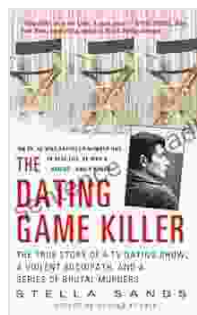


# The Dating Game Killer: A Chilling Account of Rodney Alcalá's Reign of Terror

In the annals of true crime, few figures are as enigmatic and horrifying as Rodney Alcalá. With his charming smile and intelligent demeanor, Alcalá seemed like an unlikely serial killer. But beneath his handsome exterior lurked a dark and twisted mind, responsible for a string of brutal murders that terrified Southern California in the 1970s.

Alcalá's reign of terror began in 1968 with the murder of Tali Shapiro, an 8-year-old girl who disappeared from her Los Angeles home. Alcalá was convicted of her murder in 1971, but the conviction was overturned on appeal due to prosecutorial misconduct.



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Undeterred, Alcalá continued to kill. In 1977, he appeared on the popular television show "The Dating Game," where he charmed the female

contestant with his good looks and wit. Tragically, the contestant, Cheryl Bradshaw, would later become one of his victims.

Alcalá's crimes were particularly heinous, often involving sexual assault and torture. He would often target young women who resembled Shapiro, his first victim. His victims' families were left devastated, struggling to understand how such a seemingly normal man could commit such unspeakable acts.

The investigation into Alcalá's crimes was long and complex. Detectives had to piece together a puzzle of circumstantial evidence, including DNA matches and Alcalá's own incriminating photographs. Finally, in 2010, Alcalá was convicted of five murders and sentenced to death.

"The Dating Game Killer" is a gripping and chilling account of Alcalá's crimes. Author Ron Franscell takes readers inside the investigation and trial, revealing the shocking details of Alcalá's reign of terror. The book also explores the psychological profile of a serial killer, delving into the twisted motivations that drive such individuals to commit heinous acts.

Franscell's writing is both gripping and compassionate. He paints a vivid picture of Alcalá's crimes while also shedding light on the devastating impact they had on his victims' families. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in true crime, serial killers, or the dark side of human nature.

### **Rodney Alcalá's Chilling Photos**

In addition to his crimes, Alcalá was also known for his disturbing collection of photographs. He would often take pictures of his victims, both before and

after their deaths. These photos provide a chilling glimpse into the mind of a serial killer.

One of Alcalá's most famous photos is of a young woman named Robin Samsoe. The photo was taken shortly before Samsoe disappeared in 1979. She was later found dead, and Alcalá was convicted of her murder.

Another chilling photo shows a young girl named Julie Jennes. Jennes disappeared in 1978, and her body was never found. However, Alcalá was convicted of her murder based on DNA evidence. The photo of Jennes shows her smiling and carefree, unaware of the fate that awaited her.

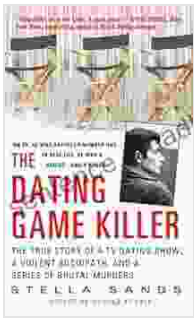
Alcalá's photos are a haunting reminder of the victims he claimed. They offer a glimpse into the dark and twisted mind of a serial killer, and they serve as a warning about the dangers that lurk in the shadows.

### **The Dating Game Killer: A Legacy of Pain and Sorrow**

The crimes of Rodney Alcalá left a lasting legacy of pain and sorrow. His victims' families were devastated by their loss, and they continue to struggle with the trauma of his crimes.

In the years since Alcalá's conviction, his victims' families have worked to raise awareness about serial killers and the need for justice. They have also established scholarships and foundations in their loved ones' names.

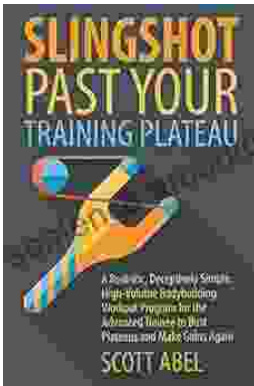
The story of Rodney Alcalá is a reminder that evil can lurk in the most unexpected places. It is a story that will continue to haunt us for generations to come.



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