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STORIES FROM AROUND
THE WORLD

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

The cases in this collection are not the ones you've heard a hundred times before.

No famous names (well maybe some).

No predictable stories.

These are the strange ones.

The overlooked ones.

The cases that leave more questions than answers.

If you enjoy dark, bizarre and macabre true crime from around the world...
you're in the right place.

THE IRON BOX KILLER

Siam (Thailand), Early 1900s

It looked like garbage.

A rusted metal trunk drifting slowly through a Bangkok canal. The boatman who spotted it almost ignored it.

Then he opened it.

Inside was a young woman—her body forced into a tight, unnatural shape, her skin coated in herbs and ash.

Within days, more boxes appeared.

Same size. Same weight. Same contents.

Someone was dumping bodies in iron trunks.

And no one knew who.

In 1919, Siam was a place where faith ran deep. Monks, mystics, and spiritual healers were trusted without question.

People went to them for answers—for love, money, protection.

Boonpeng Buaklee built his life on that trust.

He dressed like a holy man. Spoke like one. Promised access to the spirit world. To many—especially wealthy women—he seemed powerful. Connected. Safe.

He wasn't.

They came to him willingly.

One by one, women visited his riverside home in Thonburi. They were offered blessings—rituals involving herbs, oils, and sacred drinks.

They drank.

They lost consciousness.

And that's when the real ritual began.

Boonpeng killed them calmly.

Strangled or suffocated. No struggle. No noise.

He removed their valuables—rings, jewelry, silk clothing.

Then he prepared the bodies.

Herbal powders were rubbed into the skin, as if preserving them. Limbs were bent, folded tightly, forced into positions they were never meant to hold.

For a while, it worked.

The water carried everything away.

Until it didn't.

Did You Know?

Bangkok's canals once functioned like roads. Bodies were sometimes found in the water - but sealed iron boxes were something else entirely.

When multiple trunks surfaced, police knew this wasn't random.

Victims had something in common.

They had all visited a spiritual healer.

They had all been seen heading toward Thonburi.

Toward one man.

Boonpeng's home looked ordinary from the outside.

Inside, it wasn't.

Robes. Ritual items. Opium ash.

And hidden among them - women's jewelry.

Then came the final proof.

Iron boxes.

Smaller ones.

Waiting.

He didn't run.

When arrested, Boonpeng showed no panic. No remorse. Witnesses claimed he even smiled.

He said the women had "given themselves to the spirits."

That he had simply helped them.

He confessed to five murders.

Many believed there were more.

Some boxes were never recovered.

Lost to the canals.

Gone for good.

Did You Know?

In early 20th-century Siam, forensic investigation was still developing, and record-keeping was often inconsistent - making it easier for crimes to remain hidden for extended periods.

The trial was swift.

This wasn't just murder—it was something deeper. A violation of trust. Of faith. Of the entire idea of what a monk should be.

In 1919, Boonpeng was executed by beheading.

The last person in Thailand to die that way.

Did You Know?

Thailand abolished beheading in 1934. Boonpeng's execution marked the end of that era..

Fear spread through Bangkok. People avoided the canals. Rumors grew of spirits, of curses, of iron boxes drifting in the dark.

The phrase "heep lek" - iron box - took on a new meaning.

Something ordinary on the outside.

Something terrible within.

His crimes changed more than headlines.

Authorities tightened control over religious figures. It became harder to pose as a monk. Spiritual practitioners were monitored more closely.

But the real impact was cultural.

Boonpeng became a warning.

A symbol of something far more unsettling than violence alone -

Trust, misplaced.

Today, the canals still run through Bangkok.

The boxes are gone.

The house is gone.

But the story remains.

Because the most disturbing part isn't what he did...

It's how he did it.

He didn't hide.

He didn't hunt in the shadows.

People came to him.

