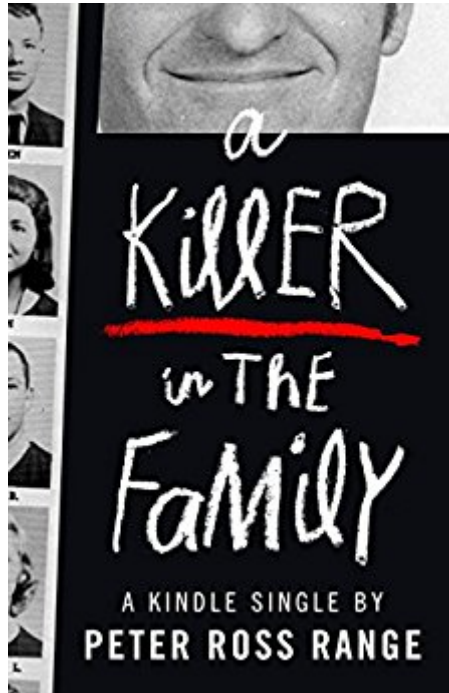


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Synopsis

Bradford Bishop had it all: a beautiful wife, three towhead sons, a nice home in a quiet Maryland suburb, and a promising career in the U.S. State Department. But on March 1, 1976, he threw it all away. After finding out he'd been passed over for a promotion, Bishop snapped. He went home and, in an act of unspeakable brutality, murdered his wife, his three boys, and his own mother—five people in all. Then he vanished off the face of the Earth. Or so it seemed. Almost forty years later, Peter Ross Range (author of the bestselling *Murder in the Yoga Store*) delivers the definitive story of Bishop's life and crime, following the trail from his privileged upbringing in California to his wily escape, including never-before reported details and chilling theories as to where he might be today. Peter Ross Range, author of the best-selling *Kindle Single Murder In the Yoga Store*, is a Washington, D.C. writer. A former White House correspondent for U.S. News & World Report and foreign correspondent for Time, Range has covered politics, international affairs and war. He has written for The New York Times Magazine, National Geographic and many other publications. He is currently writing a book on Adolf Hitler's little-known year in prison. Cover design by Adil Dara.

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Customer Reviews

"Family Annihilator" William Bradford Bishop has been on the lam for four decades since massacring his wife, mother and three young sons. This coldest of cold cases has preoccupied two generations of intrepid law enforcement officers, journalists and amateur sleuths not only because of the ghastly nature of the crime, but also the incongruity of a mild mannered, Ivy educated diplomat committing such a deed. Author Peter Ross Range adds new revelations to a much written about case in a very accessible style that keeps the reader riveted. On March 1, 1976, State Department diplomat Brad Bishop left work early. On his way home in suburban Washington, DC, he purchased some tools, including a small sledge hammer. After the usual family rituals of dinner, walking the dog and putting the children to bed, Bishop methodically bashed each family member to death with the hammer. He then loaded the bodies into the family station wagon, along with the (live) family dog, and drove seven hours south where he dumped the corpses into a shallow trench and set them afire. He then drove another 400 miles to a forest reserve, abandoned his vehicle -- and vanished, with a week's head start before law enforcement discovered his dastardly crime. Why did he do it? Where did he go? Where is he now? Alive or dead? No one knows. But Range pieces the very partial puzzle together with details not revealed publicly till now. Inexplicably, the FBI waited 38 years before placing Bishop on its Ten Most Wanted Fugitive list. Among Range's new revelations, most intriguing to this reader is the apparent involvement of hardened career criminals in Bishop's escape from justice, including an assortment of shady characters ranging from a mysterious woman to the Aryan Brotherhood. But the missing pieces to this contorted puzzle make the story that more fascinating. Range tells us the alleged killer has been sought out in all the corners of the globe. Each lead, however, hits a dead end. The various sightings of Bishop overseas, while tantalizing, sound apocryphal. And all media attention to the case over the years, while raising public awareness to it, have yielded no tangible results. Law enforcement officers who have worked the case over the decades can't let go. And in at least one individual, the obsession has clouded his judgment. Retired Montgomery County, MD sheriff Ray Kight, frustrated at not being able to resolve the crime, has found refuge in outlandish notions of a CIA-FBI plot to conceal the truth that rivals X-Files fantabulism. Range gives way too much space to this fringe conspiratorial thinking, only feeding the fevered imaginations of many who follow the case. This concise account of the Bishop murders would have benefited with less credence given to wacko conspiracy tales and more attention to hard facts. Another criticism is the only passing mention of Bishop's late psychiatrist, Frank Caprio, who clearly possessed deep insights into Bishop's disturbed psyche, but bafflingly refused to cooperate with the authorities - an oversight I suspect is the fault of editors. Whether you have followed this case, or are new to it, "A Killer in the Family" is worth a read.

But don't do so just before bed time.

Really enjoyed this book. Author told the story very well and keep me not wanting to put it down.
Wished for a better ending but can't change the truth...

After reading this very short story, in my opinion, the author took a very complex case & condensed it entirely too much.

Fascinating account of a monster who killed his family and is still not captured

I was very intrigued by the true story and the way it was presented

Would sure love to see a justifiable ending to this story,,,unfortunately there isn't one no fault of the author!

Well written. A very good story that is not over yet.

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