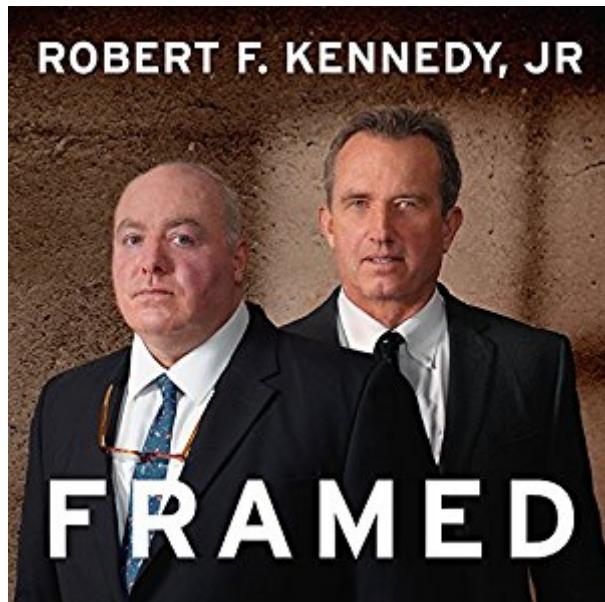


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# Framed: Why Michael Skakel Spent Over A Decade In Prison For A Murder He Didn't Commit



## **Synopsis**

In 1975, 15-year-old Martha Moxley's body was found in the backyard of her family's Connecticut home, and a member of America's beloved Kennedy family, then also 15, was accused of the crime. What ensued was a media firestorm and a whodunit that transfixed the nation, providing daily debates - and cruel, dinner table entertainment. Now, 40 years after Michael Skakel's conviction, his cousin, acclaimed activist and writer Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., has taken matters into his own hands to get the charges dropped and clear his cousin's name. This startling exposÃ© - a riveting true story of murder, romance, and fame - is the story of Skakel's conviction that the public has never before been privy to. It is the product of hundreds of interviews with Skakel and those who knew him, Martha Moxley, and what may have happened the night of the crime, Halloween eve. It also explores why Kennedy believes Skakel has yet to receive a fair trial, and why he demands the original verdict be overturned.

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## **Customer Reviews**

There are many good true crime books, and fewer great ones, but precious few can lay claim to being 'important'. This book can. I confess to going into my reading of the book with arms crossed and brow furrowed. This is because, like most people, I believed the man convicted of the crime - Michael Skakel - was guilty. Why shouldn't I? After all, I watched in amazement as the previously 'most hated man in America' was able to rehabilitate his reputation off the back of 'solving' the Martha Moxley murder. Then Skakel was convicted. I'm sure Mr. Kennedy would agree that at this juncture the onus of proof was now on him. The state had proved Mr. Skakel guilty, after all. Mr.

Kennedy claimed to offer proof - not evidence, mind you, but proof - that Michael Skakel was absolutely innocent. I did not believe him, but I was willing to give him the benefit of the doubt. Had he failed you can bet I would have turned up here on to let everyone know he failed. But I'll be damned if he didn't deliver the most succinct, detailed, and entirely convincing argument that I've read in years regarding any case. As a Ripper author I have to keep up with all the various suspects in the field, so I know what to look for when an author is 'gilding the lily' and winking at the reader in his hope of convincing him that what he's reading is the truth. There's none of that here. Mr. Kennedy proves without any shadow of a doubt that Michael Skakel did not kill Martha Moxley. But he doesn't stop there. It's not enough just to say that 'justice failed'. We've heard and seen that so many times we're numb to it. Mr.

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