

Chapter 1 : Bruce Kimmel's book: Murder At The Grove

Like others who have commented on MURDER AT HOLLYWOOD HIGH, I came to it having read and loved Bruce Kimmel's BENJAMIN KRITZER trilogy about the coming of age in a true Golden Age of Los Angeles.

She dresses in clothes from her favorite decades-the 40s, 50s, 60s, and 70s-much to the derision of her fellow students at Hollywood High, who think she is a joke. Her teachers adore her, just as much as her fellow students abhor her. She has one loyal and true friend, Billy Feldman, who is as much of an outsider as she is. She has a mother who listens to Pink Floyd, Cream, and Isaac Hayes at ear splitting levels, a peculiar cat named Furball, and an ancient, ineffectual computer that crashes if she happens to glance in its direction. Then, one day, someone from Hollywood High is found murdered. A suspect is arrested and charged. Murder at Hollywood High is a very funny, suspenseful mystery, replete with colorful Los Angeles locales, disbelieving detectives, suspects lurking around every locker, and a fifteen-year-old heroine who is off-the-wall, endearing and not to be messed with. Reader reviews from Amazon. Do you want cell phones and Ipods and Blackberries the electronic kind to go away? Well, writer Bruce Kimmel has created - of all things - a teen age girl sleuth who feels the same way. Adrianna Hofstetter attends the titular high school. She is a product of her time, but she longs for another era. Her best friend is Billy, and when he is accused of a murder at HH, Adrianna goes into full Nancy Drew mode to clear him of the charge. She uses everything at her disposal and uses 21st century detective work Adrianna lives with her single mother in a Los Angeles apartment. The environs are so well described, that you could probably find the building, or at least the street. And Adrianna feels about them mostly the way the reader will - if not more so. Adrianna also feels that fashion stopped in , so you can imagine her closet. The mystery is interesting, and the finale reminded me of the way Perry Mason or Owen Marshall used to wrap up their television shows. In fact, I figured out what but not who - until the final chapter. Fine, fast read from author Kimmel who knows his onions and his MySpace. Just remind yourself that the pictures they are posting all over the internet will be there to permanently embarrass them. An ideal mix of character study, dark humor, and light banter, as our heroine sleuth digs into a mystery - with a very personal motive for uncovering the truth. Kimmel captures high school angst and the city of Los Angeles itself with great verisimilitude. I certainly hope that we shall see new adventures with Adriana Hofstetter charging ahead! The author introduces several quirky characters to aid his plucky heroine: She wears styles from decades past, along with the the appropriate hair and makeup Her take on the book?

Chapter 2 : Hollywood High () - Rotten Tomatoes

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The irrepressible and irresistible teenage sleuth Adriana Hofstetter is back, with funny-snarky attitude, 40s wardrobe, hippy-dip but caring mom and BFF Billy Feldman intact, and a puzzling new murder to occupy her summer vacation. This time the scene is L. Put away that new iPhone and enjoy. But the determined and indefatigable Ms. The clues, characters, and locale are all explored with the same eccentric but affectionate Kimmel whimsey displayed in *Murder at Hollywood High* and the Benjamin Kritzer trilogy. All my favorite characters came back: There is also a splendid array of new characters for the mystery itself, each uniquely human and a reminder of someone I know. Being a member of Miss Hoffsetters generation I find myself drawn to these books like a moth to flame. The insight Bruce Kimmel has into the minds of those so removed from the world he knew as a teen is uncanny. Bruce Kimmel always pours his all into his books, researching things he could just gloss over and giving detailed descriptions of places that make you feel like you are there. I highly recommend this sequel, along with all his books for a good cozy read and a laugh. The loveable misfit returns to solve a new case, learning new things about the Internet and pondering the lost Los Angeles of yore along the way. The dubious authorities are finally persuaded, leading to a climactic revelation. Who knew that onion rings and green beans could be so fine? Both novels have as their central character Adriana Hofstetter. As in the first book, she is ably supported by her close friend Billy and deterred by her Mother and the same police detectives who play key roles in the first novel. The deceased in this story is one of the people Adriana has interviewed for her story. The person later dies from a supposed drug overdose. She travels Los Angeles while visiting the suspects; in doing so, the city becomes a character in itself. Bruce Kimmel has a deep affection for a city that he grew up in and is now a memory of what it used to be. I enjoyed reading this mystery and I was never quite sure who the murderer was. My allegiances kept shifting as to the identity of the murderer and I was not disappointed by the revelation of who the murderer was and their motive for the killing. I originally had one quibble with the story. Why would Adriana invest so much time trying to prove that person she hardly knew did not die from a drug overdose? There was more of a personal investment as to her involvement in the first mystery. I recommend *Murder at the Grove* and look forward to next Adriana Hofstetter mystery.

