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The Lindbergh Kidnapping Suspect No. 1: The Man Who Got Away

By Lise Pearlman [Regent Press September 1 2020]

In the depths of the Depression, millions worldwide followed every twist and turn of the Lindbergh baby kidnap/murder. Yet what was reported was largely fake news. Nearly a century after undocumented immigrant Bruno Richard Hauptmann was executed for the dastardly crime, questions still linger. If the wrong man was convicted, *who did it? When? Where? Why? How?*

The answers this book suggests have eluded all prior authors. Extensive research into dusty archives yielded crucial forensic evidence never before analyzed. Readers are invited to re-examine "the crime of the century" with fresh eyes focused on a key suspect - a slim man wearing a fedora that obscured his face. He was spotted with a ladder in his car near the Lindberghs' driveway early that fateful night. The police let an insider who fit that description oversee the entire investigation - the boy's father, international hero Charles Lindbergh. Abuse of power, amorality and xenophobia all feature in this saga set in an era dominated by white supremacists and social Darwinists.

If Lindbergh was Suspect No. 1, the man who got away, *what was his motive? Who else was involved? Who helped cover up the crime?* Read this book and judge for yourself.

This shocking but true story is told in just 350 pages divided into dozens of short, riveting chapters you can't put down. Bonus features include:

- scores of photos including what Little Charlie really looked like at the time he disappeared
- May 1932 forensic report issued by the premier medical lab now known as Bristol Myers Squibb
- modern forensic analysis of the corpse by renowned pathologist who helped nab GSK published here for the first time
- 60+ pages of detailed endnotes for armchair detectives and curious readers
- source list of over 20+ archival collections, 60+ books, and multiple electronic databases

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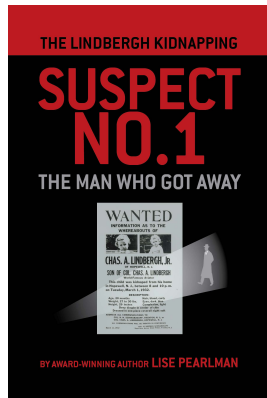
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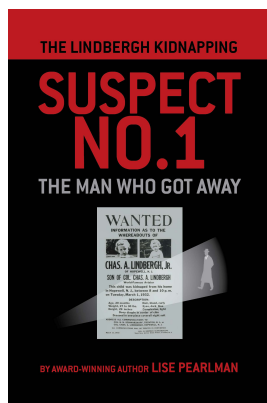
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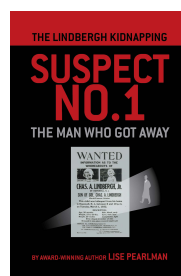
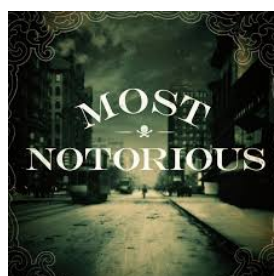
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- **Editor's Choice Best New True Crime Podcasts October 2020** (see article at www.vulture.com)
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REVIEWS

CRIMINAL LAW EXPERTS

"Astounding research, thorough and insightful analysis. Lise Pearlman is a great storyteller.

...This will be one of the definitive books on the Lindbergh saga... a great and provocative new work."

--D. Lowell Jensen, Retired Federal Judge, Former District Attorney & Asst. Atty. General of the United States Criminal Division

"This book addresses an enduring troubling question: Was an innocent man convicted of kidnapping and killing Charles Lindbergh's baby? Fascinating read with surprising conclusion."

--Barry Scheck, Co-Director of The Innocence Project

MEDICAL & FORENSIC SCIENCE EXPERTS

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--Dr. William Bass, forensic anthropologist & founder of The Body Farm; hired by Mrs. Hauptmann in 1982 to re-examine the remains

"An intensely granular, compelling, comprehensive analysis, but quite disturbing and chilling."

--Mark Rosen, M.D., retired anesthesiologist, UCSF Medical Center

5 STARS -- "We, as a just society, must now pursue posthumous justice for [Bruno] Richard Hauptmann."

--Peter Speth, M.D., consultant, pathologist and former Ventura County Deputy Coroner who helped catch the Golden State Killer

LINDBERGH KIDNAPPING CASE RESEARCHERS & AUTHORS

"Myth-smashing, beautifully written, powerfully argued"

--Lloyd Gardner, Lindbergh case historian and author of *The Case That Never Dies*

"Expertly researched, Judge Pearlman methodically analyzes the evidence from a sensational crime that still fascinates more than 88 years later. Superbly crafted, *Suspect No. 1* is a must read!"

