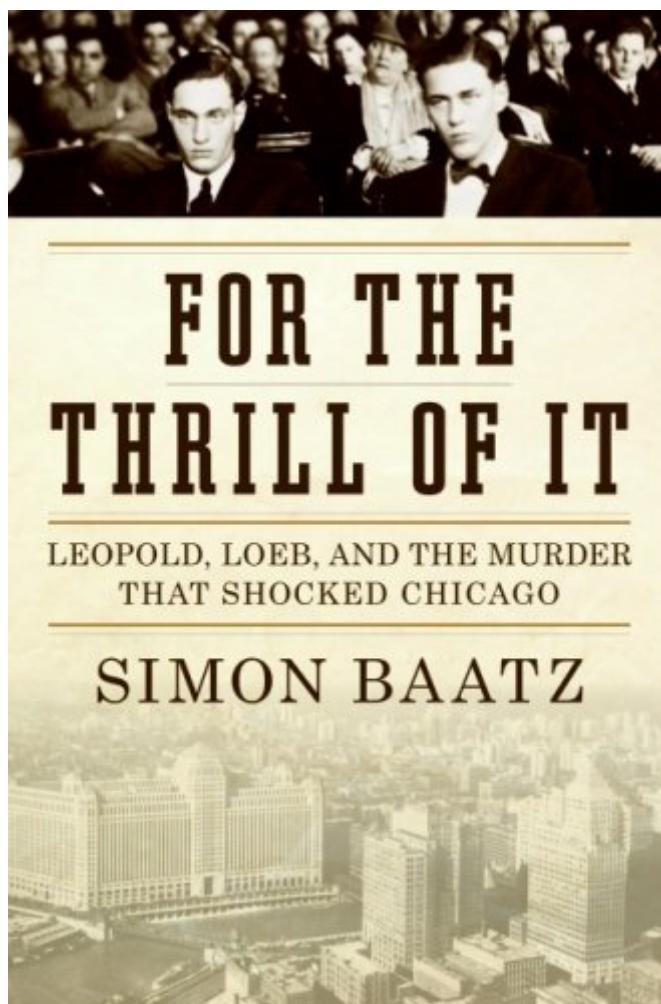


The book was found

# For The Thrill Of It: Leopold, Loeb, And The Murder That Shocked Jazz Age Chicago



## **Synopsis**

It was a crime that shocked the nation: the brutal murder in Chicago in 1924 of a child by two wealthy college students who killed solely for the thrill of the experience. Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb were intellectualsâ "too smart, they believed, for the police to catch them. When they were apprehended, state's attorney Robert Crowe was certain that no defense could save the ruthless killers from the gallows. But the families of the confessed murderers hired Clarence Darrow, entrusting the lives of their sons to the most famous lawyer in America in what would be one of the most sensational criminal trials in the history of American justice. Set against the backdrop of the 1920sâ "a time of prosperity, self-indulgence, and hedonistic excess in a lawless city on the brink of anarchyâ "For the Thrill of It draws the reader into a world of speakeasies and flappers, of gangsters and gin parties, with a spellbinding narrative of Jazz Age murder and mystery.

## **Book Information**

File Size: 2378 KB

Print Length: 562 pages

Publisher: HarperCollins e-books; Reprint edition (October 13, 2009)

Publication Date: October 13, 2009

Sold by:Â HarperCollins Publishers

Language: English

ASIN: B001D23SX A

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #393 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #1 inÂ Books > Arts & Photography > Music > Biographies > Jazz #1 inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Law > Perspectives on Law > Legal History #1 inÂ Books > Law > Legal History

## **Customer Reviews**

I have read a few accounts of the Leopold and Loeb case over the years, but from this book I learned many, many details I did not know about their lives before the murder, the murder and the trial. Well written and obviously well researched, I recommend this book for all those interested in

the facts, as opposed to the myths, of one of the 20th Century's most infamous crimes and its perpetrators.

