

Central Rappahannock Regional Library
True Crime Book Group

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2nd Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30

The True Crime Book Group is a bit different from traditional book groups. Rather than read just one title, we focus on one case at a time.

You can read, watch, and listen to as many or as few items on this list as you would like. If you have favorite podcasts, shows, or authors, you can check those sources to see if they have covered the case for the month.

June Case: Strange Crimes and Criminals

Resources for the Book Group Meeting

Read

- [“Caught on Video: Alleged Burglar Becomes Trapped Inside Pomona Cellular Store”](#) by Moreno, John A. KTLA 5, Oct. 3, 2015.
- [“‘Duct Tape Bandit’ Apprehended Immediately”](#) by Underhill, Kevin. Lowering the Bar, Aug. 15, 2007.
- [The World’s Dumbest Criminals](#) by Butler, Daniel and Alan Ray, 1997. (Hoopla)
- [The World’s Dumbest Criminals](#) by Kirchhoff, Jack, 2020. (Hoopla)
- [Least Competent Criminals](#) by Shepherd, Chuck, 2012. (Hoopla)

Watch

- [America’s Dumbest Criminals](#) (TV series)
- <https://americasdumbestcriminals.com/news/>
- [“Store Owner Tired of his Place of Business Being Robbed Sets a Trap, with music”](#) - gungaldin, YouTube.
- [“Man Runs from Cops. Instantly Regrets Everything”](#) - EWU Bodycam, YouTube.
- [“Cops Get the Surprise of Their Lives”](#) - EWU Bodycam, YouTube.
- [“Kasey Kazee - Not No Duct Tape Bandit”](#) - sozah, YouTube.
- [“K9 Accused Of Stealing Fellow Officer's Sandwich”](#) - KCAU-TV Sioux City, YouTube.
- [“Admitted drug dealers get high and call the Idaho cops”](#) - East Idaho News, YouTube.

Listen

- [“10 - Yes, 10! - Dumb Criminals”](#) - Stuff You Should Know.
- [Ridiculous Crime](#) (Podcast)

July Case: 8 Passengers Vlog
Resources for the Book Group Meeting

Read

- [The House of My Mother](#) by Franke, Shari
- [“In wake of Ruby Franke abuse case, Utah adds protections for children of social media influencers”](#) CBS News, Mar. 26, 2025.
- [“Where Are Ruby Franke’s 6 Kids Now? Here’s What Happened to the Family After the Vlogger’s 2023 Arrest”](#) by Eidell, Lynsey, People Magazine, Mar. 28, 2025.
- [“Utah vs. Franke/Hildebrandt”](#) - Washington County, Utah
- [“The Horrifying True Story Behind Hulu’s Devil in the Family: The Fall of Ruby Franke”](#) by Brodsky, Rachel, TIME Magazine, Feb. 25, 2025.

Watch

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- [Devil in the Family: The Fall of Ruby Franke](#) (TV miniseries)
- ["8 Passengers" Star is Arrested for Unthinkable Crime | Ruby Franke Case Analysis](#) - Dr. Todd Grande, YouTube.
- [Mormon Mom Gone Wrong: The Ruby Franke Story](#) - Lifetime (Hoopla)

Listen

- [The Rise and Fall of Ruby Franke](#) (Podcast) - Law & Crime Wonderly, Spotify.

August Case: Knox-Eastlake
Resources for the Book Group Meeting

Read

- ["1921 murder case gripped the region - Retro Reads: Knox-Eastlake murder case gripped the region in 1921"](#) by Migdal, Wendy. The Free Lance-Star, Oct. 10, 2023.
- ["Continuation of the Knox-Eastlake case - Retro Reads: Continuation of the Knox-Eastlake case"](#) by Migdal, Wendy. The Free Lance-Star,
- ["Knox and Eastlake case comes to a close - Retro Reads: Conclusion to the Knox-Eastlake murder case"](#) by Migdal, Wendy. The Free Lance-Star, May 14, 2024.

Articles from that Time

- ["Foul Murder of Woman Charged to Her Husband"](#) by United Press. The Washington Reporter, Oct. 1, 1921.
- ["Eastlake and Miss Knox"](#) The Free Lance, Oct. 8, 1921.
- ["Eastlake Murder"](#) The Free Lance, Oct. 13, 1921.
- ["The Eastlake Case"](#) The Free Lance, Oct. 15, 1921.
- ["Large Crowd at Montross"](#) The Free Lance, Oct. 25, 1921.
- ["Indicted Separately"](#) The Free Lance, Oct. 27, 1921.
- ["Eastlake Case"](#) The Free Lance, Nov. 1, 1921.
- ["Eastlake Case"](#) The Free Lance, Nov. 17, 1921.
- ["Mrs. Eastlake Here"](#) The Free Lance, Dec. 3, 1921.
- ["To Try Eastlake"](#) The Free Lance, Dec. 8, 1921.
- ["Eastlake Trial"](#) The Free Lance, Dec. 13, 1921.
- ["Montross Trial"](#) The Free Lance, Dec. 17, 1921.
- ["Hatchet Identified"](#) The Free Lance, Dec. 20, 1921.
- ["Leave to Eastlake"](#) The Free Lance, Dec. 21, 1921.
- ["Eastlake is Acquitted"](#) The Free Lance, Dec. 22, 1921.
- ["Eastlake Here"](#) The Free Lance, Jan. 5, 1922.
- ["Two Verdicts in Eastlake Case"](#) The Free Lance, Jan. 10, 1922.
- ["Eastlake to be Witness"](#) The Free Lance, Jan. 11, 1922.
- ["Eastlake Here"](#) The Free Lance, Jan. 19, 1922.
- ["The Knox Trial"](#) The Free Lance, Mar. 2, 1922.
- ["The Knox Trial"](#) The Free Lance, Mar. 20, 1922.
- ["Trial Tuesday"](#) The Free Lance, Apr. 25, 1922.
- ["Knox Murder Trial"](#) The Free Lance, Apr. 27, 1922.
- ["Eastlake Wedded"](#) The Free Lance, Apr. 29, 1922.
- ["Eastlake on Stand"](#) The Free Lance, May 1, 1922.
- ["Miss Knox Here"](#) The Free Lance, May 11, 1922.