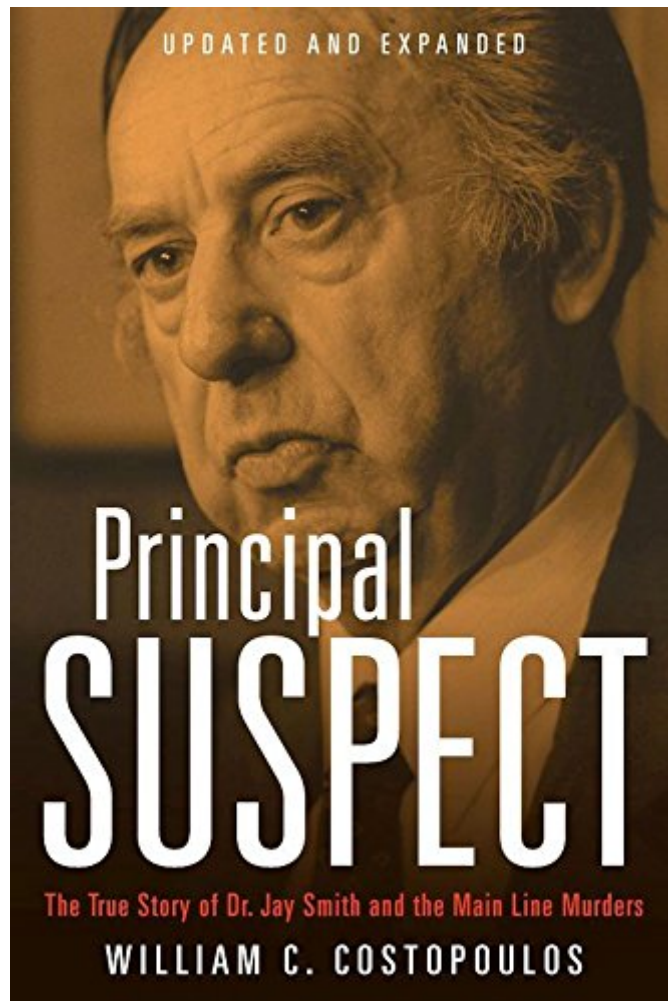


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Joseph Wambaugh's *Echoes in the Darkness* and its subsequent TV dramatization have made household words of both Susan Reinert, the murder victim, and Dr. Jay Smith, a high school principal and her accused killer. The naked body of Susan Reinert, a suburban, Philadelphia school teacher was found jammed into the hatchback of a car. Her two young children were missing and never found. Thus began one of the most prominent murder cases Pennsylvania history, and one that would grip the nation. Now the defense attorney for the main suspect of the murders-- Jay Smith, the principal of the school where Reinert taught-- takes you inside the cover-ups and corruption that dramatically affected the outcome of the case. Did Jay Smith do it? Did he deserve the death penalty? it is you who must decide.

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I have to admit that I was a little stunned by this book. Looking desperately for something worth reading for my Kindle, I came across this book late at night. I remember this case well, as I grew up about an hour away from where Susan Reinert lived, and I was in high school at the time her body was found. I kept up with the saga in the newspapers until I married and moved to Ohio in 1982. I

was later thrilled to read Joseph Wambaugh's book on the murders and then eventually, watch the miniseries. Believing that to pretty much be the last credible word on the subject, I wrongly surmised originally that this book was nothing more than something written by a sore loser or a kook. We've all heard before how Jeffrey MacDonald and many other killers are *really, truly* innocent, after all. It seems like there's always someone who is willing to write a book that flies in the face of all of the known evidence. But being desperate for something to read, I tried "a sample" from Kindle. The book sucked me in like a vacuum hose. I quickly bought and downloaded the entire book. Having left Pennsylvania way back then, I didn't really have any idea how the case progressed, except that I knew that Bradfield and Smith were convicted of the murders. VanNort and Holz and Guida were portrayed as heroes by Wambaugh. Nothing could be further from the truth, especially in the case of Holz and Guida. Shame on both!! I don't have any idea if Jay Smith murdered anyone or not, but it surely would not have been proven with the *legitimate* evidence that prosecution had, which included rubber lifters with quartz (sand) stuck on them from the autopsy, which the prosecution willfully and deliberately withheld from the defense during a death penalty trial.

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