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The Rein of Terror of Charles Manson The sad case is that by now we have had enough incidents of serial killings that a pattern begins to emerge. When you read about or hear reports about serial killers, it all seems so random. Their attacks are almost always on strangers, which means that any of us could be potential victims of a serial killer who is on the loose. The sad case is that by now we have had enough incidents of serial killings that a pattern begins to emerge. What is even more troubling is when the killer is apprehended, many times he is someone who is well integrated into society. How often have you read about a mass murderer who was a well respected family man who everybody liked, was sociable with his neighbors, well respected at church and work, paid his bills and went to baseball games like the rest of us? If we can understand more about why serial killers snap and strike out like that, it might be helpful to at least know that there was some reason he became so methodically violent. There is a profile of a serial killer. For example, many serial killers are white males between 25 and 40 who are not married and exhibit signs of bi-polar syndrome. But it would be a mistake then to begin to categorize every member of society who fits that description as a potential serial killer. In general serial killers come from homes what were troubled which meant their childhood years included neglect or abuse. However, most mass murderers are known to have very high IQs and their acts are neither random nor unplanned. The careful and methodical planning and preparation for their crimes is as much part of the gratification they get from killing as the acts themselves or the notoriety they get after they begin their killing sprees. Alienation and a desire for attention and power often dominate the mind of a serial killer. When someone of high intellect is isolated and unable to receive the normal gratification that most of us know from work and family life, they seek fame and power through killing. Killing is a way to get a feeling of control and recognition that they could not get otherwise. Often killing is a way of striking out against people the killer feels hurt him. So many killers focus on a small segment of society so each killing is a way of getting back at the killers mother or someone who hurt their ability to do well at work or school. These kinds of killings are evident when a disgruntled employee goes on a killing rampage at work or when someone kills at a government office or school. The Columbine killers were isolated and alienated youth in their school system. By becoming notorious and eventually famous serial killers, they achieved recognition and fame that they could not get in the school social system routinely. Unfortunately, our obsession with notorious killers like Ted Bundy , the Columbine Killers or others only encourages the next serial killer to snap and seek the same kind of recognition. It gives him a feeling of self worth and value to see his crimes talked about on TV and to become famous for killing. So our best approach to stopping a serial killer in the making is to find ways to help the isolated and alienated in society find productive ways to find self worth rather than strike out violently as serial killers often do.

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But the US is not the only country to be cursed with psychopaths. Spain, too, has had its fair share of sadistic killers, with stories so gruesome they could keep you up at night. Romasanta Born in the Galician village of Regueiro in , Romasanta was first believed to be a girl, but when he was eight his birth certificate was changed to male. Although we now understand that he was intersex, at the time, Romasanta struggled with his identity and developed mental problems. He firmly believed he was a werewolf who had been cursed by a witch. And according to him, under her spell he killed and ate 13 people around Galicia. He would then sell the body fat of children and woman from village to village. The details are scant but he died in prison in The Boogieman One of the earliest known Spanish serial killers, The Boogieman has become a faceless legend which mothers still use to scare their children into going to bed early. But in Vitoria in the north, he was more than just an urban myth. Between and he murdered and raped six women – four of them prostitutes – aged between 13 and It is believed he acted on impulse, choking them to death before having sex with their dead bodies. Every time he killed, he become more sadistic and brutal. Garayo first killed prostitutes after hiring and sleeping with them consensually, but grew more disorganized and violent as time went on, attacking, raping and murdering women that he saw walking alone. His last two victims were also stabbed to death, and the second was disembowelled. He was caged in before being put to death in During the day she was a beggar, but when the sun set, she became a prostitute for the rich and influential, fulfilling their darkest desires. She specialised in procuring children for the wealthy, with legend saying she killed dozens for her own twisted pleasure before taking their blood, body fat, hair and bones to make potions to cure diseases. Police entered her home to find hundreds of jars with human remains. While recent studies say she was more likely a scapegoat for a string of unsolved child murders, her legend lives on. Some consider him the most prolific serial killer in Spanish history, with at least 48 murders – a national record. The Sevilla-born vagabond, male prostitute and pimp terrorized the country during the 60s and 70s with a killing spree that appeared to have no modus operandi. He would kill you to rob you, to rape you or out of sheer paranoia. Sometimes he killed his victims quickly, other times he inflicted a slower and painful death before having sex with the corpses. He spent his last days in a psychiatric hospital before dying in Jose Antonio Rodriguez Vega aka El Mataviejas The old women killer From the outside he was a model citizen and the perfect husband, but Vega was concealing his true self, a serial rapist and killer. It is unknown how many women he violated during this period, but he would spend just eight years in prison. After being released, he discovered his preferences for old defenceless women. He began entering their homes by telling them he wanted to reform their property. When he was finally arrested he had already raped and murdered 16 old women during and In he was stabbed to death by other inmates.

