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Casey Anthony pictured with her father about the time she became pregnant with Caylee

## **Preface**

For months and months, the search for a single mom’s missing child named Caylee, grips our nation, as doubts rise she can be found alive. After five months of searching, Caylee Anthony’s body is found a block from her mother’s home. The arrest

and trial of Casey Anthony for the murder of her two-year-old daughter dominates news for three years. The court of public opinion demands justice, so does the law.

Now, on the anniversary of her “the trial of the century” {*Time* magazine}, a fresh look in to the official record by an award-winning investigative journalist adds new meaning to the term “value-added.” This story reported by the journalist of record rips open the unanswered mystery of who killed Caylee Anthony, and why. A journalist’s reporting, sourced exclusively with evidence from the files of prosecutors in Orlando’s Ninth Judicial Circuit, unveils for the first time the psyche and motivations of a woman America learns to hate.

This ground-breaking narrative carries the reader along on a wild ride that begins with a reporter’s pull on a tiny string of new information. The investigation takes readers on an incredible journey of discovery that reveals a family racked by incest, lies, jealousy, and an existential fear their secrets will surface at any moment into the national conversation. In this sick family environment, tragically, the life of an innocent two-year-old child is expendable. Readers are immersed in evidence that confirms that in the Anthony family it is not just Casey who is hiding the death of two-year-old Caylee.

For the first time, the complete story of the Casey Anthony drama is told, and the conflicted relationships within her family are revealed. It’s one mind-blowing revelation after another when readers see inside prosecutors’ files and learn there is child abuse in the Anthony home on Hopespring Drive. Despite that evidence, detectives target the abuse victim, Casey, who is traumatized after witnessing her child's death. She is incapable of reporting the crime or defending herself, and finally she is arrested by her mother, Cindy.

Beginning with the news of Casey Anthony’s arrest, Nancy Grace leads a TV blitz for three years that attacks the defendant and stirs the public’s thirst for vengeance in America’s court of public opinion. The Casey Anthony trial becomes a circus that calls up scenes from the Roman Coliseum where crowds fight among themselves for seats in

the amphitheater to witness a judgment of death for helpless victims in their arena, not to serve justice, but for their own entertainment.

During the trial, George and Cindy Anthony sit beside each other in the courtroom and hold hands. As images of the trial are live streamed from the courtroom, this reporter's story gives rise to a shocking question: Do Cindy and George, the Anthony parents, expect their daughter will be sentenced to die for a crime for which she is also a victim: infanticide? When the jury finds Casey Anthony not guilty, the foreman reveals in a national interview they believed another member of the Anthony family is likely Caylee's killer, not Casey. But the narrative compels the question: Did Cindy, George, and Casey all lie to investigators who searched six months for a "missing" Caylee? Did Cindy, George, and Casey all know she was already dead? Did these three create the greatest hoax in history on law enforcement, the media, and the public?

There is more.

