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Arthur Allan Thomas: The Inside Story



Synopsis

It was the crime that shocked a nation, the mystery that made headlines around the world, and which inspired the book and movie, "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" by British author David Yallop about the Crewe murders. Now, top investigative journalist Ian Wishart is back on this cold case after 40 years and has uncovered two new suspects. Was it a policeman who pulled the trigger, then helped steer his colleagues to convict an innocent man? A gripping detective story that's easy to read, wherever you are in the world.

REVIEWS:

Arthur Allan Thomas: The Inside Story is a book two generations of New Zealanders have waited for... Wishart... offers an explosive new theory about who pulled the trigger of the gun that killed the Crewes in their Pukekawa farmhouse and theorises about the mystery woman who fed their infant daughter, Rochelle, for days after the murders.

...With his thorough analysis of the evidence and his generous use of first-person accounts it's a stellar piece of journalism...

- Southland Times

Wishart has a brand new prime suspect and he lays out his case in this fascinating and highly readable book. Wishart is painstaking in his investigation, and his interviews with the man at the centre of the case, Arthur Thomas, offer a remarkable insight into one of New Zealand's most memorable characters.

• Kerre Woodham, Newstalk ZB

Wishart's report of Detective Sergeant Len Johnston's brazen arrogance collecting items for later use as evidence from Thomas's farm - pieces of wire, .22 shells and axle stubs - exposes a dark and scary side to our guardians.

Through the book Wishart lays the ground for his claim that Johnston was actually the murderer and by his position on the inquiry team and proximity to Hutton, was able to influence an outcome which saw Thomas convicted twice of a double murder. Wishart's conclusions are disturbingly possible in my view.

The question of to what extent Hutton had the wool pulled over his eyes by Johnston is moot. Based on Wishart's debunking of transcripts and evidence previously recorded, I think Hutton could well have been fooled by his best mate. Which means so too were the rest of the team deluded.

- former Det. Insp. Ross Meurant, NZ Herald

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Customer Reviews

Thought provoking, a mystery that just won't go away - NZ deserves the truth. It happened during a time when we were innocent, and to have thought that the police force could be corrupt was just out of the question. Sadly, our innocence was stripped away and the bare reality revealed. I have always believed in Arthur Thomas's innocence, but the reality is - someone committed this horrendous crime, and that person is still 'walking' free.

As interesting a true crime case as you'll ever find, slightly behind the Lindbergh Kidnapping Case but just as mysterious. I had seen the movie "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" some years ago and was interested in an update on the case. I find the author's ultimate conclusion interesting but it has a few holes. I would have liked more background information on the Crewes but perhaps Yallop did that, I haven't read his book. Top notch writing and pacing !!

This was an excellent book and very eye opening as I lived in NZ during the time of this murder and trial no one I knew ever believed that this man was guilty of this crime it really shows you how a corrupt person in a position of power can ruin the life of another human being I highly recommend this book

Excellent read. Makes me lose a bit more confidence in the Police. Thankfully they are not all crooked. Wishart always entertains with his investigative writing. I intend to read all of his at the end

of the day. If he's wrong he intelligently wrong. A worthy opposite point of view.

Love Ian Wisharts books, facts, truth etc. Hope he writes many more.

I was very interested in this book, as a Kiwi, I had always known the police had set Arthur Thomas up, But never did I imagine the lengths they went to. Thanks to the author for taking the time to state the facts so thoroughly. Exceptional reading.

He was never guilty and the more you read each book lets you into a little bit more about the injustice system in New Zealand and the police corruption.

Enjoyed this account of events, pity Thomas couldnt have backing to push for bringing justice to those corrupt cops involved. Would love to see a final righteous end for his sake.

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