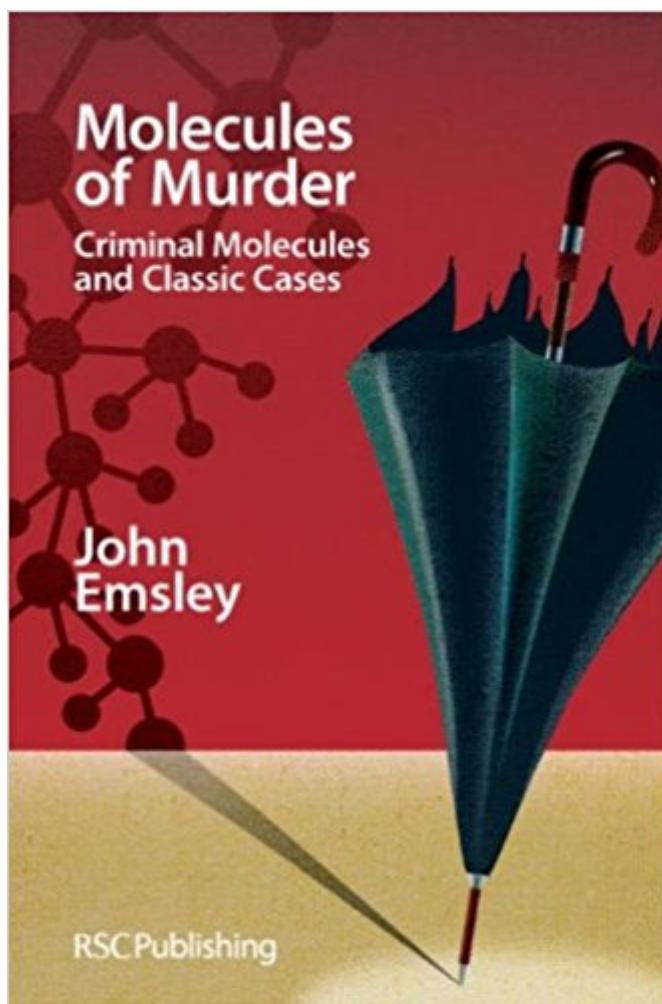


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Molecules Of Murder: Criminal Molecules And Classic Cases



Synopsis

Molecules of Murder is about infamous murderers and famous victims; about people like Harold Shipman, Alexander Litvinenko, Adelaide Bartlett, and Georgi Markov. Few books on poisons analyse these crimes from the viewpoint of the poison itself, doing so throws a new light on how the murders or attempted murders were carried out and ultimately how the perpetrators were uncovered and brought to justice. Part I includes molecules which occur naturally and were originally used by doctors before becoming notorious as murder weapons. Part II deals with unnatural molecules, mainly man-made, and they too have been dangerously misused in famous crimes. The book ends with the most famous poisoning case in recent years, that of Alexander Litvinenko and his death from polonium chloride. The first half of each chapter starts by looking at the target molecule itself, its discovery, its history, its chemistry, its use in medicine, its toxicology, and its effects on the human body. The second half then investigates a famous murder case and reveals the modus operandi of the poisoner and how some were caught, some are still at large, and some literally got away with murder. Molecules of Murder will explain how forensic chemists have developed cunning ways to detect minute traces of dangerous substances, and explain why some of these poisons, which appear so life-threatening, are now being researched as possible life-savers. Award winning science writer John Emsley has assembled another group of true crime and chemistry stories to rival those of his highly acclaimed Elements of Murder.

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This fascinating book takes the reader on a journey of discovery into the world of dangerous organic poisons. *Molecules of Murder* describes ten highly toxic molecules which are of particular interest due to their use in notorious murder cases. Each chapter explores the discovery of the molecules, their chemistry and effects in humans, followed by a re-examination of their deliberate misuse in high profile murder cases! *Molecules of Murder* is written by the highly acclaimed, award winning

popular science writer John Emsley and makes enthralling reading for both scientists and non-scientists alike.

Excellent book on poisons used to murder people- often seen in Cold Case files on IDVERY
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Bought this for my chemist BF and he absolutely loves it. Very interesting read if you are into scientific murdering.

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This book nicely shows how chemistry has been important in real life murders. It can be considered to be a sequel to the authors previous book "The Elements of Murder". Both books are examples of how a scientist can bring the importance of science to the real world. Toxins have been important means of murder for thousands of year. The author presents a number of true-to-life examples of how these chemicals have been used to kill. Some of the examples can be more fantastic than fiction. Yet the author weaves stories that keep the audience enthralled by the machinations of murderers.

Interesting

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