--Greg Ahlgren & Stephen Monier, authors, *Crime of the Century: The Lindbergh Kidnapping Hoax*

"An excellent work. Best on the topic thus far."

--Don Heinrich Tolzmann, Editor, B.R. Hauptmann, *"I Am Innocent": A Statement in the Death Cell*

"This is the most well-written, rationally analyzed, in-depth, account yet of the most notorious kidnapping in American history... [This book's] original research and masterful observations will absorb every reader from cover to cover."

--Ronelle Delmont, book reviewer, lecturer, Lindbergh case researcher and administrator of www.lindberghkidnappinghoax.com

LITERARY PROFESSIONALS & OTHER REVIEWERS

"...True crime buffs will enjoy reading this one."

--Premium Review for Library Journal, by Amelia Osterud, Milwaukee, P. L.

[Full September 1, 2020 review available on www.libraryjournal.com with premium access]

"I came away chilled by the author's plausible and well-supported theory and impressed by her thoroughness. I can assure you, even if you are not a true crime enthusiast, this is an important book, because it illustrates that powerful people we want to love can do terrible things and get away with it."

-- Mary Lou Pratt, reviewer for Herald-Dispatch of Huntington, WV

FIVE STARS

"A must-read for any true crime aficionado and those fascinated with this highly publicized case... meticulously organized... and filled with [a] wealth of information."

--Shannon Winings for Reader's Favorite

FIVE STARS

"What a great read! A definite page turner with a shocking yet plausible conclusion. I was so impressed with her exhaustive research and the way she unfolds the story - a celebrity story perfect for our times."

-- Sandra, reviewer on goodreads.com

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REVIEWS (continued)



4.5 out of 5 stars out of 30 ratings (as of March 13, 2021)

United Kingdom

"From Hero to Zero"

...Ms. Pearlman has given us a real page-turner. The most readable account of this infamous crime which I have read to date. My enjoyment in reading this book was in no way reduced by my doubts on some of the theories advanced. The "Lindbergh did it" perspective has gained traction in recent decades. Wisely, Ms. Pearlman does not claim to have solved the "Crime of the Century" but she has left this reader in no doubt who should indeed have been "Suspect No 1."

She says "Lindbergh could have shot someone in broad daylight on Fifth Avenue and gotten away with it." I would add: "Hauptmann could have been dining with J Edgar Hoover on March 1st 1932, and he still would have been convicted."

-- Sherlock, reviewed in the United Kingdom on September 25, 2020

United States

"Excellent read. Thought Provoking!"

Just finished the book today. Very well done, and extremely well-researched. I appreciate and am persuaded by this perspective.

-- Travis, reviewed in the United States on March 7, 2021

"A great book with a shocking conclusion!"

I really liked this book. Having read (and written extensively) about the kidnapping and trial, I thought Pearlman laid out her case very convincingly. She showed she had done extensive research and organized her book very well. I found many interesting facts, events etc. that I have never read elsewhere. My only shortcoming with the book was her conclusion, not because she didn't lay it out properly and convincingly but only because it was one no one had ever come up with before and it was quite shocking! I have already recommended this book to numerous people and I think I might read it again very soon.

--JD, reviewed in the United States on October 19, 2020

"Tremendous effort and filled with fascinating detail"

The Lindbergh Case is a vast subject and Judge Pearlman deserves a great deal of credit for this ambitious book. It covers the first months of the Case in great detail, and brings the many personalities to life beautifully. Judge Pearlman takes a (very) long shot at explaining what might ACTUALLY have been going on behind the scenes, but whether the reader finds her theory credible or not does not really detract from the book. I couldn't put it down.

--Kurt Tolkdorf, reviewed in the United States on November 28, 2020

"Best Book I've Read on Lindbergh Baby's Death"

I've read numerous other of the serious books on this subject, but this one is definitive. Lise Pearlman provides an extremely plausible explanation for every facet of the tragedy of this toddler's death.