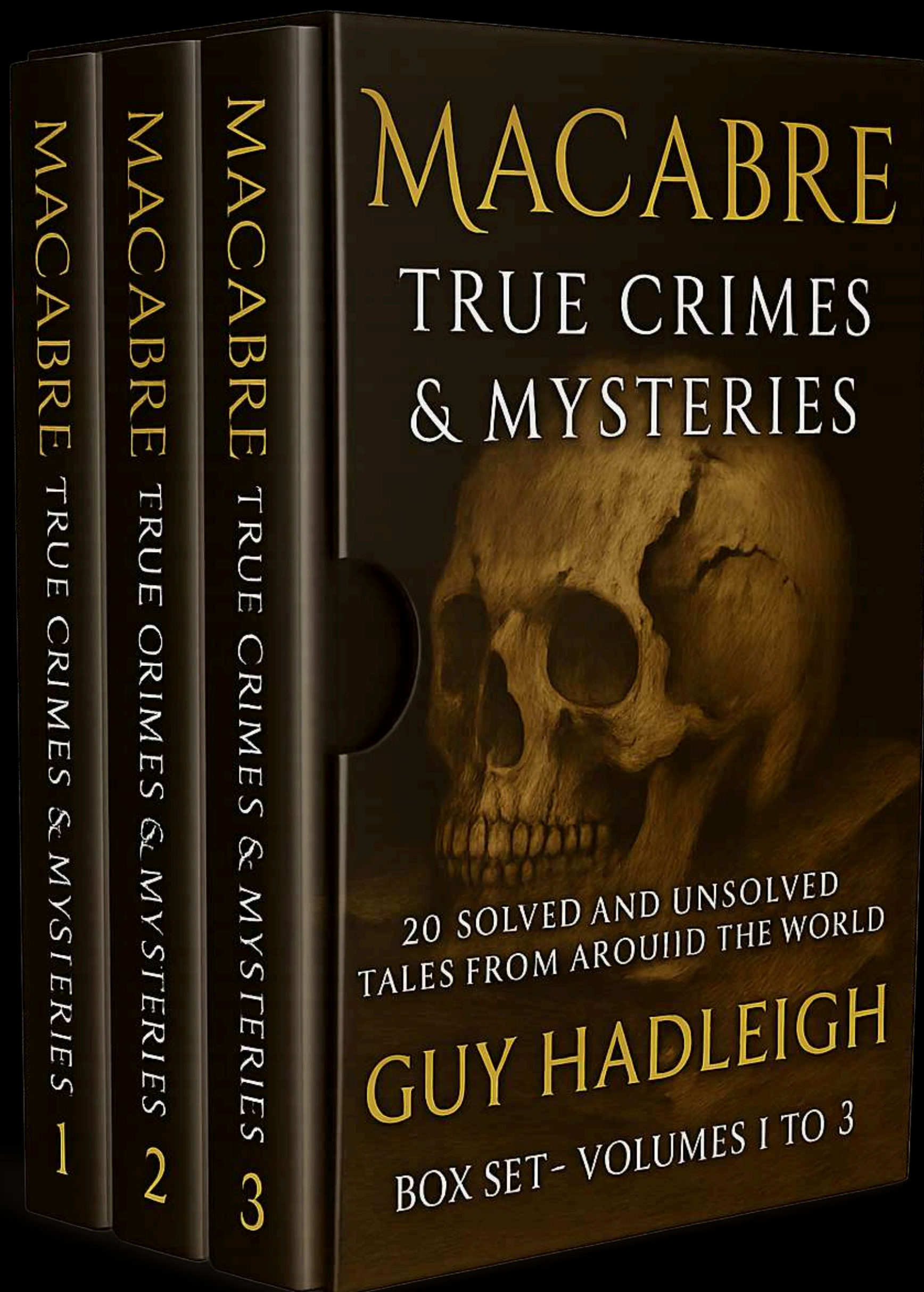
Willingly.



If you want more cases like this - strange, lesser-known, and often more disturbing than the ones you've heard before - you'll find them collected in the full volumes.

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THE DYATLOV PASS INCIDENT

Russia, 1959

They cut their way out of the tent.

Not through the entrance -
but straight through the fabric.

From the inside.

