



A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling Crimes of Colonel Russell Williams

Timothy Appleby

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) ➔

A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling Crimes of Colonel Russell Williams

Timothy Appleby

A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling Crimes of Colonel Russell Williams Timothy Appleby

Ripped from the headlines, the horrific and astonishing true story of the double life of Russell Williams, who was at once a respected figure in the Canadian military and a ruthless sado-sexual serial criminal and murderer.

In the annals of psycho-killers, Colonel Russell Williams may well be unique. A decorated air force colonel, Williams was, for years, living a double life as a sado-sexual home invader, burglar, pedophile and, ultimately, murderer. A model officer and elite pilot, he was trusted with flying international dignitaries including Queen Elizabeth, as well as commanding Canada's most important military airbase. Yet his dark and violent secret life included breaking into 82 homes of girls and women; thefts of vast amounts of lingerie (which he dressed in); two bizarre sexual assaults that left an uncomprehending Ontario village on a knife's-edge; and eventually, two rape-murders. When police raided Williams's home - a home he shared with his wife, a respected professional in her own right who was apparently completely unaware of her husband's unconscionable double life - they found hundreds of pairs of women's underwear, meticulously organized and catalogued. In this book, veteran Globe and Mail crime reporter Tim Appleby chronicles a true story that could have been lifted from the darkest pages of pulp fiction, one that offers fascinating - and troubling - insights on human psychopathology.

A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling Crimes of Colonel Russell Williams Details

Date : Published April 1st 2011 by Random House Canada (first published January 1st 2011)

ISBN : 9780307359506

Author : Timothy Appleby

Format : Hardcover 304 pages

Genre : Mystery, Crime, Biography, Nonfiction, Cultural, Canada

 [Download A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling Cri ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling C ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling Crimes of Colonel Russell Williams Timothy Appleby

From Reader Review A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling Crimes of Colonel Russell Williams for online ebook

Eleanor Cowan says

An analytical and thoughtful commentary about the dangerous choices of an extremely clever man who knew full well that he had a terrible problem but who consciously chose to indulge it rather than seek help for himself, thus abandoning the wife he claimed to love, and brutally ending the lives of loved, dear and innocent women. Williams is guilty not for his addiction, but for choosing to ignore it.

Eleanor Cowan, Author of : A History of a Pedophile's Wife: Memoir of a Canadian Teacher and Writer

Diane says

I have read hundreds of true crime books, but Russell Williams is a killer that definitely makes an impression. He wasn't a psychopath, or a sociopath. He wasn't insane, or mentally unfit to stand trial.

"In other words, Williams knew that what he had done was wickedly wrong, and he knew so when he was doing it. And it was the fact that he chose to act anyway that made him so immensely dangerous." (241)

"Apart from everything else, how had the commander of such a busy air base found the time his energy seems almost inhuman." (213)

Absolutely stunning, shocking, and all those other words we sometimes casually throw around ... but this time they are SO very accurate. When I finished the book, I put it down, and just stared into space for a long time. If you read true crime, read this.

4 Stars = Outstanding. It definitely held my interest.

Jackie Glenn says

The author is a crime reporter for the Globe and Mail, and in this book conveys a true story unveiling a serial killer who will probably keep psychiatrists intrigued for decades to come. I had followed the media coverage, but found this book provided information and insight not contained in the news. How does a man rise to the level of Colonel in the Air Force commanding Canada's most important air base and chauffeuring dignitaries including Queen Elizabeth, while committing atrocious murders? The fact is that Russell Williams is not a psychopath because he does care for some people in his life. But it is the very fact that he knew what he was doing and that it was wrong that makes him so uniquely dangerous.

Valerity (Val) says

Not the usual crime book, as the person of focus in it seemingly led an exemplary life rising through the ranks in Canada's Military until he achieved the rank of Colonel and became the Commander of Canada's

most important Air Base. An elite decorated pilot, he was trusted to fly important international dignitaries, including Queen Elizabeth.

But he was also leading a double life, unbeknownst to his wife and everyone else, he was committing prolific break ins to 82 homes of girls and women, to steal hundreds of pairs of women's lingerie (which he dressed in), and was kept all organized and catalogued. Then he escalated, committing two bizarre sexual assaults, and two rape-murders that had the whole region in a state of terror until he was caught.

