

Obsession with True Crime: Is it Harmful?

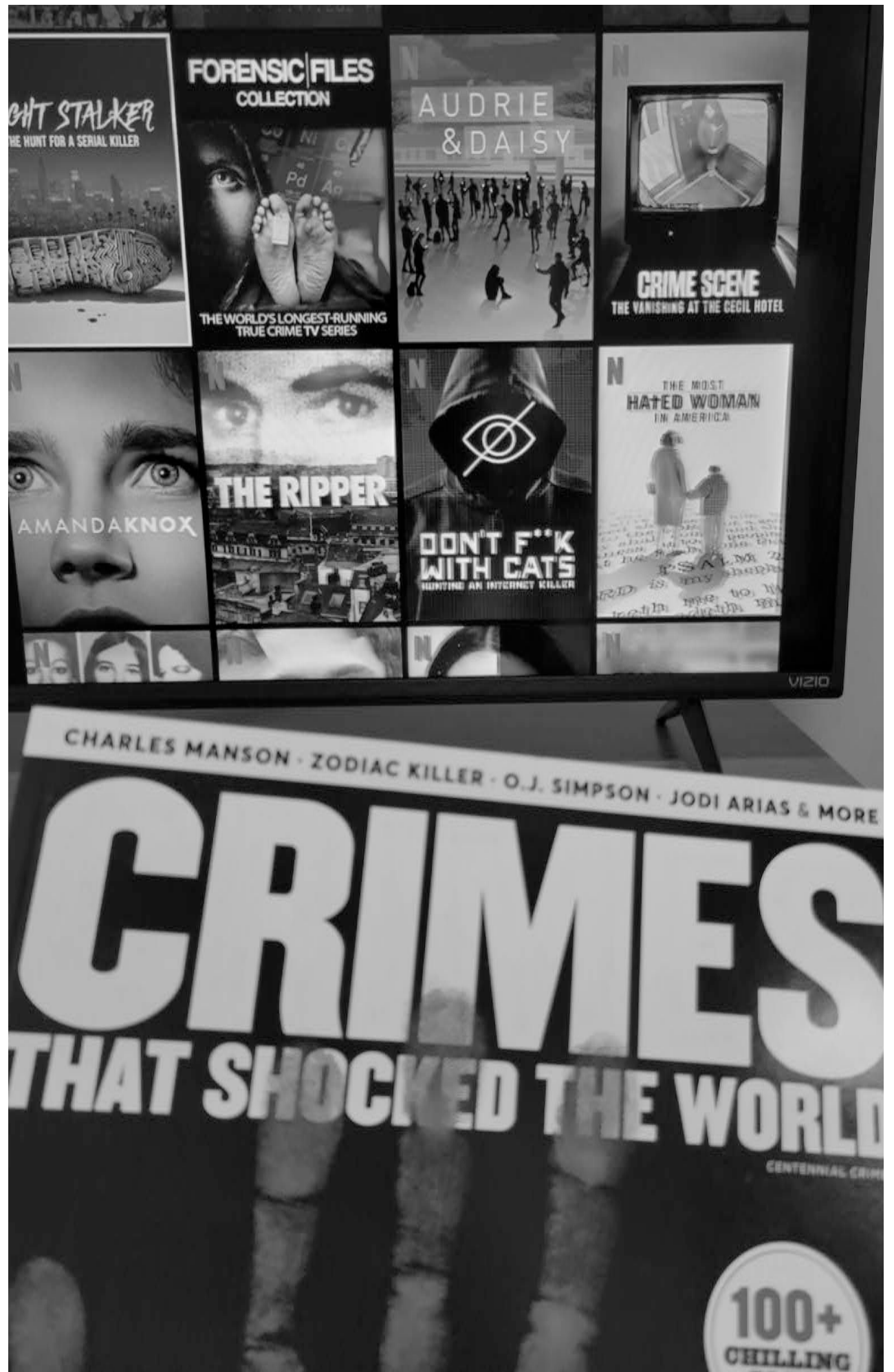
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ONE OF TODAY'S MODERN obsession is true crime and some wonder why that is because it can be considered as a normal and not so normal topic that brings controversial topics into conversations. A reason where I feel that true crime has come into play as a must watch documentary genre is because of the criminal justice system and current events that has made everyone want to become a detective. There is good and bad true crime out there such as Making of a Murder, Tiger, and many more where they discuss the different pros and cons within the criminal justice system. One of the main factors that caused crime rates to decrease was the pandemic because of the fact that people are inside of their homes which means they have plenty of time to do just about anything.

Examples such as social unrest after George Floyd's death, people have become more involved in investigating cases like this and really trying to understand these controversial topics. Social media plays an important factor that society uses to have access for personal investigations into crime cases and research into today's true crime. Modern technology has also helped reach that goal for those in the criminal justice system and even the people trying to do their own investigations on certain crimes that are being dealt with.

In a Netflix show called Don't F**k with the Cats, it was about a group of people that actually helped police find the Internet killer. A guy by the name Luka Magnotta was a very disturbed person who murdered cats and posted them on Youtube and never showed his face and this was before they knew who he was. One of his final killings was an actual human being and posted it on the Internet as well. A small community of people on Facebook helped police gather evidence and pointed out the possibility where Luka was and was able to bring justice.

The want to understand the criminal justice system and the positions that these people do on a daily basis helps people understand the amount of stress that is put on these professionals. It also brings out the benefit for people to not repeat true crime for example serial killer's that commit horrible crimes like Richard Ramirez and Ted Bundy. These tools and resources that we have can help impact the community from which we live in whether it is in a physical or virtual community of people that really do care on what happens in society.



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