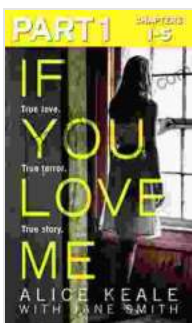


# True Love, True Terror, True Story: Unraveling the Mysterious Murders of Kristin Rossum and Jennifer Long

In the annals of true crime, few cases are as chilling and heartbreaking as the murders of Kristin Rossum and Jennifer Long. These two young women, filled with promise and the anticipation of a bright future, were brutally taken from their families and friends in a senseless act of violence.

## The Victims

Kristin Rossum was a 21-year-old college student at San Diego State University. She was a talented artist and musician, and had a bright future ahead of her. Jennifer Long was a 22-year-old aspiring actress. She was known for her infectious smile and bubbly personality.



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## The Murders

On February 25th, 1986, Kristin Rossum was found dead in her apartment. She had been stabbed multiple times. Two days later, Jennifer Long's body was discovered in a field near her home. She had also been stabbed to death.

The murders sent shockwaves through the community. Detectives were baffled by the lack of a motive and the brutality of the crimes. There were no signs of forced entry or sexual assault. The victims' belongings were untouched.

## **The Investigation**

As the investigation proceeded, detectives began to focus on a suspect named Richard Ramirez. Ramirez was a drifter with a long history of violence. He had been convicted of several burglaries and assaults, and was known to be fascinated by Satanism.

In August 1986, Ramirez was arrested in connection with a series of home invasions and murders in Los Angeles. DNA evidence linked him to the murders of Kristin Rossum and Jennifer Long.

## **The Trial**

Ramirez's trial began in January 1989. He was charged with 13 counts of murder, five counts of attempted murder, 11 counts of sexual assault, and 14 counts of burglary. The trial was highly publicized, and Ramirez quickly became known as the "Night Stalker."

The prosecution presented a mountain of evidence against Ramirez, including DNA, fingerprints, and eyewitness testimony. Ramirez's defense

attorneys argued that he was insane, but the jury rejected their arguments.

## **The Verdict**

On November 7, 1989, Ramirez was found guilty on all 43 counts. He was sentenced to death.

## **The Aftermath**

The murders of Kristin Rossum and Jennifer Long left an indelible mark on their families and friends. The Rossum family founded the Kristin Rossum Foundation, which provides support to victims of violent crime. The Long family established the Jennifer Long Memorial Fund, which provides scholarships to aspiring actresses.

Richard Ramirez died in prison on June 7, 2013, at the age of 53.

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True Love, True Terror, True Story is a riveting account of the Kristin Rossum and Jennifer Long murders, and the subsequent investigation that led to the arrest and conviction of their killer. The book provides a chilling glimpse into the mind of a heartless predator, and the devastating impact his actions had on the victims' families and friends.

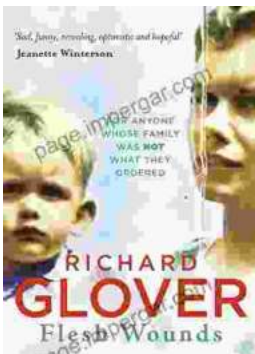
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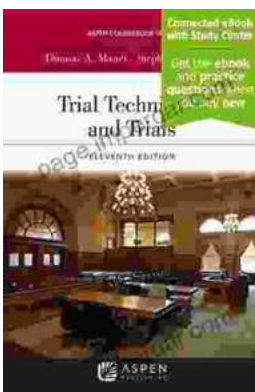
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