--Maureen Gonzales, reviewed in the United States on October 22, 2020

"Amazing research and impressive detail!"

I am somewhat of an aviation historian by hobby. I am a founder in a local aviation museum that's history is rich and includes a tidbit of Lindbergh. Our airport was a second home for Harlan "Bud" Gurney for about 40 years. I knew Bud and Hilde Gurney and their sons and I'm still in touch with Bud Jr. Lindbergh visited Bud here, his last visit included spending the day at our airport just a few years before Lindbergh died. Bud and Lindbergh were life-long friends, even though Lindbergh played some horrible tricks on him.

I listened to (ret) Judge, Lise Pearlman on a "Most Notorious, A True Crime History" podcast discussing this book . . . I was stunned. . . . Within minutes of finishing the podcast I ordered Pearlman's book and read it. I am very impressed with the extensive research involved in the writing of this book. I did some researching of my own as I read, including Internet searches and books that I have in my personal library. The detailed Appendix and the professionals Pearlman engaged for her book are compelling. Her research and the aligning it all to present it in writing is amazing. I . . . now believe Lindbergh was behind his son's kidnapping and murder. And I believe he was instrumental in framing Hauptmann's conviction and subsequent execution to save himself. . . . I did not catch any of Lise Pearlman's writing to include false or misleading "facts." Quite the opposite, she was spot on in what is available to me. Her background also speaks volumes. I believe. Well done!

--Janice Dickenson, reviewed in the United States on December 1, 2020

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MEDIA COVERAGE

NEWS MEDIA

Pratt, Mary Lou. "Mary Lou Pratt: Research of crime sets 'Suspect No.1' apart" *Herald Dispatch* (Huntington, WV) published February 14, 2021 (view article here at www.herald-dispatch.com)

Hrenchir, Tim. "Was Charles Lindbergh responsible for his son's kidnapping and death?" *Topeka Capital Journal*. published on-line 2:08pm Nov 29, 2020. Featuring interview of Lise Pearlman. (view article here at www.cjonline.com)

Pearlman, Lise. "Was Charles Lindbergh a Man Who Got Away?" *History News Network*. published on-line September 27, 2020 (view article here at www.hnn.org)

JOURNALS & MAGAZINES

The Library Journal (September 1, 2020)

Premium review

The Lindbergh Kidnapping Suspect No. 1--The Man Who Got Away

Reviewed by Amelia Osterud, Milwaukee, P.L.

- **"True crime buffs will enjoy reading this one"**

(full review available on www.libraryjournal.com with premium access)

Vulture.com (cultural and entertainment site for *New York Magazine*)

"This Week in True Crime Podcasts: Dr. Death Returns" Vulture editors, published October 30, 2020

- **MOST NOTORIOUS: "A Shocking New Look at the 1932 Lindbergh Kidnapping & Murder w/ Lise Pearlman"**
- **Editor's Choice for Best New True Crime Podcasts October 2020** (full review available on www.vulture.com)

PODCASTS

MOST NOTORIOUS--A True Crime History Podcast. Hosted by Erik Rivenes.

"A Shocking New Look at the 1932 Lindbergh Kidnapping & Murder w/ Lise Pearlman" published October 20, 2020

- **Vulture.com Editor's Choice for Best True-Crime Podcasts October 2020** (view article on vulture.com)
- 7900+ views on youtube since October 20, 2020 with 96+% approval out of 202 ratings (as of 03/13/2021) (Access Lise Pearlman's highly acclaimed podcast interview [here](#) via youtube.com)

THE PITCH KC -- STREETWISE PODCAST hosted by Editor-in-Chief Brock Wilbur

"Streetwise podcast delves into the Lindbergh kidnapping, music from Ebony Tusks, and more"

published October 9, 2020 (Access Lise Pearlman's podcast interview here via www.thepitchkc.com)

- *STREETWISE* is the podcast for the popular independent free magazine *THE PITCH* Kansas City (est.1980)
- *THE PITCH* Kansas City has 35,000+ circulation to 1000+ sites in the KC area & 63,000+ followers on social media (Access Lise Pearlman's podcast interview [here](#) via www.thepitchkc.com)