It was the middle of the night in the Ural Mountains. Temperatures had dropped to around -30°C. The group - nine experienced hikers had settled in for the night.

They were not amateurs.
They knew the terrain.
They knew the risks.

And yet something made them run.

Did You Know? During the Soviet era, expeditions like this were common among students and outdoor clubs, often celebrated as tests of endurance and discipline.

When rescuers found the campsite, it made no sense.

The tent was still standing.
Their belongings were still inside.
Boots. Clothing. Supplies.

Everything they needed to survive.

Left behind.

Footprints led away from the tent.

Barefoot.

Some in socks.

Some partially dressed.

All heading into the freezing darkness.

The bodies were found days later.

Scattered across the snow.

Two near a tree line - barely clothed, hands burned as if they had tried to light a fire.

Three more between the tree and the camp - collapsed, as if trying to return.

The remaining four... buried under snow, further away.

Did You Know?

The official investigation concluded the hikers died due to an "unknown compelling force" a phrase that has fueled speculation for decades.

Some injuries were difficult to explain.

One had a fractured skull.

Another had severe internal trauma—but no external wounds.

One was missing her tongue.

There were no signs of a struggle.

No clear evidence of another person.

No explanation that fit everything.

Over the years, theories emerged.

Avalanche.

Military testing.

Paranoia.

Something in the dark.

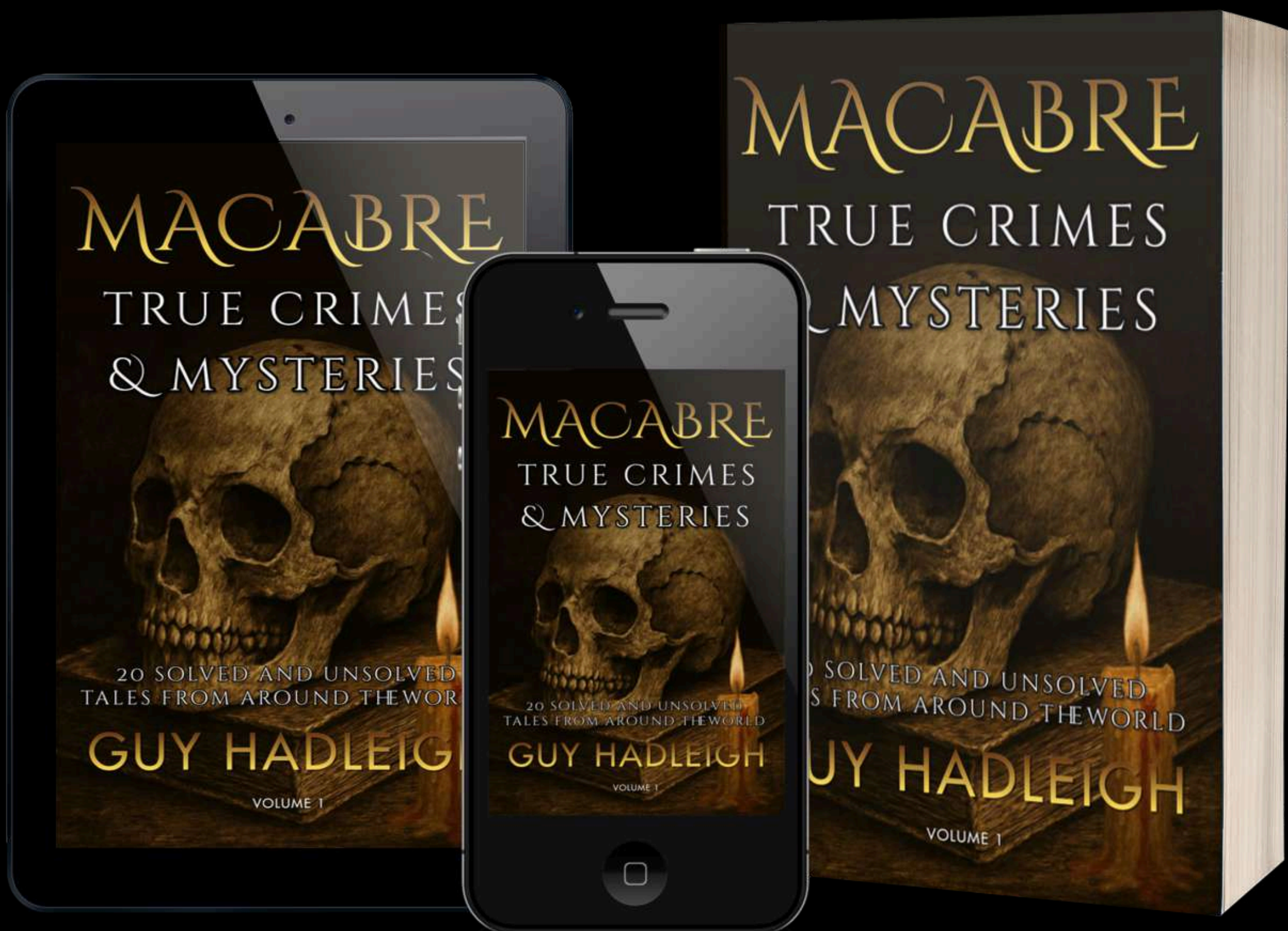
None fully explained what happened that night

