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On June 6, 1996, the tranquillity of Rowlett, Texas was forever shattered by a frantic 911 phone call from Darlie Routier to police, claiming an intruder had broken into her home and stabbed her two little boys to death. But the subsequent investigation revealed a darker truth -- the murder of two innocent children by their own mother. Through meticulous research and exclusive sources, "Precious Angels" presents the complete story of this shocking crime.

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## From Reader Review Precious Angels: A True Story of Two Slain Children and a Mother Convicted of Murder for online ebook

### Carla says

I wanted more details on a few facts. For instance, Davis stated that no evidence wrt mitigating circumstances was given, per Darlie Routier's instructions to her attorneys. Mitigating circumstances were the only thing standing between her and the death penalty! No reason is given.

On the whole, though, this is an excellent book about the case, and gets more to the heart of motive than other works about the murder of Damon and Devon Routier.

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### DAISY DISNEY says

This was a hard read. I enjoy true crime books but becoming a mom has made it hit closer to home when i read crimes against children. I couldn't finish this one for that reason. DNF

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### ♥ Marlene♥ says

on Thursday, February 07, 2008 I wrote:

A book I read years ago and really enjoyed. Stupid me, back then I thought I had too many books so I sold some of them, to buy new books including a copy of this book. (I did get more money than I expected, I remember that, 14 to 19 euros?) I always felt stupid for doing that so I am so glad I managed to mooch a copy on bookmooch. Planning to re read.

And that was what I did. Still such a sad and well written book. I know the author decided to change her view after all the contact with Darlie's family and some evidence. Bruises of Darlie and other things.

I am sorry but even after reading a lot about both sides I still think she is guilty.

The big news the family told everyone in 2008 and you can find on many sites was that Darlie had won the right to re test the DNA. Weird that after that there was a big silence. Poor little boys.

read at about 2003

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### Shirley Urso-Farmer says

Tragic, but fascinating read from a good writer who was in the courtroom for the trial.

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## Nicki Kendall says

Disturbing insight into what some mothers are capable of

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## Eva Leger says

This is in the top ten "best", possibly the top five, true crime books I've read. By best I mean well written and that the story is absolutely horrendous.

Darlie Routier was convicted and sent to death row for murdering her two sons with a butcher knife while they slept. There are many, many people who believe in Routier's innocence, including her husband. If I remember correctly he's wavered a few times in his beliefs but has been holding strong to her innocence in the past years.

The story goes as follows- Routier and two of her three sons slept in the living room one night while her remaining son and husband slept upstairs- like normal. She awoke to one of her sons calling for her and saw a man in the room. She followed the man, saw a knife on the floor, picked it up (conveniently leaving her fingerprints on it) and chased him. She then realized she was stabbed and turned back to find her boys were dead and dying. One son died right away, the other was clinging to life for a short time.

Police found incriminating evidence during their searches- one thing they found was a spot where blood had been cleaned away- they found this with a Luminol test. A vacuum cleaner had been placed on top of the spot.

Something else that didn't sit well with many people- very soon after this took place Routier and the remaining family members went to the boys' graves to celebrate a birthday party and Routier was seen dancing on the babies' graves and shooting silly string on the headstones.

There is a lot of debate going on about her guilt or innocence and she's currently sitting on death row at the time of this review.

One thing her believers are big on shouting about is her "wounds" and how they "could have been" made by the mysterious attacker. Then again, the police took pics (which can be seen if you Google her name by the way) of the wounds and none look to be anything she couldn't have made herself.

I guess we'll never know more than the fact that those two little babies were killed by a monster- who the monster was we'll probably never learn.

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## Krisi says

Content horrific to consider. Extremely well researched, thought out, and presented. Sensible and easy to follow. Leaps and bounds better than "Hush Little Babies" by Don Davis!! I've researched this case immensely and Davis doesn't even present the story factually! !!!!!!!

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## Morgan says

I liked this book and would recommend it to people that like mysteries. It is very sad because it is a true story about a mother that killed her two five and six year old children, and faked a 911 call.

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## **Bridget Joslin says**

for anyone who reads this book I recommend reading "Media Tried, Justice Denied" I read Precious Angels first and was left still wondering whether she was guilty or innocent. so I started researching the case and going "Media Tried" I ordered the book and after reading it was left with no doubt! no spoilers here. get the book. it's worth it. warning though. there are very graphic pictures of the crime scene in this book do if you read it beware.

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