He was about the last person they thought to look at for the crimes, as he was tasked with the safety of the people in the region. When he slipped up and was caught, it was hard for those who knew him to believe, of course. People just don't start doing such things later in life after not getting in trouble before. In fact he was obsessive about the way he did things, making sure they were done right, a bit OCD. He doesn't fit the usual stereotype for a criminal who robs and rapes then murders, starting by peeping in windows at a young age. Have a record with some burglary and sex offenses on it, working up to murder.

M.L. Roos says

A recounting of the crimes and life of Russell Williams, told in a matter of fact way. The atrocities he committed were horrific, albeit, normal unfortunately, for these kinds of crimes. What was abnormal was his crime trajectory.

Williams went from being a voyeur, to a sexual burglar, to sexual sadist and murderer all within a span of two years, and started in his forties. How does a highly intelligent man with a glowing career, a stable marriage, who runs the biggest and most prestigious military airfield in Canada go from being a military celebrity flying Canadian and British Royalty to and from formal functions to being a sexual sadist?

The juxtaposition of the two paths don't quite seem to meet, yet, for a few brief years they converged and left a wake of terror in a small Ontario community.

One question that I have heard asked several times was how did he find the time? Having served a stint as an aircraft mechanic and being married to a military member, I have experience with the military lifestyle. As a Wing Commander there is not much time left for anything else in your life. Mr. Williams, however, left detailed notes, times, dates and descriptions of all his actions. After the RCMP and psychologists went through his notes, they discovered an interesting detail; his crimes only accounted for 8% of his total time. Time, clearly enough, for his parapheliac predilections.

The other question most often asked is why? Most sexual criminals start in their teens or early twenties. Why did Mr. Williams wait until he was 44? That was not answered although it was alluded to several reasons.

Donna McNab says

This book was well written about a very difficult subject. Colonel Russell Williams is one of the most notorious serial killers in the history of Canada, partly because he was such a high profile and admired individual. As a pilot and commander of Base 8, Trenton, Ontario, he met with political big wigs and, as

well, Elizabeth, Queen of England. He was a very complex character and it is difficult for everyone to try to come to terms with his two lives, one his public life and the other life as a criminal and killer. I am sure that the military is not really keen on him being shown in his Air Force uniform on the cover of the book. After his conviction, he was ousted from the military, his medals shredded and his uniform burned.

Jim says

This is another hastily-written account by a crime reporter who is exploiting the misfortune of others to profit by pandering to our baser voyeuristic instincts. That having been said, the book is not a bad read, although the writer was handicapped by the reticence of many people who might have shed some light on the murderer's past and by his own reluctance to include some of the more lurid details of the slayings. Personally, I was put off by his lack of familiarity with military terminology...what the heck is a "dress-kit function" anyway? In any event, he gets the job done. The reader will learn that a creature like Williams can flourish without detection in our society in spite of all the screening systems we have in place to detect him. Scary stuff!

Susan says

Great book about a serial rapist and murderer whose dark side stunned Canada into pensive thoughts of "how could we not know?" when he was arrested and sentenced to two consecutive life terms. Appleby structures the facts neatly and describes the crimes without being grotesque. A successful, driven, and obsessively organized Air Force commander, Russell Williams served as a mentor to many. How he was able to compartmentalize his life in such a way that it allowed him to commit 80+ fetish-driven break and enters and gradually progress to sexual assault, rape and murder while still remaining professionally focused is almost incomprehensible. Appleby searches for the answers in what for many predators is a logical place to look, Williams' past, and comes up empty. No doubt the searching will continue for many years because it just doesn't seem possible that such a "monster" could remain so prolific and successful right under everyone's noses. We may never understand; even Williams' himself says, "I don't have the answers. And I'm pretty sure the answers don't matter". But they matter to a society that was blindsided by his actions.

Jenn says

So close to home. He ranks right up there with Bernardo. Funny, they attended the same school with only a year or two between them. I remember when this case was all over the news. Tweed was always known to us Eastern Ontarians as the place Elvis went to retire. Who knew they had a creepy crawly pervert in their midst? And that he was one hell of a big shot at CFB Trenton. This monster makes my skin crawl. Wonder where he is now that Kingston Penitentiary has been closed down?