Because whatever happened out there was enough to make nine experienced hikers abandon everything...and run into the freezing night.

The Dyatlov Pass Incident remains one of the most debated unsolved cases in modern history, inspiring books, films, and ongoing investigations.

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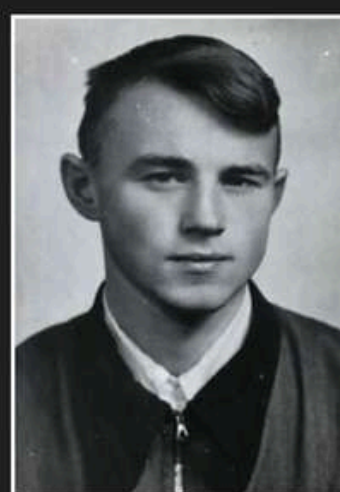
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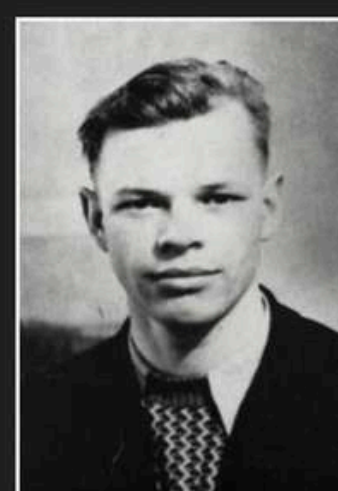
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THE POQUIANCHIS SISTERS

Mexico, 1960s

At first, it looked like a business.

Nothing unusual. Nothing alarming.

Just another operation in rural Mexico.

But people started disappearing.

Women - young, vulnerable, often alone.

They would arrive.

And never be seen again.

Did You Know?

In mid-20th century rural Mexico, economic hardship made women particularly vulnerable to offers of work, especially those involving relocation.

The ones running the operation were sisters.

Delfina and María de Jesús González.

To outsiders, they appeared ordinary.

They weren't.

Behind closed doors, the truth was far darker.

The sisters lured women in with promises of work, shelter, opportunity.



What they found instead was control.

And for some... something far worse.

Victims were isolated.

Silenced.

Abused.

Those who resisted didn't last long.

Did You Know?

The Poquianchis case became one of Mexico's most infamous criminal cases, shocking the nation when authorities uncovered multiple victims.

Rumors spread slowly.

Whispers in nearby communities.

But no one knew the full scale. Not yet.

When authorities finally investigated, they uncovered a nightmare.

Bodies.

Multiple victims.

Hidden for years.

Because sometimes the most disturbing crimes aren't hidden.

They're simply... ignored.

Did You Know?

The case later inspired books and films, becoming a symbol of hidden exploitation and systemic neglect.

