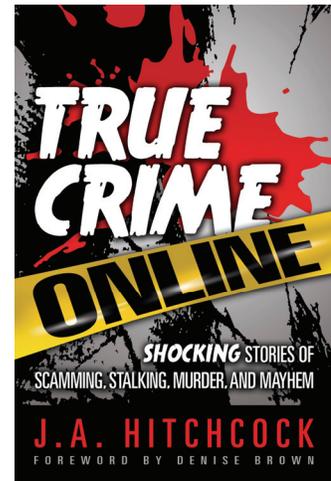


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True Crime Online

New Book Exposes the Sinister Side of the Internet, from Cyberbullying to Murder



January 14, 2013, Medford, NJ—Information Today, Inc. (ITI) announced the publication of *True Crime Online: Shocking Stories of Scamming, Stalking, Murder, and Mayhem* by cybercrime expert and victims’ advocate, J. A. Hitchcock. In her 10th book, Hitchcock (*Net Crimes & Misdemeanors*) journeys into the darkest recesses of the internet to document the activities of online miscreants and criminals, from bullies and stalkers to scam artists, sexual predators, and serial killers.

“From entertainment to education and from shopping to dating, the internet has provided an entirely new virtual world for everyone to enjoy,” Hitchcock notes, but she warns that the online world is also a breeding ground for murderers, kidnappers, child predators, scam artists, terrorists, hackers, and other criminals. “The FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center found that in 2011 a record-setting 314,246 fraud complaints were filed,” according to the author. “That’s a 3.4 percent increase from 2010, with a monetary loss for victims at a staggering estimate of \$485.3 million—almost double the number for the previous year.”

In the foreword to *True Crime Online*, leading advocate for victims of domestic violence Denise Brown explains, “With the internet, predators don’t need to leave their homes anymore to find or harass their targets. They have no fear of physical violence, since they believe that they cannot be physically touched in cyberspace.” Brown says, “The stories in this book are both frightening and real and depict things that can and do happen everyday. They show us what can happen to people just like you and me. People who never thought they would become victims of online crimes.”

True Crime Online features 16 chapters covering a range of shocking cybercrimes, including both highly publicized and lesser-known cases of cyberbullying, sexual predation, robbery, murder, and cannibalism. Readers can access case updates and information on how to stay safe online from the author at www.truecrime-online.com.

ADVANCE PRAISE FOR *TRUE CRIME ONLINE*

“Riveting and frightening ... a powerful reminder that the online world is a dangerous place where predators are always on the hunt for prey—and any one of us could be a victim.”

—Tess Gerritsen,
NYT bestselling author, *Last to Die*

“*True Crime Online* gives real examples of internet crime from the investigation by law enforcement authorities through to the court deposition. A useful tool for students and practitioners investigating these crimes.”

—Dr. Henry C. Lee, CT Forensic
Science Laboratory, Meriden, CT

“This book is yet another wake-up call of the need for greater vigilance and enforcement in cyberspace.”

—Bennet Kelley,
founder, Internet Law Center

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J.A. Hitchcock is an internationally recognized cybercrime expert and victims’ advocate. She volunteers her time to work with the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime, the National Center for Victims of Crime, and numerous law enforcement agencies worldwide. She is the president of Working to Halt Online Abuse (WHOA) at www.haltabuse.org and its Kids/Teens Division (WHOA-KTD) at www.haltabusektd.org. She is the author of nine previous books including two editions of *Net Crimes and Misdemeanors: Outmaneuvering Web Spammers, Stalkers, and Con Artists* (CyberAge Books, 2002, 2006).

Denise Brown, author of the foreword to *True Crime Online*, is co-founder and president of the Nicole Brown Foundation and a leading advocate for victims of domestic violence.

True Crime Online: Shocking Stories of Scamming, Stalking, Murder, and Mayhem (176 pp/softbound/\$14.95/ISBN 978-1-937290-00-9) is a CyberAge Book published by Information Today, Inc. (ITI). It is available wherever books and ebooks are sold through Independent Publishers Group (IPG), www.ipgbook.com. For more information or to order call (800) 300-9868 [outside U.S. call (609) 654-6266]; fax (609) 654-4309; email custserv@infotoday.com; or visit the ITI website at www.infotoday.com.

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