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What makes a serial killer tick? But is it true? Rather, serial murderers may possess some or many of the traits consistent with psychopathy. There are psychopaths everywhere. CEOs, doctors, and lawyers are often psychopaths. Some people would even argue that almost everybody has a little psychopath in them, although that may be extreme. So not all psychopaths are killers. Herbert Mullin, who killed and mutilated 13 people because voices told him it was the only way to save California, was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and schizo-affective schizophrenia years before he began killing. He is generally considered psychotic, not psychopathic. In fact, the most gruesome murders are generally attributed to psychotics rather than psychopaths. The difference is that psychotic serial killers have lost touch with reality, while psychopathic serial killers know exactly what they are doing. At her trial, Dennehy laughed about the crimes. Israel Keyes, who was definitively linked to three murders and admitted to at least eight more, cracked jokes about the locations of the bodies. In interviews with serial killers, one of the most common themes is a complete lack of remorse. Adrian Raine, a professor of criminology at the University of Pennsylvania, thinks the reason for this is that serial killers have underdeveloped brains. He points to two parts of the brain that violent, repeat offenders like serial killers seem to be lacking in: The first is linked to decision-making, and Raine found criminals with psychopathic tendencies to have reduced function there. The second is linked to our ability to learn from our mistakes, and those criminals committed crimes more on impulse than through premeditation. Faced with the fact that psychopathy is not a mental illness, Raine argues that these people with underdeveloped brains should be treated like people with other mental disorders. But it was also a man who raped and strangled eight women and then confessed to at least one crime on the wall of a truck stop toilet stall. From to , Jesperson killed at least eight women, most of them prostitutes. That made Melissa about 10 at the time of his first murder, and although Jesperson was often away for long stretches due to the demands of his job as a long-distance truck driver, he still found time for his children. Looking back, Melissa recalls how even the doting dad had his dark side. He tortured some of the cats that wandered around her childhood farm. He told her once that he knew how to kill a person and get away with it. And once, just before his final murder, she was riding in the cab of his truck when she found a roll of duct tape under his pillow and a pack of cigarettes in the glove compartment. Jesperson is currently serving a life sentence for his murders, and Melissa spent years grappling with the conflicting emotions of it all. How could a killer also be able to love his children? Was it just an act? In her case, at least, she finally found a semblance of an answer. After visiting Jesperson in prison, her grandfather came to talk with her, and what he told her was both chilling and final: Hedonistic killers, the third classification, make up the majority of serial killers. This category is further broken down into three subcategories: Comfort killers see killing as an unfortunate speed bump in their main mission. Lust killers, of course, are the sexual killers. Perhaps the most sensational serial killers, at least in a media sense, are thrill killers. They kill just because they like it so much. They might spend weeks finding the right target, reveling in the planning of it as much as in the execution. The Zodiac Killer probably summed it up the most succinctly in one of his letters to the police: Jari Tiihonen thinks so. MAOA is a gene in the X-chromosome that plays a role in the production of dopamine, which is linked to aggression. According to the study, people with variants in both of these genes are 13 times more likely to commit violent crimes. A separate study in the US came to the same conclusions. The warrior gene could also help explain why most serial killers are men: What that means is that while women could have one variant gene, they also typically have a normal one as well that can sort of act against it. So are some people natural-born killers? Tiihonen was quick to say that a lot of different factors have to combine to create the perfect storm. Was there a push somewhere along the line that turned Keith into a murderer while Uncle Charlie just got the crazy stick? Neuroscientist James Fallon thinks something like that might have been the case, and his test subject is the most personal of all: In , his direct great-grandfather, a man named Thomas Cornell, was executed for killing

