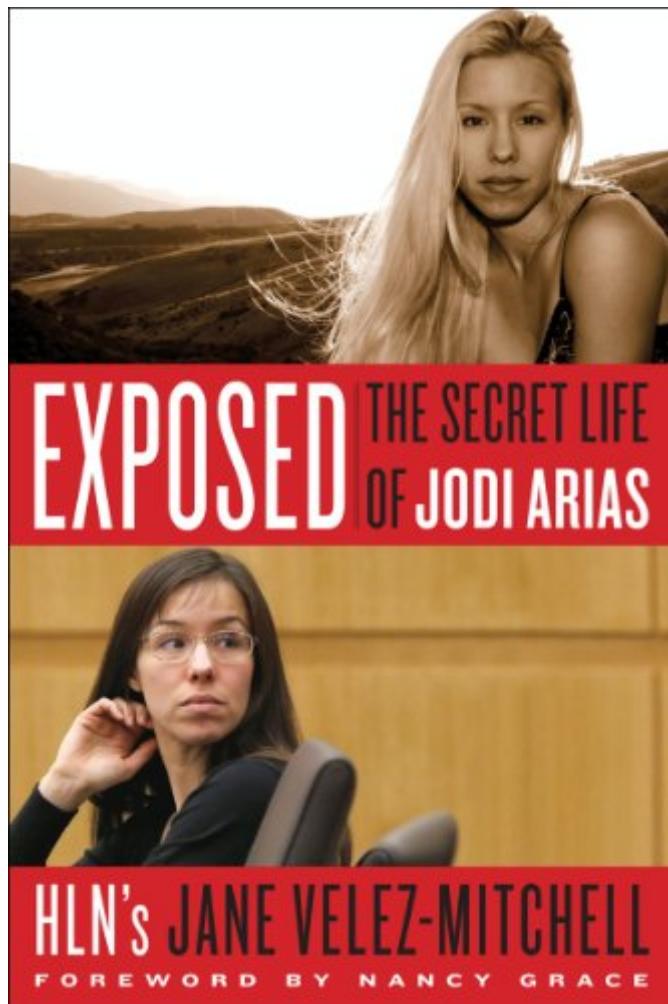


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# Exposed: The Secret Life Of Jodi Arias



## Synopsis

On June 9, 2008, the butchered body of Travis Alexander was found in his Mesa, Arizona home. The grisly nature of his death made instant headlines: with twenty-nine knife wounds, his throat slit, and a gunshot to the head, Travis was left to die. The prime suspect in the case was Alexander's ex-girlfriend, the attractive and soft-spoken Jodi Arias. Though Arias initially said that she was nowhere near the scene of the crime, little about this case was as it seemed, and before long she had been caught lying to police. As the investigation progressed, her lies evolved multiple times before finally resting on an appalling claim: she had killed Travis in self-defense. Along the way, startling details emerged about the Mormon couple's relationship, and soon graphic stories of their lurid sexual encounters and jealousy-driven blowouts revealed a dark side to their life together. These revelations launched a trial filled with sex and deception but also raised substantial questions about Arias's deceit, as people from across the country struggled to understand the bizarre world of Jodi Arias. Now, award-winning broadcast journalist and bestselling author Jane Velez-Mitchell, a veteran of some of the most storied court cases in recent memory, goes behind the scenes of the trial and into the mind of a killer. Using insider accounts from friends who knew Travis and Jodi, Velez-Mitchell turns her sharply-focused lens on Arias and offers her seasoned perspective on the case's most pressing questions. Separating fact from fiction, she reports on the bizarre and explicit stories that have both shocked and fascinated the American public: "from Jodi's romantic history before meeting Travis, to their torrid sex life together, to the complicated role their Mormon faith played in the relationship's demise. With unbridled access to the evidence and the case's key players, Velez-Mitchell unearths Jodi's contentious life with those closest to her, examining the paranoid and erratic behavior behind each relationship and illustrating the disturbing pattern of a murderer in the making. Complete with photos from the case and Jane Velez-Mitchell's fresh insights on the crime, *Exposed* takes readers behind closed bedroom doors to uncover the truth behind the secret and sordid life of Jodi Arias.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Jane Velez-Mitchell claimed on her show that this book was full of new information. Unfortunately, there was nothing in this book that I did not already know from watching the trial and her show. I would not recommend this to anyone. It was a waste of money and my time

