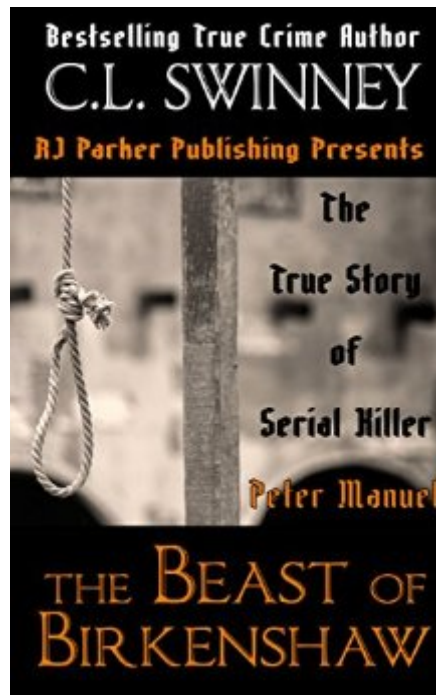


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Synopsis

Peter Manuel killed repeatedly, both random and targeted victims, including men, women, and children, because he enjoyed the rush. As a life-long criminal, Manuel mainly committed property crime. That all changed when his heart was broken. The woman he'd been engaged to called off the wedding and left him, causing Peter to snap. His violence escalated then, and Peter terrorized various communities for almost two years. His cockiness had no end, and he went as far as giving a police inspector a ride while the inspector was searching for one of the teenage girls Peter had murdered. Peter toyed with the detective and advised him he thought the police were looking in the wrong spot for the girl. Ultimately, Peter's arrogance and insatiable need for attention led to his demise...one that made him meet his own executioner as he hung from a noose on prison gallows. This is a frightening story because no one was exempt from becoming his victim.

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Customer Reviews

As the name says, the beast! Wow as much as I enjoy reading true crime, this guy is up there with the crazies. Peter Manuel was a combination of a serial killer, a criminal and a control freak! As he

committed these horrific crimes, the more aroused he would get because he felt a rush being in total control! Great book, Chris Swinney has another hit with this book!

This is an astounding case of a young serial killer in Scotland during the 1950s. Apparently his criminal career began at age 9 with stealing, progressing to breaking and entering, then finally to senseless violence and murder. In the end, Peter Manuel was credited with nine murders along with hundreds of break-ins. Despite much speculation, no motive was offered for a single one of the murders. It appears he just wanted to kill. Although Manuel suffered two devastating injuries, there was no connection made to his violent behavior afterwards. This is a well-researched and well-written account of the life and crimes of the "Beast of Birkenhead."

I have read ALL of the True Crime books by CL Swinney as well as some of his fiction books and I have to say this may be my favorite one so far! Chris has an easy to read style and this book seems well written and informative. In this True Crime book, Chris gives us the story of Peter Manuel, aka "The Beast of Birkenhead"! Peter Manuel started his life of crime by committing petty thefts and burglaries at the young age of 9. By the time he reached his mid to late teens he started to add extremely violent acts of assaults and rape to his crime resume! He spent a short period of time in prison for some of those crimes but that seemed to do nothing for him as far as reforming him. It didn't take long after he got out that he added serial killer to his resume! I should also add that these crimes were committed back in the 1940's and 50's when people were used to going to bed without having to lock down their house like a fortress and the term "serial killer" had not yet been coined! Making these murders all the more shocking!

I had never heard of Peter Manuel until I read this book. His crimes were committed back in the 1940's and 50's before much was talked about on Serial Killers. What an evil man he was. Very well written book by Chris Swinney. I recommend this book along with all other books by Chris.

This is the true story of Peter Manuel the Beast of Birkenhead. This is a scary story because he targeted men, women, and children. Peter was ok until the woman he was engaged to called off their wedding and left him and the killings started. In the end Peter was hung and his arrogance ended. I think this is one of the best that Chris has written. Check out his other books because they are great also

Peter Manuel committed his first crime at age 9 with 100 more crimes to follow. He was bullied for his American accent and his height (short). At 10 years old most of the police knew him as a bad kid who stole the lot. His parents could not manage him and after several months of failed attempts to correct Peter's behavior he was officially placed on probation. At 12 he was caught breaking in entering shoplifting and larceny he admitted that he enjoyed breaking into homes and he had no remorse for his illegal activity. He had no regard for other people's property or homes. When his crimes became boring to him he upgraded his thirst and killed his first victim Anne Kneilands. A detailed look into the life of Peter Manuel and his horrific murders. A must read for all True Crime Readers

I've always wondered how a serial killer becomes just that, a serial killer. Well C.L. Swinney gives you very detailed information on all his crime books on the killer's background from his childhood to adulthood, giving you an understanding and going inside the killer's head as to how they are thinking and what made them do the crimes. It's sad how most of these criminals if they had proper parenting or counseling, most of the killings might have never happened. I enjoyed reading this book and can be used as a great reference if thinking about studying criminology.

Peter Manuel was born in New York to Scottish parents and returned to Scotland when he was 5. He had problems from the beginning and was a petty thief by the time he was 10. He started sexually assaulting females when he was 16 and served time in prison. After he was released from prison, his assaults escalated to murder. He was convicted of murdering 7 people between 1956 and 1958, but he was suspected of other murders. This is an excellent book by Author Chris Swinney and I highly recommend it.

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