Kevin Nelson says

Having previously worked with sex offenders in treatment and currently in risk evaluation, I initially didn't think that Colonel Russell Williams was a "new kind of monster." For much of the book he seemed like a very typical underwear fetish burglar. The fact that he was an upstanding member of the community who

was also a sex offender didn't surprise me either as many of the sex offenders that I have worked with have also lived a double life as a pillar of the community by day and a sexual deviant by night. What DID surprise me was the fact that he appeared to start so late in life with his depravity and it escalated so quickly into killing. The book was well written and extremely well researched painting a very vivid picture of a well respected military commander who was the last person that anyone would think could be capable of such behavior. The author also did a very good job of pointing out that the personality traits that can help a person rise up through the ranks of the military heirarchy (i.e. confidence and attention to detail) can also translate to a successful career as a sexual predator. Ultimately it was his arrogance and tunnel vision that led to his downfall.

Karen Hoffman says

This book is hard to rate because of the subject matter. I didn't 'enjoy' reading it, but I had difficulty putting it down out of sheer morbid fascination.

I usually don't read true crime stuff or give much attention to serial killers (so much more positive stuff out there to focus on), but this book was given to me.

It's extremely well researched and written by veteran crime journalist, Timothy Appleby. I was particularly touched by the reverance and respect shown to the victims and their families. While the crimes are described in detail, they aren't drawn out or sensationalized. It's more of a portrait of the killer himself, an attempt to figure out what happened, how this could happen, and how he could go undetected by the military and local police.

It's not a story for the squeamish.

Rob Tripp says

A detailed and insightful account.

Carolyn says

A New Kind of Monster: The Secret Life and Chilling Crimes of Colonel Russell Williams", "Timothy Appleby"

"For an account of a horrifying true crime, this is an excellent book if you are interested in that sort of thing. Why and how a bright, ambitious, respected man at the top of his military career could commit such crimes will probably never be known or understood. Colonel Russell's crimes are unique as there was nothing in his earlier years to give a clue that he would escalate so quickly at the late age of 44 from a fetish burglar to a rapist and torturer, to the beginnings of a serial killer. Due to his obsessive diary keeping, thousands of photographs of his crimes and trophies from his burglaries, much is known of what he did, and he admitted that if he had not been caught he would probably continue with murders. It is incredible that his career continued in promotions while he was so busy committing and cataloging all his evil deeds in detail."

Meghan says

For anyone that does follow the news closely this book does in a way summarize a lot of the stories that were told by news broadcasters about him. I did enjoy this book as I am someone that does enjoy non-fiction stories. I thought this book was well written and had many details about this monster that was once a very respected man in the community in which he committed his horrendous acts. While this is truly a sad story it is well written and the author truly does paint a picture for the reader on each little detail of the story.

Anne Hawn Smith says

This is a hard book to review. The story was told well and thoroughly, especially the attempts to explain the reason for Col. Russell Williams to exchange a super successful life for the life of a serial rapist and murderer. The example of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde fits best, but even in Stevenson's book there was a cause. Col. Williams was at the top of an extremely successful career. He was a brilliant pilot who had risen to the most prestigious position in the Canadian Air Force. He had flown dignitaries, including the Queen of England. He commanded an Air Force base. He had a successful and happy marriage. He was a mentor to those below him and respected by everyone who worked with him. Suddenly, he began breaking into neighbors' houses to steal lingerie after taking scores of pictures of himself wearing these articles while he was there. From there he escalated to serial rapist and murder in less than a year. Why would someone who was at the top of his game turn into a sexual sadist with no history of criminal or deviant behavior before the age of 44?

The author has done a good job of explaining the facts and reporting the speculations of psychologists, law officials and the military as to the cause of his abrupt change, but no explanation could be found. For some reason, Williams was able to compartmentalize his life in such a way as to be two completely opposite people. In doing so, he betrayed the trust of his neighbors, his family, the military who had honored him and his country. Because of the circumstances, this is one of the most interesting true crime books I have read since The Stranger Beside Me by Ann Rule.
