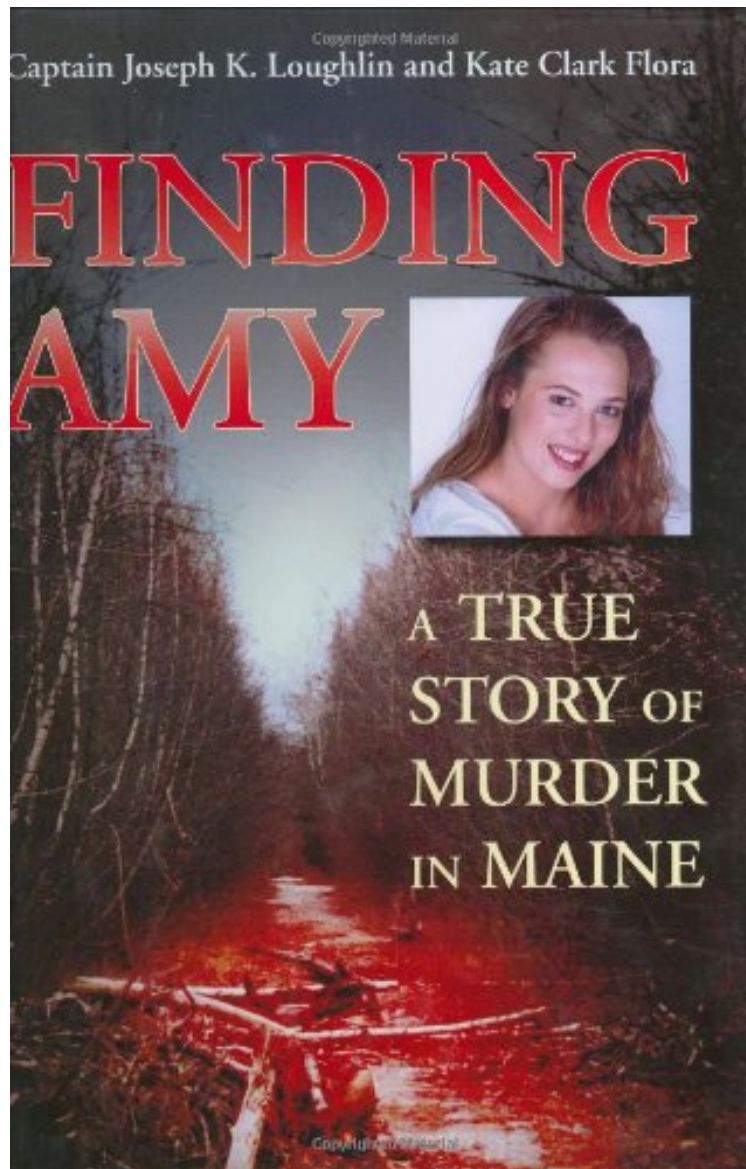


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Joseph K. Loughlin, Kate Clark Flora : Finding Amy: A True Story of Murder in Maine before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Finding Amy: A True Story of Murder in Maine:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Thank God for the hillbillies!By Donna J. RunnelsThis was a good true crime story which focused mostly upon the task of finding the victim's body in order to be able to charge the

suspect. The police knew almost from the beginning who had murdered Amy St. Laurent; they just had to come up with enough for the suspect to be charged. Their biggest problem was not having her body and the potential evidence it might produce. I have worked in a Maine D.A.'s office and other forms of law enforcement, and my husband was a homicide detective for years in another state. I have a special perspective when reading true crime, especially when it comes to Maine. The interagency cooperation in this case was almost unheard of and was ultimately what led to its great success. But they never would have found Amy's body if those hillbillies, the game wardens, hadn't offered their assistance. I know all those guys, and they are the best law enforcement agency in the state of Maine. It was truly amazing that they were able to find her the first day of the search. Deputy Chief Loughlin's journal added a great deal to the book. But I have to say that the image that he gave of Portland and the crime there was greatly inflated. He made himself a little too self-important. Portland is after all quite a small city even though it does experience its share of homicides and other violent crimes.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Please just buy this book. By Mary W. Rice It's the best. Or one of the best books I have ever read. I read a lot. And a ton of true crime. It moves along quickly. You do not get bogged down at any point in the story. It's just beautiful and amazing. And of course very sad. I am sad for Amy. Her family. But also for all of the men and women involved in bringing her killer to justice. The book is raw at times. Yet always real. That's important. Just a great book. And it does certainly have a strange twist in it regarding the Main Wardens. Don't think any longer. Please buy the book. You will not regret it.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Astoundingly Sad By theprofl purchased this book after reading Flora's Joe Burgess series because I was impressed with the writing talent. This book slipped into a completely different gear. It took a little while to get "into" the story, but once immersed, the whole book was incredibly adept at demonstrating a number of factors: 1) the screwed-up nature of the criminal mind, 2) the depth of loss a victim's family endures, 3) the quirkiness of our justice system, 4) the dedication of many in law enforcement to unravel the truth associated with crimes, and 5) that essentially we just keep going deeper in the hole as a society. This book should be read and the content digested as the buzz-words of today call "lessons learned".