his own mother. His family tree was sprouting killers like rotten apples. Specifically, his brain lacked major activity in the prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain associated with impulse control and ethical behavior. The serial killer who was beaten as a child. The spree killer who suffered a severe childhood head injury. The pedophile raised as a victim of pedophilia. Even Ted Bundy, who in interviews spoke of his pleasantly normal childhood, might have had a more twisted childhood than he was able—or willing—to recall. The controversy lies in whether or not childhood abuse is a valid excuse for their actions. Dorothy Lewis published a study that looked at 15 convicted killers on death row. All of them, Lewis found, had suffered head injuries in their childhoods. Again, she found that each and every one of them had suffered brain damage as a child. Even if some serial killers are shaped by brain damage, by the time it manifests as murder, does it even matter? Can murder be a symptom? And if it is, is the underlying issue something worth trying to treat? If the theory is true, can a killer be cured? That also makes psychopathic killers notoriously hard to treat in prison. But they can be managed. During his conversations with Rader, author and psychologist Scott A. If he goes to bed on time, he gets to watch TV. Holding her arm until the moment he gave her away was her father, a bespectacled man with thinning hair who was the president of the Christ Lutheran Church council and a respected Boy Scout leader. Two years later, the FBI knocked on her door and told her that her father was none other than the notorious BTK killer who had been on the loose since his first murder in Over a period of 31 years, Dennis Rader had murdered 10 people, including two young boys, stalked countless women, and defiled the dead bodies of many of his victims. He killed his seventh victim, Nancy Fox, while his wife, Paula, was three months pregnant with Kerri. He killed his next three while teaching his children the difference between right and wrong. The question that so many people have asked is, how could they not have known? After 34 years of marriage, how could his wife not have known that the man who slept beside her every night was a depraved murderer? Yet Kerri claims that the family had no idea. He taught us about nature. How to go camping. He taught me a ton. He took us on good vacations. He was pretty Boy Scouty —no swearing. Gary Ridgway murdered 49 women in between taking his son out for doughnuts. Those are perhaps the most frightening of all. Until we understand why and how someone can have a seemingly happy life while still reveling in taking the lives of others, well, anybody could be a killer. The action-packed sequel, *Mind of Tesla*, has even bigger robots.

