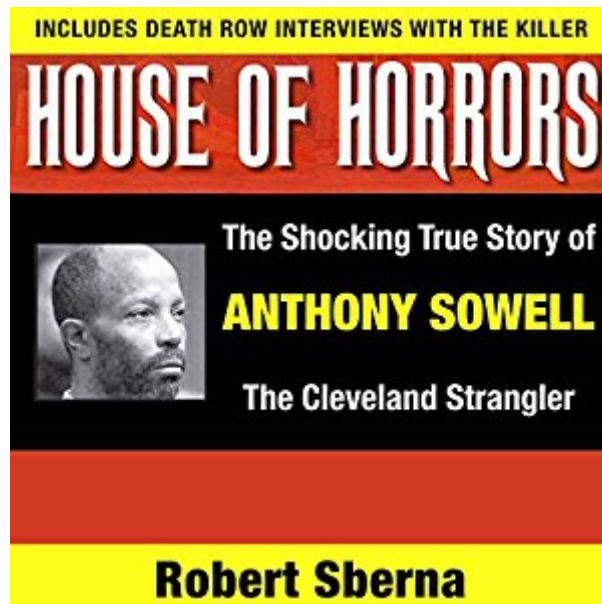


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# House Of Horrors: The Shocking True Story Of Anthony Sowell, The Cleveland Strangler



## Synopsis

Winner, 2012 True Crime "Book of the Year" by ForeWord Reviews To his neighbors, Anthony Sowell was a friendly and helpful former Marine. But they didn't know about his dark side - or the gruesome secret inside his house. Sowell's secret life was revealed to the nation on October 29, 2009, when a Cleveland Police SWAT team entered his house to arrest him for an alleged rape. They didn't find Sowell, but they encountered a nightmarish scene: two decomposed bodies in his third-floor living room. Eight more bodies were hidden throughout the house and buried in the back yard. In the basement, they discovered a human skull. All of the bodies were female and all appeared to have been bound and strangled. Two days later, police captured Sowell, a sexual sadist who had served a 15-year prison sentence for kidnapping, raping, and torturing a 21-year-old pregnant woman. House of Horrors exposes the shocking details of Sowell's depraved crimes and twisted psyche. He preyed on neighborhood women, luring them to his home with alcohol and drugs. Sowell then murdered the women and lived among their corpses. After a dramatic trial in the summer of 2011, Sowell was convicted and sentenced to death. In House of Horrors, listeners are given a rare glimpse inside the mind of a serial killer - through interviews with Sowell's neighbors and relatives, his surviving victims, and exclusive interviews with Sowell himself. The book is published by The Kent State University Press.

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In 1989, Cleveland ex-marine and current sexual psychopath, Anthony Sowell, raped and brutalized

a young woman named Melvette Sockwell. He served 15 years in prison. Upon his release, beginning in 2007 he began a reign of terror which, when he was finally caught, left at least 11 women dead and others raped and strangled who managed to escape with their lives. Sowell's victims were drug and alcohol addicted women from his neighborhood, many of whom supported their habits with theft and prostitution. Sowell's little quirk was that, after murdering the women in his house, he buried them in his yard or didn't even bother to bury them at all, simply letting them decompose in his house, a situation which caused a pervading and unpleasant odor in the neighborhood which was generally blamed on a sausage manufacturing operation conveniently located next door to Sowell's house. The book is *HOUSE OF HORRORS* by Robert Sberna and is a masterful example of just how good true crime can be when approached seriously. Sberna is all researcher and reporter. His prose is professional, crisp and intelligent. He does not let his personality inform the book, as he expresses no opinions nor does he insert any asides or comments. The book is completely fluff and filler free. And, in what I consider to be of major importance, he deals with each victim individually and with honor and respect. He has extensively researched the lives of the victims and highlights, regardless of how troubled their lives may have been, their humanity. The picture section is outstanding as well, including pictures of Sowell, of course, but also of ALL of the victims mentioned in the book. And the depth of Sberna's research on Sowell is remarkable. *HOUSE OF HORRORS* is a shining example the best of true crime.

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