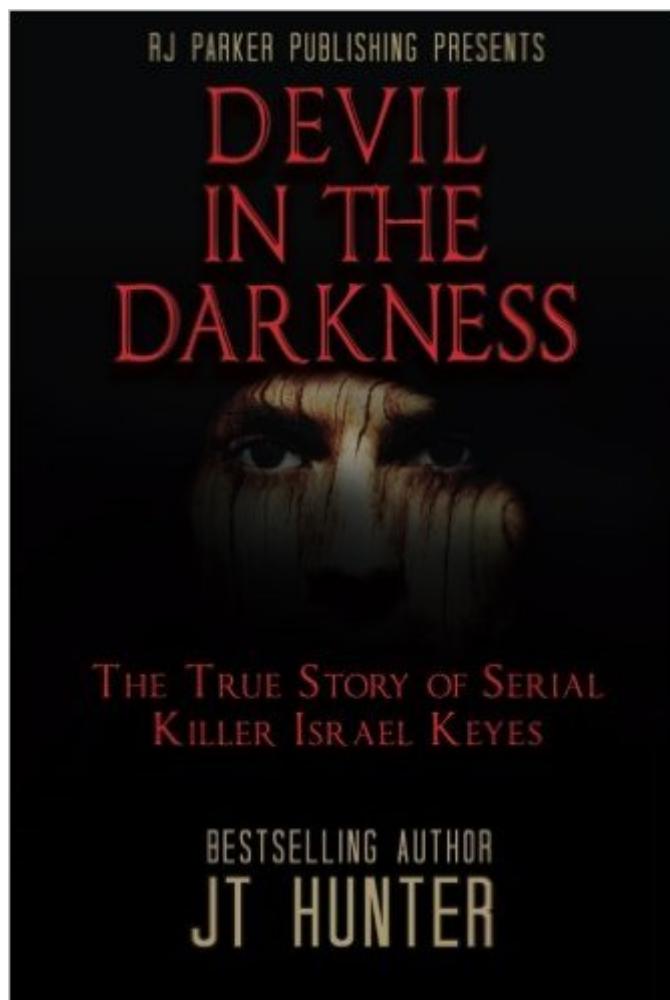


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# DEVIL IN THE DARKNESS: The True Story Of Serial Killer Israel Keyes



## **Synopsis**

He was a hard-working small business owner, an Army veteran, an attentive lover, and a doting father. But he was also something more, something sinister. A master of deception, he was a rapist, arsonist, and bank robber, and a new breed of serial killer, one who studied other killers to perfect his craft. He methodically buried kill-kits containing his tools of murder years before returning to reclaim them. Viewing the entire country as his hunting grounds, he often flew across the country to distant locations where he would rent a car and drive hundreds or even thousands of miles before randomly selecting his victims. Such were the methods and madness of serial killer Israel Keyes. Such were the demands of the 'Devil in the Darkness'.

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This book certainly had potential. The story of Alaskan serial killer Israel Keyes is intriguing, since Keyes was quite unusual in his meticulous planning, above-average intelligence, and studious interest in other serial killers. Because of Keyes's suicide, there are more unanswered questions than answers, but a good book could still be crafted from the available information. This, however, is not that book. Parts of the book are interesting and well-written. A few parts even provide some insights. But a good 70% is redundant, disjointed, and just plain boring. It's like the author gave up at some point and just started cobbling together quotes from interrogation transcripts, social media, news programs, etc., without bothering to craft a story or even create segues between quotes. I don't care about soundbites from Dr. Drew and Nancy Grace, and I also don't need to read pages and pages devoted to transcripts of Keyes and detectives discussing the bureaucracy of the judicial

system. I would have much preferred more detail and story about the one part of the book that was truly interesting -- the family of Keyes, especially his ex-wife Tammie and daughter Sarah, and the enormous discrepancy that existed between "family Israel" and "monster Israel." With Tammie's apparent willingness to talk, I feel that there was a lot of potential there for a unique look at the impact on (and later healing of) an unknowing family with a monster in their midst. More exploration into Keyes's upbringing and family history would have been welcome, as well. I also found the persistent emphasis on Christianity a bit odd.

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