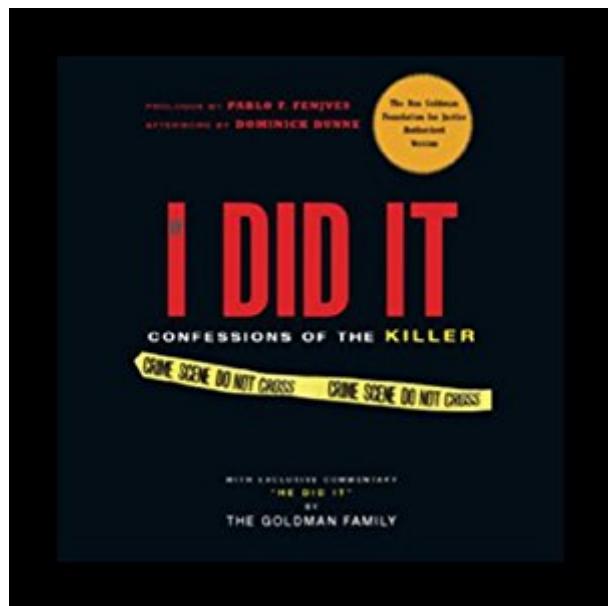


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If I Did It: Confessions Of The Killer



Synopsis

In 1994, Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson were brutally murdered at her home in Brentwood, California. O.J. Simpson was tried for the crime in a case that captured the attention of the American people, but was ultimately found not guilty of criminal charges. The victims' families brought civil cases against Simpson, in which he was found liable for willfully and wrongfully causing the deaths of Ron and Nicole by committing battery with malice and oppression. In 2006, HarperCollins announced the publication for a book in which O.J. Simpson told how he hypothetically would have committed the murders. In response to public outrage that Simpson stood to profit from these crimes, HarperCollins canceled the book. A Florida bankruptcy court awarded the rights to the Goldmans in August 2007 to partially satisfy the unpaid civil judgment, which has risen, with interest, to over \$38 million. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Customer Reviews

Okay. First things first. When you buy or borrow this book, go to page 116 which is where chapter 6 begins because that's the most interesting part of the book. It's where OJ Simpson says how Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman were killed, "if" he, OJ Simpson, did it. The chapters leading up to page 116 are nothing more than Simpson's self serving slant on his relationship with Nicole. Those that follow chapter 6 are nothing more than a continuation of that slant, viz: the same BS story we've been hearing from his attorneys since he murdered these two people. But first, a reality check. Here are the facts of the Simpson case that you will not learn in this book. The case of California v. OJ Simpson started in 1994 when two bodies were discovered at the residence of

Nicole Brown Simpson. Found at the scene were a stocking cap, a left handed glove and several drops of blood that didn't match either Nicole Brown Simpson or the other victim Ron Goldman. However, the blood did match to OJ Simpson. The stocking cap had nine hairs from OJ Simpson. And significantly, clothing worn by Goldman had fibers matching that of clothing worn by OJ Simpson himself that night. Just a few miles away, OJ Simpson's Bronco was oddly parked outside his residence with blood evidence both inside and outside the vehicle connecting it to the crime scene. A blood trail existed between the Bronco and OJ Simpson's residence and the right handed mate to the left handed glove was found outside OJ Simpson's residence with blood traces from OJ Simpson and his victims.

Once, in being questioned about some comment in his very first autobiography. Simpson said that he had never read the book. The same seems to be true here. His ghostwriter gave him away, and Simpson either didn't read the book, didn't understand the book, or had already signed away his rights to make changes to the text. First, he gives himself an additional motive for the murder. Not jealousy, but the irresistible urge to silence a whining bipolar woman whom he thought was a bad influence on his kids. Driven-to-the-wall nuts like many a murderer before him. Second, as Sam Goldwyn would say, the book is "chock full of omissions". Simpson presents the murders as spontaneous, and gives a reason for happening to have gloves and a cap in his car. He does not explain why he just happened to be wearing black dress socks and thousand-dollar teal shoes with a blue track suit. In reality, of course, he wore dark socks to minimize the show of blood, and wore a pair of shoes he had decided he disliked and had not often been seen in. (But he had worn them at least once, since a picture of him wearing them had been published in a magazine 6 months before the murders.) He says that he talked with a fan at the airport about his Hall of Fame ring, and there was no cut on his ring finger. THEN he reproduces his first police interview in which he admits he cut his finger in L.A. and the cut opened up again in Chicago! Mr. Simpson, please read the books you "write"! He invents an accomplice called Charlie, a casual acquaintance who just drops in on a first visit to tell him Nicole was doing immoral things. He and Charlie rush off to Nicole's house and Simpson does the deed while Charlie stands guard. This Charlie never comes forward and leaves no trace at the scene.

Like many people, I bought "If I Did It" because I support the Goldman family's efforts to get some sort of justice. The man who murdered Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown went free. But, by being awarded the "If I Did It" manuscript in a bankruptcy case involving Simpson's corporation, the

Goldmans have finally been able to collect, to a small extent, on the judgment they were awarded in Simpson's civil trial. The more money the Goldmans make on this book, the more money they will have "taken" from Simpson. The book begins with an introduction in which "the Goldman Family" explain how they came to be awarded the rights to "If I Did It" by the bankruptcy court and why they decided to publish it. As they point out, they (like me) would much rather see Simpson in jail, serving the life sentence he should have received. But since that is now impossible, they must settle for the next best thing -- doing whatever is legally permissible to punish Simpson by seizing his assets. The book's ghostwriter, Pablo Fenjves, also provides an introduction, where he describes his involvement in the book project and his interviews of Simpson. Fenjves's intro actually contained what was, for me, the most chilling part of the book: When Simpson's narrative reached the moment of the actual murders, he looked at Fenjves and said, "I don't know what the hell you want from me . . . I'm not going to tell you that I sliced my ex-wife's neck and watched her eyes roll up into her head." Somehow, that strikes me as more of a confession than anything else in the book. The "If I Did It" memoir itself takes up 196 pages.

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