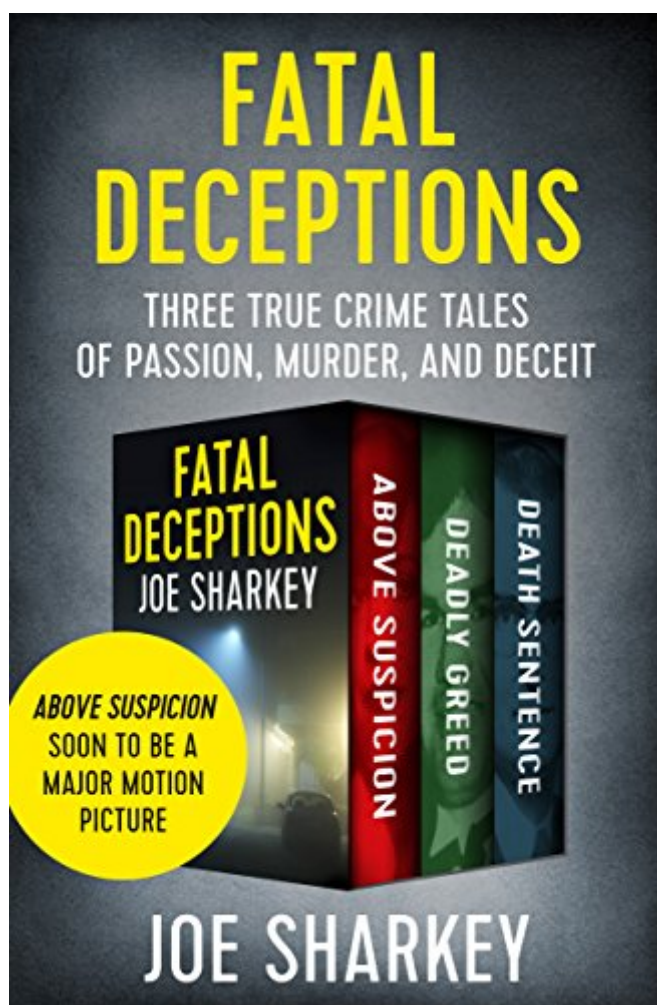


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# Fatal Deceptions: Three True Crime Tales Of Passion, Murder, And Deceit



## Synopsis

This collection by a New York Times journalist gathers three horrifying true accounts of crimes of passion, ambition, and fear. Author Joe Sharkey delivers three gripping accounts of betrayal and murder in this compelling American true crime collection. **• Above Suspicion:** Soon to be a major motion picture starring Emilia Clarke and Jack Huston, this true account tells the story of the only FBI agent to confess to murder. Assigned to Pikeville, Kentucky, rookie Mike Putnam cultivated paid informants and busted drug rings and bank robbers. But when one informant fell in love with the bureau's rising star, their passionate affair ended with murder. **• Deadly Greed:** On October 23, 1989, Charles Stuart reported that he and his seven-months-pregnant wife, Carol, had been robbed and shot by a black male. By the time police arrived, Carol was dead, and soon the baby was lost as well. Stuart then identified a suspect: Willie Bennett. The attack incited a furor during a time of heightened racial tension in the community. But even more appalling, Stuart's story was a hoax—he was the true killer. **• Death Sentence:** John List was working as the vice president of a Jersey City bank and had moved his mother, wife, and three teenage children into a nineteen-room mansion in Westfield, New Jersey when he lost his job and everything changed. Fearing financial ruin and the corruption of his children's souls by the free-spirited 1970s, he came up with a terrifying solution: He would shoot his entire family and vanish, taking on a new life and a new identity.

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## Customer Reviews

Fatal Deceptions is a set of three of Joe Sharkey's best true crime books. All of them are very good books, which I really liked. Under Suspicion (which is once again being made into a movie) is about the murder of Susan Smith Daniels, who has an affair with a married FBI agent and becomes pregnant - then murdered. The first time in history that a current FBI agent has committed murder. Deadly Greed is about Carol Stuart of Boston who is also pregnant and is murdered. Her husband, Charles, blamed it on a black man, when in reality he was the one who shot and killed her. He apparently did not really want to be a father and wanted the insurance money. Death Sentence is about family annihilator John List, who killed each member of his family, including his elderly mother. He had a deluded sense of what he should do as a provider and was not living up to that high standard, since he could not find a job and was in debt up to his eyeballs. He also felt that killing his family was the most righteous thing for them, so that they would all go to heaven. He then disappeared. All three of these books are very well written and researched. They are 3 of the best true crime books available. For all true crime fans, I highly recommend these books. Even if you know all about how it turns out, the road to that conclusion is fascinating.

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