Proclaimed "The Crime of the Century" - until sadly superseded by more heinous murders as the 20th century progressed - the "Thrill Killing of Bobby Franks" shocked Chicago and the country in May, 1924. The 14 year old son of wealthy parents was kidnapped and murdered near his home and school on Chicago's South Side. When his murderers were caught, they turned out to be 19 year old boys, from the same social milieu as the victim. When asked why they committed the murder, Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold answered, "For the thrill of it". There have been a few books and movies based on the Leopold and Loeb "thrill murder", but Simon Baatz's "For the Thrill of It: Leopold, Loeb, and the Murder That Shocked Chicago" is one of the better ones. I've read them all, beginning with Meyer Levin's, "Compulsion", a fictional accounting of the relationship between the two killers and the murder and subsequent trial. Levin writes his novel in the first person, as a fellow student at the University of Chicago and an acquaintance of the Nathan Leopold character. Baatz's book, is a straight non-fiction account and he goes into great detail about the boys' families, the twisted relationship between the boys, the crime, the psychiatric findings, and the trial. Baatz also highlights the lawyers, law officers, and doctors involved. His writing is non-sensational and the book includes plenty of pictures of the people involved in the case and maps of the area. One of the previous reviews I read states that Simon Baatz was wrong about the number of children in the Franks' family. Baatz writes there were four, including Bobby, and the reviewer says there were only three. I was intrigued by that error - if it was indeed an error - and started checking in on-line genealogical sites and I can't find anything that says there were four children. So I think you might read this book with a bit of caution.

This is a good account, but if you're really interested in the Leopold and Loeb story and I can only recommend one book, it would be "The Crime of the Century" by Hal Higdon.

Just finished the book. It's well written overall, and mostly an easy and intriguing read. The author uses footnotes and indicated sources, which I appreciate. The extensive use of documentation adds a lot to the story. That said, the book could have used some additional editing to remove repetition. There is also extensive detail about, for example, Clarence Darrow's personal history that is not, strictly speaking, necessary. There were also a ton of places where additional analysis and commentary would have been valuable to help readers understand how the procedures and beliefs

of the past have changed over time. In particular, the section about the "alienists" findings really needed commentary. Fascinating overall, though. I'm glad to have read it.

I had always heard about Leopold and Loeb but never thought about the background of the case. I didn't really expect too much from this book but I was amazed at how absorbing it was to read. I like to go back and forth reading several books at a time on my Kindles, but once I started this one, I went back to it very frequently. I actually haven't finished it yet - but I'm up to the trial which includes the famous Clarence Darrow. I must disagree with several people about the Kindle edition - I found it to be great on both my big HD Fire and my Paperwhite; both the print and the pictures were fine and error free. This book was a great bargain and I encourage you to pick it up if you are interested in true-crime nonfiction books.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

For the Thrill of It: Leopold, Loeb, and the Murder That Shocked Jazz Age Chicago Licensed to Thrill 1: Hunt For Jack Reacher Series Thrillers Books 1-3 (Diane Capriâ™s Licensed to Thrill Sets) Seats: Chicago 120 Seating Plans to Chicago and Milwaukee Area Theatres, Concert Halls and Sports Stadiums (Seats Chicago: 125 Seating Plans to Chicago and Milwaukee) Terror in the City of Champions: Murder, Baseball, and the Secret Society that Shocked Depression-era Detroit The Massey Murder: A Maid, Her Master and the Trial that Shocked a Country Death on the Devil's Teeth: The Strange Murder That Shocked Suburban New Jersey (True Crime) Murder Most Vile Volume 17: 18 Shocking True Crime Murder Cases (True Crime Murder Books) Murder Most Vile Volume 16: 18 Shocking True Crime Murder Cases (True Crime Murder Books) Murder Most Vile Volume 11: 18 Shocking True Crime Murder Cases (True Crime Murder Books) Murder Most Vile Volume 12: 18 Shocking True Crime Murder Cases (True Crime Murder Books) Jazz: New Perspectives On The History Of Jazz By Twelve Of The World's Foremost Jazz Critics And Scholars (A Da Capo paperback) Fundamental Changes: Major ii V I Soloing for Jazz Saxophone: Master Bebop Soloing for Jazz Saxophone (Learn Jazz Saxophone Book 1) TRY1057 - Basic Jazz Conception for Saxophone (Vol 1), 12 Jazz Exercises 10 Jazz Tunes Book/CD Essential Elements For Jazz Drums Bk/online media (Instrumental Jazz) (Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble) Jazz Ballads: Jazz Piano Solos Series Volume 10 (Jazz Piano Solos (Numbered)) Late Night Jazz: Jazz Piano Solos Series Volume 27 (Jazz Piano Solos (Numbered)) Easy Jazz Favorites Tenor Sax 1: 15 Selections for Young Jazz Ensembles (Easy Jazz Ensemble) Aldo Leopold: His Life and Work King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror, and Heroism in Colonial Africa The Congo Free State: The History and Legacy of the Colony Established by King Leopold II of Belgium

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)