**Chapter 4 : PURE EVIL: Meet Spain's most notorious serial killers - Olive Press News Spain**

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The Psychology of serial killers There are many different levels of criminal psychology. There are some criminal, or forensic, psychologist that focus mainly their research on serial killers. This time between the murders often makes the killings not seem connected. Depending of course, on the method used to murder the victim. Studying the Brain of Serial Killers: As research continues in the field, it is more commonly believed that the symptoms manifested by serial killers - regardless of their classification - are the result of brain abnormalities. For instance, using medical imaging techniques, neuroscientists have discovered that the brains of psychopaths have noticeably thinner tissue in key subcortical areas. These regions span what doctors call the limbic system. It also spans other structures, such as the orbitofrontal cortex and the temporal pole, that are adjacent to the limbic system. These regions of the brain are collectively known as the paralimbic system, and believe it may hold the key to understanding psychopaths. This is because the paralimbic system controls basic emotions such as fear, pleasure, anger and handles decision making, reasoning and impulse control. If this tissue is damaged or underdeveloped, then that person may have a decreased ability to register feelings or assign emotional value to experiences. It explains a great deal about the behavior of psychopaths, who have great difficulty feeling emotions. Freud, a more classic form of psychoanalytic theory, described the id as the part of the mind that regulates instinctive impulses and primary processes. The ego, Freud said, mediates between the conscious and the unconscious and is responsible for a sense of someones personal identity. And the superego acts as a self-critical conscience, reflecting the social norms learned from parents, teachers and other authority figures. In psychopaths, an abnormal paralimbic system could weaken the ego, which would allow the id to direct behavior, leading to the need for immediate gratification. Other abnormal brain functions could also compromise the superego, allowing an individual to harm others in their pursuit of self gratification without experiencing feelings of guilt or remorse. The Serial Killer Environment: Data shows that information hardwired in DNA only accounts for 50 percent of the variability among people who exhibit adult antisocial traits. Basically, genetics can only account for so much. A persons environment has equal importance in shaping how a person develops. Many, but not all, serial killers suffered some kind of trauma in their childhood. Childhood trauma played a key role in the lives of numerous serial killers. John Wayne Gacy , who murdered 33 young boys, suffered greatly at the hands of his abusive father. Gacy was brutally beaten and saw his beloved dog shot while he watched. Aside from physical abuse, he withstood verbal assaults, listening as his father called him "sissy" and "worthless. Some accounts say his father sold the children to a farmer in Maine. Although they were rescued by their mother, the trama they shared from the incident must have been significant. Jeffrey Dahmer , murdered 17 people in the late s and early s, seemed to have a normal childhood. He was described as happy and bubbly, although court records state that Dahmer was a withdrawn child who was fascinated with dead animals. Something happened to turn Dahmer into a sadistic killer. Reports say he may have been sexually molested by a neighbor boy in He also may have also been traumatized, at age 4, by an operation for a hernia. Without that connection, children may never learn to trust the people around them. Instead, they turn inward, creating a fantasy world that becomes their source of gratification. Usually when challenged, they react violently and never feel sympathy or remorse for the harm they cause. The FBI conducted a three-year study of 36 sexually motivated killers, including 29 serial killers, the following statistics were reported: But if you combine severe childhood abuse and isolation with certain neurobiological defects, it becomes much more clear how a child could grow up to become a vicious and heartless killer. One of the first tasks of the BSU, was to interview 36 serial murderers in an effort to understand their motivation and psychology. After these interviews it was determined that serial killers could be classified into three groups: Organized killers plan their attacks methodically, where the planning process itself becomes part of a consuming mental fantasy. They choose their victims carefully and may stalk them for extended periods of time. They carry, weapons and restraints with them and very rarely kill at the scene where they encounter the

victim. Instead, they transport their victims to another location, commit the murder, and then dispose of the body in a third location. This makes it difficult for investigators to collect evidence. After a killing, they often follow the investigation in the media. Their victims hold no symbolic value and have the misfortune of being in the "wrong place at the wrong time. Some serial killers defy classification. Perhaps they kill occasionally while intoxicated or on drugs. Or, perhaps they fall in with other criminals who are quick to kill. Using this system, the psychology of serial killers becomes a bit more muddled. Organized killers, for example, are classic psychopaths and meticulously plan their crime and usually kill in a cold-blooded fashion. Disorganized and mixed-category killers can be psychopathic, but can also be psychotic. People who are psychotic lose contact with reality and may have hallucinations or delusions. Experts consider Ted Bundy as the perfect example of an organized killer. His method of killing worked so well he may have murdered up to women. The technique would approach a young woman and ask for car. The woman would then follow Bundy to the car, and when he had the door open, he would attack and restrain her, then drive to another location to play out the final fantasies. Which usually put his victims at ease, although a few sensed the evil that was below the less organized. Florida police captured him in February after a sloppy killing spree that left three more people dead. On January 24, at 7: Holmes, authors on numerous serial killer and violent crime books, proposed a new serial murder typology, which organizes killers into 4 main categories: Their victims are not related and have no connection. These hedonistic killers can be further divided into two categories: Power or Control killers: Several researcher professionals have analyzed the Holmes and Holmes Serial Murder Typology and questioned whether it is valid or not. Still, the Holmes typology remains a very useful tool in helping to understand the motivations and psychological processes of serial killers. When psychologists interviewed David Berkowitz after a year long shooting rampage that left six people dead and several more wounded, they diagnosed him as a paranoid schizophrenic. Based on the style of his slayings, he seemed like a classic visionary killer. He claimed he was driven by demons, saying his neighbors dog told him to do the killings. He eventually gave a full confession, but a few questions remain. Some investigators theorize that Berkowitz belonged to a satanic cult and may not have acted alone. Maury Terry, a newsman who worked the Son of Sam case, believes the attacks were carried out by five gunmen, including Berkowitz.

