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Editorial Review

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Arranged alphabetically to include case histories of individual serial killers and essays on general topics, this reference work would appear to be the perfect companion to Jay Robert Nash's *Encyclopedia of World Crime: Criminal Justice, Criminology and Law Enforcement* (1989. o.p.). However, close examination reveals several flaws. The first is that Newton (*Serial Slaughter*) never explains his criteria for inclusion--a serious problem, in that he includes people like Josef Mengele (generally considered not a serial but a mass murderer). The second, related problem concerns the way he defines serial killer. By FBI standards, a serial killer is a person who murders three or more people. But Newton doesn't define his terms until two-thirds of the way into the book--and then he uses the National Institute of Justice's definition (that is, a person who murders two or more people) and argues that this should be the accepted one. Unfortunately, until someone else writes a better book on this topic, Newton's will have to do. Purchase cautiously.

-Michael Sawyer, Northwestern Regional Lib., Elkin, NC

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