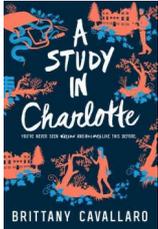


Crime

A Study in Charlotte by Brittany Cavallaro



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Sherlock has finally returned to television, so what better time to read a new interpretation of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic sleuth? *A Study in Charlotte* by Brittany Cavallaro, posits that Holmes and Watson each had families and children who followed in their famous ancestors footsteps all the way to modern times. Cavallaro creates a history for the families of Holmes and Watson, transforming them into semi-dynastic clans that often pursue the ideals set forth by the family founder. [Read more](#)

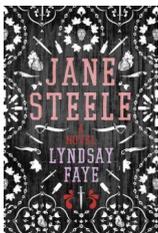
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Jane Steele



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This book retells *Jane Eyre* in the voice of a serial killer. No, the novel is not some bizarre mocking of a great classic, but a humorous, well-executed pastiche --literary even?of Charlotte Bronte's favorite book.

Jane's first killing is accidental. When Jane was only nine, her annoying first cousin, Edwin, who was thirteen, kissed Jane and then tried to force himself upon her when they were playing

outside. She shoved him away, perhaps with more strength than she'd intended. His head slammed on a rock and he died.

It happened during an awful period for Jane. Her French mother had just died from a self-inflicted draught of laudanum, and her Aunt Patience, her cousin's mother, had decided to send her off to boarding school.

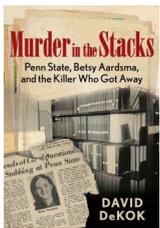
But according to Jane's mother, whom Jane shared a lowly cottage with, the whole vast estate belonged to Jane and she would inherit it when she came of age. [Read more](#)

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Murder in the Stacks



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If one single event stands out in the memory of my first semester in State College, Pa., it's the murder of an English graduate student that happened in the library. Before reading this book, I would have guessed it occurred just a week or two into term, rather than toward its end—so much did it color life for the rest of my college experience in Happy Valley, Pa. Yes, this remote mountain valley in almost the exact center of Pa. is actually named that.

Most of my dorm-mates felt absolute terror after the murder. They literally would not leave the building alone after dark. I remember big gangs of young women walking together in a phalanx toward the library to study. I joined them one night, but that was it. I could not time my departures and arrivals and function in such a timid, emotionally-wrought group.

And though this horrible crime happened decades ago, it still has not been officially "solved." But the author, a Harrisburg journalist, has come up with some compelling facts that point to a specific fellow grad student. A student in fact that went on to continue his PhD studies and remained on campus for four or five more years. [Read more](#)

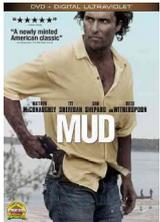
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Mud



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There are times when everything in life seems just as clear as... mud. That's doubly true if you happen to spend lots of time scrounging the Mississippi River, which is exactly what the characters in the latest from [Jeff Nichols](#) (director of 2011's shamefully overlooked *Take Shelter*) do to get by. Centering on Ellis and Neckbone, two early-teens swamp rats who befriend a fugitive hiding out near their fishing spot, [Read more](#)

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The Murdoch Mysteries - It Never Snows in Toronto



Recently I've begun watching a CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) series called [The Murdoch Mysteries](#). The program set in 1890's Toronto Canada features a young

detective by the name of William Murdoch. Like Sherlock Holmes Murdoch is ahead of his time. He applies not only skill, but also new discoveries in science to his investigations. The mysteries are as good as any that have come out of the BBC and the show doesn't take itself too seriously. [Read more](#)

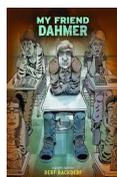
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True Crime + Graphic Novels



A graphic novel about Jeffrey Dahmer? I am not a true crime reader. I am not even a

fake crime reader, so I didn't think I would be interested. Boy, was I wrong. Last week I took *My Friend Dahmer* by Derf Backderf home based on a few coworker recommendations. I started reading fairly late one night and didn't put this book down until I was finished.

This book is sad, surprising and gross. But there is more than just morbid entertainment here. Backderf went to high school with Jeffrey Dahmer in Ohio in the 70s. His personal insight combined with meticulous research and interviews create a story that isn't really sympathetic, but does feel complete and informative. Backderf is a career comic artist, so the black and white illustrations feel like a natural way for this story to be told. He also includes some original drawings of Dahmer that he had done in high school. This isn't an easy read, but it is more than just shock value. [Read more](#)

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