**Chapter 5 : Cartoonist Gary Varvel: A killer's mind: 02/19/ Cartoon by Gary Varvel**

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How capital punishment really works in America0: Graphic content A MASS murderer and a sadistic serial killer have taken their own lives within hours of each other on the largest death row in the US, according to officials. Corrections officials said Monday they found killer Virendra Govin, 51, alone and unresponsive in his cell on death row at San Quentin State Prison, in California, on Sunday. Govin and his brother, Pravin Govin, were each sentenced to death for the murders of a business rival and three members of her family, including a child, in Los Angeles. Separately, authorities said they found serial killer Andrew Urdiales, 54, dead in his cell on death row during a security check at the same prison two days earlier. He was sentenced to death on October 5 by an Orange County judge for killing five women in California, and previously faced the death penalty for another three murders in Illinois. The killings took place while he was stationed at various US Marine Corps facilities in southern California. Prison officials said since , when California reinstated capital punishment, 79 condemned inmates had died from natural causes, 25 had taken their own lives, 13 had been executed in California, and two were executed interstate. Jennifer Asbenson is the only person known to have escaped Urdiales after being abducted and tortured by him in a terrifying ordeal that had the makings of a horror movie. Urdiales had already brutally murdered five women when he first crossed paths with Ms Asbenson near her home in Cathedral City, California on September 27, It was around 9. Urdiales wound down his window and asked if she wanted a ride. She turned him down but as he went to drive away she changed her mind. Jennifer Asbenson was just 19 years old when she was abducted by serial killer Andrew Urdiales. Supplied Ms Asbenson had already been warned by her employers that if she was late again she would be sacked. I even felt bad for prejudging him. The next morning when she finished her shift he was outside in his car waiting for her. It was just after 6am. I grew up with no electricity, no running water, television, nothing like that. I was extra naive. She laughed and turned him down. He offered her a ride home. Ms Asbenson recently published a book about her ordealSource: Supplied Ms Asbenson survived the attempted murder. Supplied Just moments after Ms Asbenson got in the car Urdiales mentioned the fake number she had given him and turned on her. And then a gun came out. He put a hat and sunglasses on Ms Asbenson and pushed her seat all the way back. Out by the windmills. He was forceful, fast and precise. He punched her and started cutting her shorts. YouTube Ms Asbenson re-enacts how she was gagged and bound by a serial killer who kidnapped her. But the worst was yet to come. He ordered Ms Asbenson to say she loved him but she struggled to get the words out. I thought I was going to die right then from gagging on my own vomit. While my friends are sleeping? While my parents are sleeping? While the lady at work is helping the children? She believes she died until she was jolted back to life. It just rushed to me. And then I realised why I would see him close up and far off. Then he sat up. And when he sat up he opened his mouth for just a second and I saw blood and skin in his teeth and blood coming down his mouth. Andrew Urdiales showed no mercy to his victims. I remember looking on the sides of me and seeing the gravel going by me and I realised he was pulling me through the desert by my hair. He then put her battered and bloodied body into the boot of his car and started driving to another location. The last thing Ms Asbenson saw before the door slammed shut was a bird in the sky. She started ripping the boot interior apart and turned the latch. It was now or never. As the car slowed, Ms Asbenson jumped out and ran. But I look back. He was chasing me down the middle of the road with a machete. So I just ran, a car was coming towards me, it was a truck. It could have run me over. But instead, it was two marines and they stopped. I told them what happened, they had a pair of jeans that fit me perfectly. Andrew Urdiales pictured in AP The nightmare was far from over. No one believed her. Not even her own mother or the authorities, according to Ms Asbenson. It would be another five years until Urdiales was caught by police, in In that time he murdered another three women. Urdiales was convicted of three murders in the states of Indiana and Illinois and sentenced to death. The death penalty was later abolished in Indiana and those on death row were sentenced to life without parole. He was also commuted to life without

parole in Illinois. Urdiales was extradited to the Orange County jail in California in A trial for the murders of the other five women came to a conclusion last month when he was sentenced to death for killing them. Ms Asbenson told news. But she has also tried to move forward with her life. Supplied Ms Asbenson, 45, has a year-old daughter, and recently wrote and published a book *The Girl in the Treehouse* about her ordeal.