I was moved to purchase this book based on all the hype on Jane Velez - Mitchells' show on HLN. Leading up to the release she talked frequently about all the "bombshells" that hadn't been talked about before - all the new information that had never been heard before. I'm guessing she must have forgotten to include them here because the book is simply a rehashing of Jodi's life and the trial. Everything in this book was already discussed on every news show out there. There was absolutely nothing in this book that wasn't already public information.

I'm not impressed. I guess I should have known better, it is written by one of the talking heads from HLN and the forward was written by Nancy Grace. It is basically a written version of the same type of stuff from tv. Yes, I agree, Jodi is a horrible human being. Yes, I agree that Travis shouldn't have been murdered. But, Jodi isn't evil incarnate and Travis was not a saintly martyr. But, that's the tone of this book. I wish the author had toned down the black and white and tried to find the nuance and shades of grey. That would have made this book a lot more interesting and not just a rehash of the Jane Velez Mitchell Show. For instance, in my reading last night, Velez Mitchell was describing the murder and actually wrote that "Travis stood valiantly at the sink while Jodi stabbed him in the back." Valiantly? The only thing missing from her description was that Travis had a heavenly glow

as he looked to the sky like the martyr Stephen and saw Jesus sitting at the right hand of the Father. Another issue in this book, yes, we know Jodi is a liar. She lies, that's her thing. But, does the author have to constantly remind the reader of this? She tempers every quote from Jodi with a comment of the sort that she is a liar or has trouble with the truth. Could the author not have tried to find some original insight into this case? I'm just very disappointed in the book. It will probably interest those who didn't follow the case, but won't be much use for those who are trying to understand Jodi.

I had not watched the Arias trial or read much of anything about the case so I was very curious. I am quite disappointed that Velez-Mitchell seems to just provide a narrative of events without much research. The backgrounds of the principals are sketchy and there is little or no attempt at insight into their natures. I also disliked the author's editorializing about "evil" Jodi and "saintly" Travis. I would rather have read a more balanced and neutral account of the crime. Subsequent to my reading the book I discovered that I could have gotten the same information from the internet for free. Don't bother with this book.

I, like so many others, was intrigued and obsessed with the Jodi Arias trial. I was hesitant to buy a book that would just re-hash everything I had already heard and seen during the trial and via media. I really enjoyed the first half of the book which gave greater insight into J.A.'s life and personality disorder. The second half, based solely on the trial, was a tedious re-hashing. I did like how Jane put the whole relationship, murder, and trial into chronological order and wrapped it up into a neat re-telling that flowed. Nicely done. I also appreciated the research done on the Mormon faith and doctrine, most of which was accurate, though I'd like to point out that the quote they attributed to define the Law of Chastity is not found in the Book of Mormon at all but rather in a pamphlet entitled "for the strength of youth" published by the church and accepted as core doctrine.

If you watched the trial or read about the case, then this book is not for you....if, however, you were unaware of this trial then, by all means, go ahead and pick it up! It was a very easy read and I thought that it portrayed everything I saw on TV accurately. I was disappointed that there wasn't 'new' information or some new insight on why she did such a heinous crime, of course, since the trial isn't over, I suppose that could be asking a bit much. I downloaded this book to my iPad and the pictures did not come out, so that was kind of disappointing too!

JVM offered no secrets or new tidbits. Not worth the read, verbatim from the trial and not the "bombshell" I was hoping for.

This book has gotten some bad reviews. I'm a mom with an 8 year old and a 5 month old and I didn't have time to sit in front of the tv for days on end watching the proceedings. This was a well thought out, thorough and tantalizing summary of a case that completely enthralled me. If you were able to stay on top of the trial, maybe not for you. If you are interested in the details, do it, DO IT! I totally enjoyed seeing the bits and pieces I read here and there condensed and solidified into a well written and clear summation of the entire collection of events.

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