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Crimes of the Century: Women Killers

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Haynes Publishing Group. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Crimes of the Century: Women Killers, Claire Welch, Murder is a terrifying factor of everyday life, but when the perpetrator is a woman, it somehow makes it much more difficult for most of society to comprehend. In truth, women killers have been a real fact of life throughout history. Mary Ansell poisoned her own sister in the late 19th century in order to collect life insurance, and became the youngest woman, at the age of 22, to be hanged in the "modern era". There was a great deal of public pressure for a reprieve on the grounds of her gender, and age, but her act was deemed premeditated and the execution went ahead. Ruth Ellis was the last woman to be executed in Britain when she was convicted for the murder of her lover, David Blakely, in 1955. Less than 10 years later, Myra Hindley was identified as one of the notorious Moors murderers, alongside Ian Brady. The couple was found responsible for the deaths of five children. Aileen Wuornos, who became a gymslip hooker at the age of 11, went on a killing spree in 1989 and murdered seven men...



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