*Dr. Stone explains what motivates men who commit serial sexual homicide and whether or not they are born evil.*

Can you guess which one? There are numerous definitions for the term, but generally a serial killer is described as someone who has killed three or more individuals and the murders took place on separate occasions, meaning there is cooling off period between each of the killings. That brings us back to our question: Which of those famous aforementioned murderers is not a serial killer? The answer is Anders Behring Breivik, who in killed 77 people - eight via car bomb in Oslo and 69 on Utoya Island by embarking on a shooting rampage. Since the murders all took place on the same day, and considered part of a single event, Breivik is considered a spree killer. So how does an individual become a serial killer and forge a lifestyle that revolves around murder? But psychiatrists, law enforcement, lawyers and behavioral analysts have not figured out the entire formula that equates to serial murdering. The BAU adds, "Since it is not possible to identify all of the factors that influence normal human behavior, it similarly is not possible to identify all of the factors that influence an individual to become a serial murderer". Indicators It is a myth that serial killers are necessarily geniuses. A traumatic upbringing may be a factor in someone becoming a serial killer, although many people who grow up in an abusive environment do not become murderers. Henry Lee Lucas, who was convicted of 11 murders but at one time confessed to murders believed to be a hoax, had a very traumatic upbringing. When he was only three years old, his mother made him watch her have sex with several different partners. DeBurger and R. Holmes developed a theory that serial murders may be classified into four categories based on motive. These serial killers generally suffer from a form of psychosis where their delusions or hallucinations command them to kill. Herbert Mullin is an example of a visionary serial killer who believed voices told him to kill in order to prevent an earthquake. He also burned his penis with a cigarette because voices told him to do so. These serial killers murder due to the satisfaction they gain of having complete power over their victims. Sex is often part of this type of serial murder. Mission serial killers murder because they are motivated to seek revenge or eliminate a particular group of people. Their motives are generally not created out of psychosis. Carroll Edward Cole is an example. His mission was to kill women who cheated on their partners and he killed at least 13 women who had sex with him. Black widows fit into this category, such as Lydia Trueblood who killed five husbands and her baby daughter. Jeffrey Dahmer is another example of a hedonistic serial killer. His crimes involved the murder of 17 young men and boys coupled with rape and necrophilia. Serial killers differ from one another in various ways such as by their MO method of operation or modus operandi, their motivation and personality disorder. These include a fake charm, lack of remorse, little emotion, a tendency to pathologically lie and a grandiose sense of self. Not all psychopaths become serial killers and serial killers may possess a few or many of the items on Dr. Case Study - The "Green River Killer" Between and, he picked up young women many of them alleged prostitutes or runaways had sex with them, strangled them and hid their bodies away in forests and other remote areas around King County, Washington. At first, he would return to their bodies and have sex with them again; then, he began to bury the victims as a means to resist his temptations for necrophilia. The first five women who lost their lives to his hands were found in and around the Green River. As of February, Ridgway pled guilty to his 49th count of murder in the killing of year old Rebecca Marrero back in Just recently June 18, the remains of Sandra Denise Major were identified and tied to Ridgway. In, Ridgway became a suspect for the Green River killings since a witness saw one of the victims, Marie Malvar, struggling with him in his truck. He also had a criminal record for soliciting prostitutes. But, in, Ridgway passed a polygraph test. Sheriff, formerly detective, Dave Reichert was on the Green River Killer case from the beginnings until Ridgway was arrested in due to DNA evidence linking him to four victims. Reichert and his fellow investigators described the Green River Killer as a pathological liar, who wanted to be the center of attention, to be in control and who took pride in his "career" of strangling women. Helfgott states that the Green River Killer fits the mission serial killer mould, characterized by the desire to seek revenge against a particular type of person i. In the case of Ridgway, the hedonist typology of serial killer must also be considered since sex was a consistent part of

his MO. Additionally, his interactions with his father may explain why Ridgway engaged in necrophilia. According to Cramer, his dad, who worked in a mortuary, told him about a staff member who engaged in sexual acts with the corpses. Ridgway was a more prolific serial killer when he was having problems with women in his personal life.

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