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THE DNEPROPETROVSK MANIACS

Ukraine, 2007

It started with a video.

Grainy. Shaky. Filmed on a mobile phone.

A man lay on the ground, barely conscious.
Two teenagers stood over him.

Laughing.

What followed was difficult to watch.

Not because of confusion.
But because of how clear it was.

This wasn't chaos.

It was deliberate.

In 2007, the industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk in eastern Ukraine became the centre of one of the most disturbing killing sprees in modern Europe.

The attackers weren't hardened criminals.

They were teenagers.

Igor Suprunyuk and Viktor Sayenko were both just 19 years old.

On the surface, they seemed ordinary.

But what they were doing - and recording - was anything but.

The victims were random.

Elderly men.

Homeless individuals.

Anyone vulnerable enough to be targeted without resistance.

The attacks were fast.

Brutal.

And completely without mercy.

Did You Know?

The perpetrators filmed several of their attacks, later sharing the footage online - one of the earliest known examples of real-world violence spreading through the internet in this way.

For weeks, the killings continued.

No clear pattern.

No obvious motive.

Just violence—repeated again and again.



And then the videos began to surface.

One in particular drew attention.

It showed a victim being attacked while still conscious pleading, reacting, trying to survive.

The attackers laughed throughout.

Authorities moved quickly once the scale became clear.

The footage gave them something rare:

Evidence.

Clear. Direct. Undeniable.

The teenagers were arrested soon after.

What they confessed to shocked even experienced investigators.

A series of 21 random murders carried out over a short period of time.

Victims chosen at random.

Attacks recorded.

When questioned, their explanations were disturbingly casual.

There was no clear ideology.

No financial motive.

No revenge.

Just the desire to do it.

And to capture it.

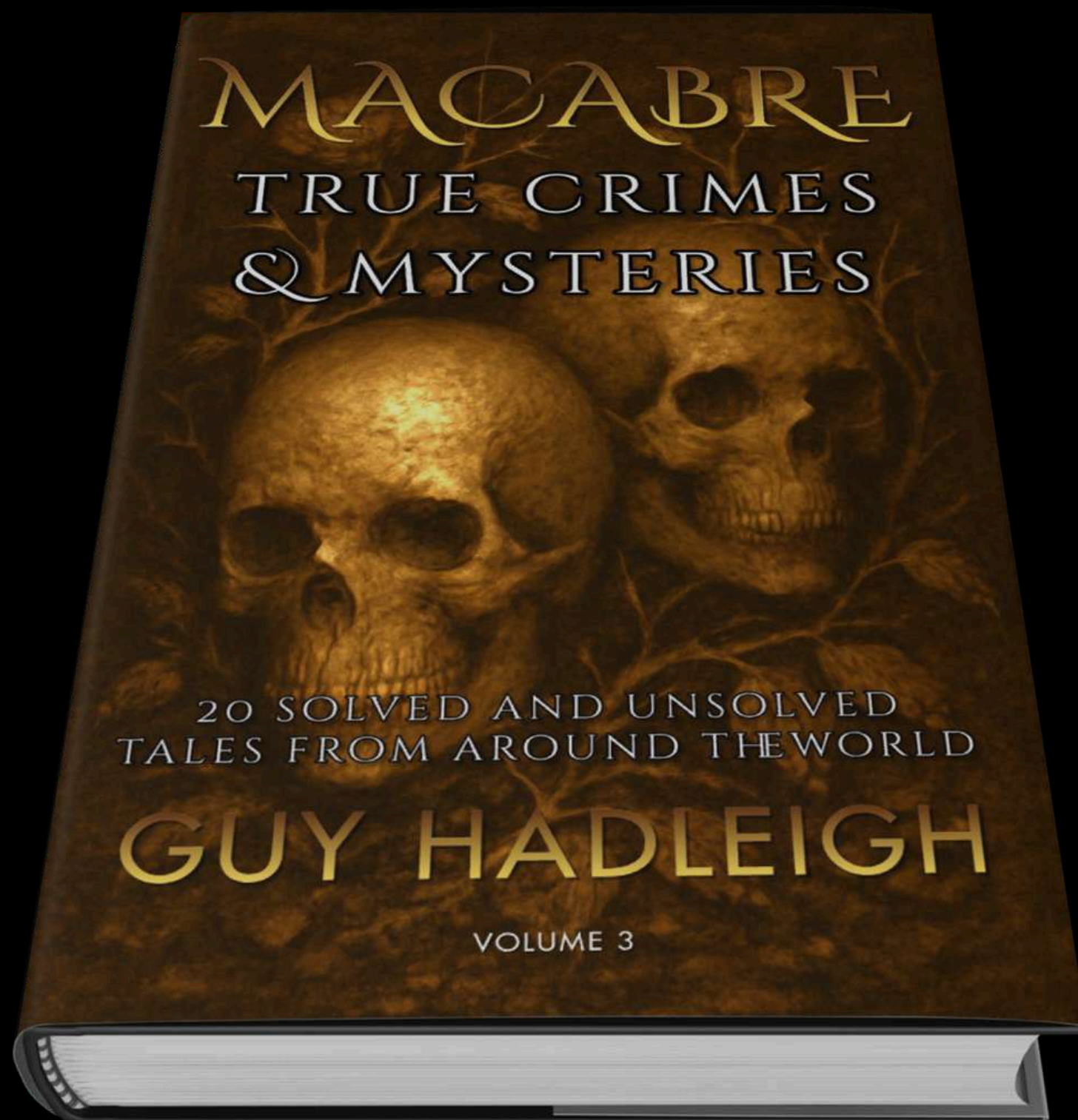
Did You Know?

