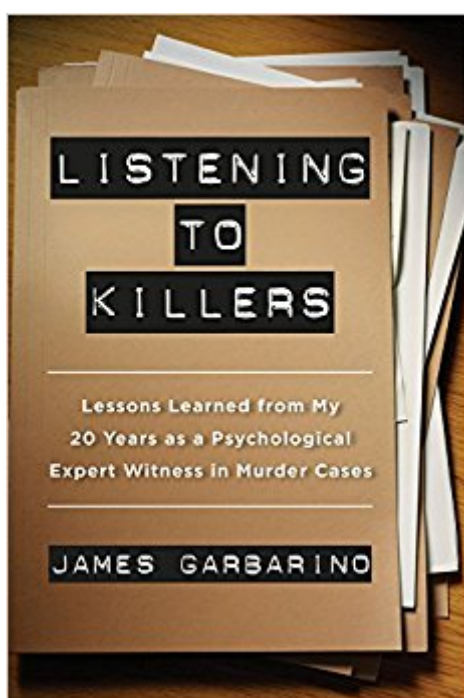


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Listening To Killers: Lessons Learned From My Twenty Years As A Psychological Expert Witness In Murder Cases



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Listening to Killers offers an inside look at twenty years' worth of murder files from Dr. James Garbarino, a leading expert psychological witness who listens to killers so that he can testify in court. The author offers detailed accounts of how killers travel a path that leads from childhood innocence to lethal violence in adolescence or adulthood. He places the emotional and moral damage of each individual killer within a larger scientific framework of social, psychological, anthropological, and biological research on human development. By linking individual cases to broad social and cultural issues and illustrating the social toxicity and unresolved trauma that drive some people to kill, Dr. Garbarino highlights the humanity we share with killers and the role of understanding and empathy in breaking the cycle of violence.

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This was required reading for my Criminal Justice class at Missouri State University and I totally think it was a PERFECT book to assign. THIS AUTHOR IS SO AWESOME THAT AFTER READING THIS BOOK I ORDERED ALL HIS OTHER RELATED BOOKS. This book gives you a pretty objective perspective of what goes on in the minds of a killer, but more so, WHY they became killers. A MUST READ for any criminology student or someone fascinated with crime in American society

This was an absolutely amazing book that really opened eyes to helping society understand how a person can come to kill another human being. Dr. Garbarino does a nice job of remaining sensitive to the nature of the crimes his subjects committed and balancing that with a real compassion and understanding of how certain individuals get to that point.

Love this book. I'm a forensic psychology major in college, currently going for a masters degree. This book is spot on and full of information.

Dr. Garbarino is spot-on. I have an ACE score of 9. I can deeply relate to these young people and children who have killed. A society concerned only with individual self-interest ...which can show no empathy for the plight of abused and abandoned children..would be well served by self-examination and a mindful contemplation of what to me is a predictable outcome of callous, and unconcerned societal neglect of our most abused and terrified children. I see our group failings in caring for these vulnerable children to be no less abhorrent than the killings of these young people. That said, this is an absolutely excellent book. It is full of lots of very valuable information. Also this book gives us hope. Killers are made by us... we too can seek redemption and forge a peaceful world!

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This is a must read for anyone involved in capital cases or understanding the individual charged with murder or a violent crime

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