Combining the drama of a true crime story, with the detail of a police procedural, "Finding Amy" chronicles the investigation into one of the most shocking murders in recent Maine history. Twenty-five-year-old Amy St. Laurent was attractive, intelligent, and responsible. One October evening, she went out to show a friend from Florida the exciting nightlife of Portland's Old Port section. She played pool. She danced. And then, she disappeared. The police investigation into her murder riveted the state of Maine for months. This inside account of the investigation alternates between Kate Clark Flora's objective tale of dedicated police work and the dramatic recollections of then-Lieutenant Joseph K. Loughlin, who oversaw the case. From the first call to a Portland detective about a missing woman to the police's growing certainty that she had been murdered, from the heroic efforts to locate the body to the flight from Maine of their chief suspect, and from the painstaking work of collecting evidence and building a case to the struggles over jurisdictional questions to the twists and turns of the eventual trial, "Finding Amy" is a dramatic story of brutal murder and exemplary police work.

From Publishers Weekly Last seen in a Brighton Avenue apartment of Portland, Maine on a Saturday night in October of 2001, Amy St. Laurent, 25, had gone out to show a visiting friend the city's Old Port section. Loughlin was then a Lieutenant (now Captain) and 24-year veteran of the Portland Police Department; Flora is a former assistant attorney general for the state and the author of seven mystery novels (Chosen for Death, etc.). Loughlin's recorded entries about the case—his thoughts, emotions and reactions to the investigation—amplify Flora's straightforward but potent narrative as detectives search for the grave, find it (about halfway through the book) and build a case against a leading suspect. This is a feast for proceduralists, giving countless small details of the work-a-day slog involved, an effort that leads the department to make good on the mystery, catching Amy's murderer, and making the case stick. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Loughlin's recorded entries about the case -- his thoughts, emotions and reactions to the investigation -- amplify Flora's straightforward but potent narrative as detectives search for the grave, find it (about halfway through the book) and build a case against a leading suspect. This is a feast for proceduralists, giving countless small details of the work-a-day slog involved, an effort that leads the department to make good on the mystery, catching Amy's murderer, and making the case stick."--Publishers Weekly "The tale is brimming with insights about police procedure, jurisdictional disputes, and politics. Over and over again, real life trumps fiction. For instance, after a five-hour standoff, the suspect surrenders one of his guns for a soda, the other for a cigarette. Put that in a novel and no one would believe it . . . The reader is never allowed to lose sight of the humanity of the victim, a young girl who accepted a ride from the wrong guy, then had the temerity to say no and mean it."--Boston Globe "Readers of true crime will find this chronological tale of the search for Amy and her killer especially compelling because of the personal account of Loughlin, who was lieutenant of the Criminal Investigation Department when Amy disappeared. Loughlin's journal, woven into Flora's painstaking recreation of the work of the detectives, highlights the intense discussions that took place among the key players and gives readers a look at the slow, steady progress of real detectives on a real case. There are no 'CSI solutions' that wrap up the case in

a conveniently short time. There are no magic findings of DNA. What takes place in this true story is the passionate belief that they will find Amy, bring her killer to justice, and give closure to her family and to the people of Maine." -- Foreword

About the Author
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