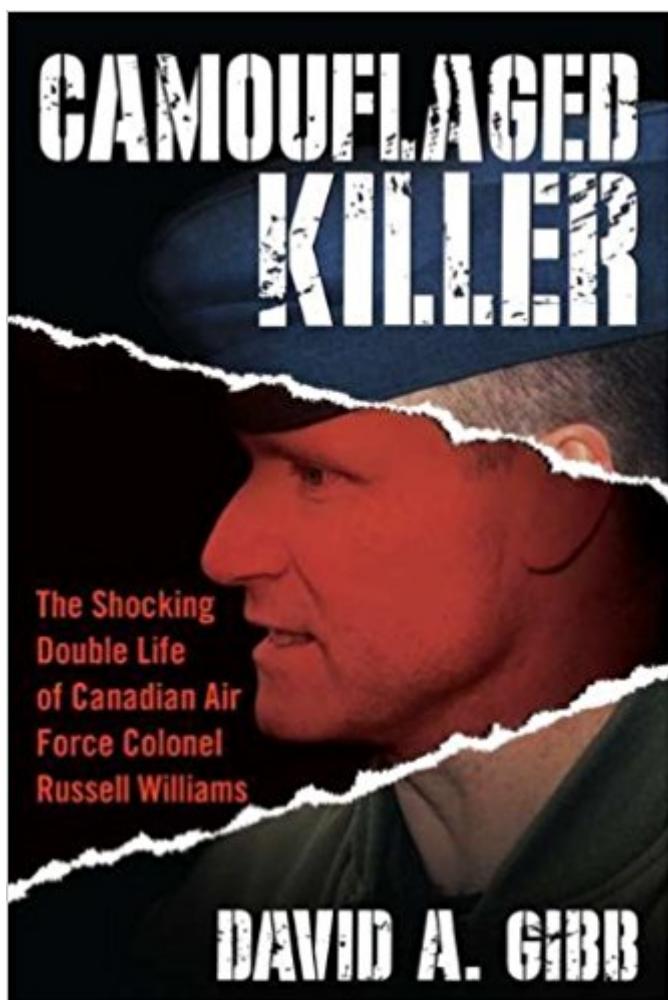


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Camouflaged Killer: The Shocking Double Life Of Canadian Air Force Colonel Russell Williams



Synopsis

He was a perfect man living a perfect life...which made him a perfect killer. Canadian Air Force Colonel Russell Williams commanded the largest Canadian Forces base in the country. He had personally piloted prime ministers, dignitaries, and members of the British royal family, and was one of the most respected and trusted soldiers in the military. He was also a rapist and a murderer. This is the disturbing true account of how one of Canada's highest-ranking military officers became one of Canada's most notorious criminals, including his ultimate capture, trial and conviction for a twisted spree of sexual deviancy and two brutal rapes and murders.

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Customer Reviews

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The opening chapters of this book are almost too intense. They are an account of Russell Williams' escalating crimes, one after the other. Offense piles on offense, fetish on fetish. As he creeps from sinister panty raids to murder, you might feel yourself being violated just reading this. But I believed it was important to finish the book in order to get some understanding of how such aberrations develop in people. The author of this book was a process-server who had occasion to deliver notice of a civil law suit to Williams after the Colonel had been imprisoned for the criminal aspect of his actions. So David Gibb was in a good position to assess and write about the sequence of Williams' crimes and conviction. Unfortunately, the Canadian system of justice

and Government allows numerous gag orders to persist, hindering journalists from gaining access to criminals after the fact. So Gibb wasn't able to personally interview Williams. (However a tape of the police interrogation that led to Williams' confession is considered a model of interview technique and is widely available, even having aired on several true crime TV shows.) The author of "Camouflaged" was also stone-walled by most of Williams' relatives and acquaintances. Neither Williams' wife nor his school-days girlfriends were available to be interviewed. But some summaries of the extensive photo record Williams kept of his crimes, and the journals he wrote detailing his actions, were available. However, much of Gibb's final analysis of Williams' devolution from respected Air Force Colonel to sexual sadist is based on FBI profiling generalizations. Gibb extensively quotes Stone's "Anatomy of Evil," a book I personally hadn't found to be too enlightening in its classification of criminal types. Williams doesn't easily fit into any of the FBI categories of types of sexual predators. But "Camouflaged" does at least offer some brief insights into how such extreme fetishes as his might develop, insights I hadn't found in other books. Gibb also suggests how medication, mid-life crisis, and Williams' inflating ego might have all contributed to his crossing the line from fantasy into practice. Finally, the author considers such issues as what role viewing pornography might play in such criminals behavior. Overall, this is a valuable record of the etiology of a dangerous perversity. It can also serve as a cautionary tale "warning how little we might actually know about the people we think we know" and how little we might actually know even about ourselves and our own potential for evil.

If you like your true crime really creepy, this will fill the bill. It is still almost unbelievable that such a respected military officer could be such a monster. He had flown the Queen of England and commanded a prestigious military base, and, yet, he assaulted and murdered a woman officer who served under him. This is well-written but very shocking.

This is an excellent book on the crime's committed by Russell William's. It is not for the "faint at heart" as it is very descriptive. The author has done excellent research. This is hard to put down. I highly recommend this true crime book!!!

I have read several books on this man's rampage and this is the best. Very, very detailed coverage of killings and life of Colonel Williams. You will be amazed by his audacity. It's truly a lesson on "serial killers not looking like ogers

Having seen the film just a couple of weeks ago, I was shocked by the level of deviousness and secretiveness, and betrayal of this man. The book depicted him even more graphically than the book. It is a very good read, giving more background to his life than could be found in the film, leading to greater knowledge of this man and his life. He is one of the worst people I have ever heard of, and his betrayal of people at all levels from personal family, extended family through to all his colleagues across the board. His biggest betrayal is of course his victims, and the level of twisted thoughts he was developing grew as the truth unfolded. An excellent story, it's terrible that it is true.

This book is extremely graphic. It went to the great depth of evil that I have never ever seen. Glad he is gone for good.

Of the two books written on this subject, this is the superior one. Mr. Gibb goes into much greater detail regarding the particulars of Lt. Col. Williams' crimes than does Mr Appleby in his "A New Kind of Monster". The latter tends to brush past the unsettling, yet significant, minutiae of each crime with a metaphorical wave of the hand. Mr. Gibb, however, wades right in and educates us as completely as possible.

Reading the gruesome details of William's crimes are shockingly scary because the scenarios the author described could happen to anyone. The murderer was able to live a normal life and fool everyone around him; yet his crimes and perversions were of a very sick and evil nature. Thank goodness Williams was caught before he committed more heinous crimes--due to his carelessness at one of the crime scenes. Lock your doors people!!!! Sadly, these creatures of the night are everywhere looking for innocent victims.

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