The case became widely known online as "3 Guys 1 Hammer," a reference to one of the videos associated with the killings.

Both men were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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JACK UNTERWEGER

Austria / USA, 1990-1994

He was the success story.

A convicted murderer - rehabilitated
through art.

A man who had turned his life around.
A symbol of redemption.

At least, that's what everyone believed.

In May 1990, Jack Unterweger walked free
from an Austrian prison after serving
fifteen years for murder.

While incarcerated, he had reinvented
himself.

He wrote books.
Poetry.
Plays.

His work gained critical acclaim. Prominent
intellectuals supported him. Some even
campaignned for his release.

To them, he wasn't a killer anymore.

He was proof that people could change.

They were wrong.

Within months of his release, women began
to disappear.

Sex workers.
Vulnerable.
Often alone.

Their bodies were later found in wooded
areas.

Strangled.

The method was always the same.

Their own clothing - used against them.

A knot tied in a distinctive way.

Did You Know?

*Unterweger's signature method - strangulation
using the victim's own clothing tied in a
specific knot - helped investigators link
murders across multiple countries.*

The killings continued.

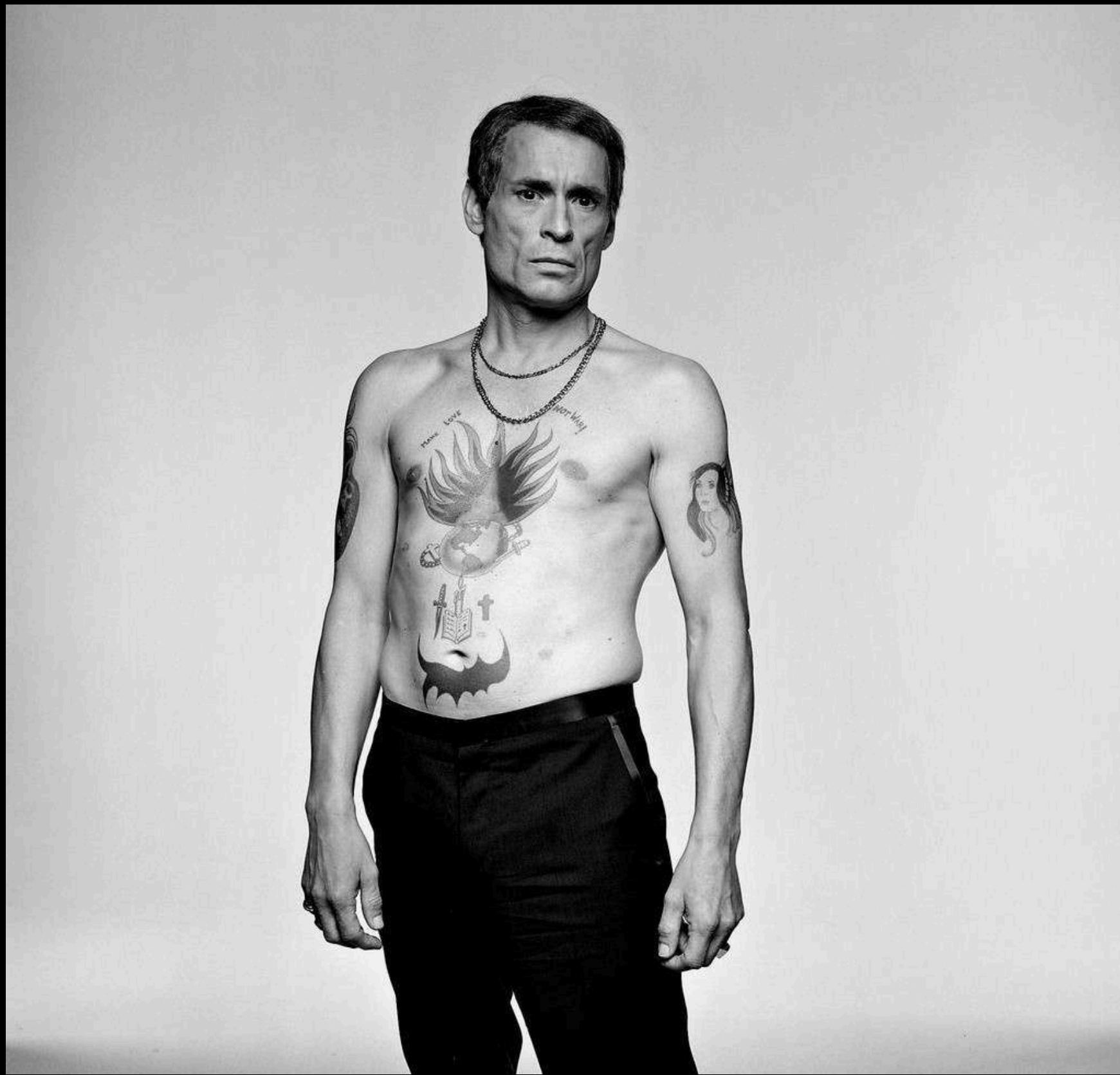
Austria.

Czechoslovakia.

No clear suspect.

No obvious pattern - except the method.

And then, something even stranger happened.



Unterweger became a journalist.

He was assigned to report on the very murders he was committing.

He interviewed police.

Discussed the case publicly.

Analyzed the killer's behavior—
while being the killer.

Psychological Note

Cases like this highlight a rare but disturbing trait: the ability to fully separate public identity from violent behavior, maintaining control without visible cracks.

In 1991, he travelled to Los Angeles—officially to report on crime and prostitution.

While there, three more women were murdered.

Same method.
Same knot.

He even joined police on ride-alongs, sitting beside officers searching for a killer who was already in the car.

As cases began to link across countries, suspicion grew.

The net tightened.

When authorities moved in, Unterweger fled, moving across Europe and North America, still giving interviews, still claiming innocence.

He believed he could talk his way out.

He couldn't.

Did You Know?

Unterweger was captured in the United States after being lured into a meeting arranged by investigators posing as journalists.

Arrested in 1992 and returned to Austria,
his trial exposed everything.

The murders.

The manipulation.

The performance.

In 1994, he was convicted and sentenced to life.

That same night, he killed himself in his cell.

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**If you've made it this far, you've only seen
a handful of the strange and disturbing
cases out there.**

**There are many more - each one darker,
stranger, and often more unsettling than
the last.**

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