YOUTUBE

The Lindbergh Kidnapping Hoax channel hosted by Ronelle Delmont, administrator of Lindberghkidnappinghoax.com

- **September 20, 2020** interview with author Lise Pearlman and her daughter/lead research assistant Jamie Benvenuti (view part 1 [here](#); view part 2 [here](#))
- **October 4, 2020** follow up interview with Lise Pearlman and Jamie Benvenuti (view [here](#))
- **October 11, 2020** "What was wrong with Charles Lindbergh's 'Baby?'" discussion with Lise Pearlman, Jamie Benvenuti, and Ronelle Delmont (view [here](#))

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ACCESSIBILITY & PUBLIC OUTREACH

- *Suspect No. 1* is available online and in stores at popular vendors including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Walmart, Target, Rakuten Kobo & Indiebound as well as hundreds of independent sellers in US and abroad.
- *Suspect No. 1* is available in multiple electronic formats as well as paperback and hardback editions at a suggested retail price starting at \$14.95
- The author is currently producing *Suspect No. 1* in audio format to make accessible to readers with visual impairment.
- *Suspect No. 1* is available for free in libraries across the United States and abroad. View library list at worldcat.org. (Contact your local library if you would like *The Lindbergh Kidnapping Suspect No.1 -- The Man Who Got Away* by Lise Pearlman to be added to its catalog.)
- Author Lise Pearlman has been interviewed about *Suspect No. 1* and her evidence-based theories on the Lindbergh case via mainstream newspaper, web magazine, podcast, youtube and other popular media forms. Pearlman has engaged thousands of members of the public in her theories since September 1st 2020, with the potential for millions more.
- Since her virtual book launch on September 1, 2020, Pearlman has undertaken a series of well-received ZOOM presentations and has more scheduled for the new year. Audiences include service clubs, the Metropolitan Club of San Francisco, retirement communities and participants in the Osher Life Long Learning Institute.
- Author Lise Pearlman and her chief research assistant, daughter Jamie Benvenuti, participated in multiple interviews with www.lindberghkidnappinghoax.com administrator Ronelle Delmont for Delmont's affiliated youtube channel. There are plans to participate in a joint interview with authors Greg Ahlgren and Stephen Monier whose book *Crime of the Century: The Lindbergh Kidnapping Hoax* inspired both Delmont and Pearlman to re-examine the case.
- Author and retired judge Lise Pearlman may be contacted for questions, interviews, & speaking engagements via www.lisepearlman.com

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Retired judge Lise Pearlman got interested in researching the Lindbergh case when she wrote her first history book published in 2012, *The Sky's The Limit: People v. Newton, The Real Trial of the 20th Century?* [Regent Press] that compared the significance of the 1968 death penalty trial of Black Panther Party co-founder Huey Newton to other, better remembered "trials of the century". Her book won awards in the categories of law, history and multiculturalism. She later published three other award-winning history books, including one in 2017 with an updated chapter on the Lindbergh kidnapping --*With Justice for Some: Politically Charged Criminal Trials in the Early 20th Century that Helped Shape Today's America* [Regent Press 2017]. See www.lisepearlman.com.

To produce *Suspect No. 1*, Pearlman recruited her daughter Jamie Benvenuti as her chief research assistant for help digging into the 1932 kidnapping and murder of Lindbergh's first-born. The dusty archives and out-of-print books they teamed up to examine revealed far more about the mysterious crime than has ever been publicly disclosed before. With the assistance of both her daughter's phenomenal research and the expertise of nationally renowned pathologist Dr. Peter Speth, Judge Pearlman believes she has now laid bare what most likely happened to the kidnapped toddler; how Bruno Richard Hauptmann was framed and executed for the crime; who really did it; and how, when, where and why the toddler died.

Pearlman was an undergraduate in the first class that included women at Yale University where one of the key Lindbergh archives is housed. She attended Berkeley Law School and then clerked for California Chief Justice Donald White before practicing law in Oakland, California. From 1989-1995, she served as the first Presiding Judge of the California State Bar Court and later chaired Oakland's Public Ethics Commission. Her research for the Lindbergh book over the past decade took her to libraries on both coasts as well as the mid-west.

Pearlman is currently producing the companion documentary project to her 2016 book *American Justice on Trial: People v. Newton*. www.americanjusticeontrial.com