Chapter 3 : Bruce Kimmel's book: Murder At Hollywood High

Adriana Hofstetter is a student at Hollywood High in , although she believes she lives in the wrong time. She loves vintage clothing, journalism class and her best friend Billy. When Billy is accused of murdering a school bully, Adriana decides to clear him by writing her own investigative piece for the school paper.

Discovery and early films[edit] Her hair was dark, messy, uncombed. Her hands were trembling so she could barely read the script. But she had that sexy clean quality I wanted. There was something smoldering underneath that innocent face. Wilkerson , publisher of The Hollywood Reporter. Though she only appeared onscreen for a few minutes, [45] Wilkerson wrote in The Hollywood Reporter that her performance was "worthy of more than a passing note. Warner to allow Turner to relocate with him to MGM. Louis Post-Dispatch , in which she was characterized as "the answer to "oomph". War years and establishment as a sex symbol[edit] Turner center with Judy Garland and James Stewart on the set of Ziegfeld Girl , which precipitated her rise at MGM In , Turner appeared in her first musical film, Two Girls on Broadway , in which she received top-billing over established co-stars Joan Blondell and George Murphy. As for Lana Turner, fully clad for a change, and the rest of the cast Gable, but we were [just] friends," she later recalled. Metro has swathed her best assets in a toga, swears that she shall become an actress, or else. Under these adverse circumstances, stars Taylor and Turner are working under wraps. She is the vamp of today as Theda Bara was of yesterday. She is far more deadly because she lets her audience relax. Roosevelt during the presidential election. I finally got tired of making movies where all I did was walk across the screen and look pretty. I tried to persuade the studio to give me something different. But it was just what I wanted to do. In an interview, Turner said: Studio re-branding and personal struggles[edit] In late , Turner was cast as Lady de Winter in The Three Musketeers , her first Technicolor film. The project was shelved for several months, and Turner told journalists in December By the time this one comes out, it will be almost three years since I was last on the screen, in The Three Musketeers. Imperium , released in March , was a box office flop , and had Turner starring as an American woman who is wooed by a European prince. Imperium, despite receiving unfavorable critical reviews. MGM departure and resurgence[edit] Turner and Clark Gable seated among onlookers on the set of Betrayed in Maastricht , In the spring of , Turner relocated to Europe for 18 months to make two films under a tax credit for American productions shot abroad. Mature, it has taken the audience through such a lengthy and tedious amount of detail that it has not only frayed all possible tension but it has aggravated patience as well. End result of all this flamboyant polish, however, is only fair entertainment. I used to go on a bended knee to the front office and say, please give me a decent story. The last time I begged for a good story they gave me The Prodigal.

Chapter 4 : Bruce Kimmel Book List - FictionDB

Are you sure you want to remove Murder at Hollywood High from your list?

Lana Turner ditched typing class and got discovered as she sipped a Coke across the street. And Carol Burnett wrote and edited the school newspaper. Hollywood High School will turn years old next month. The win marks a first for the high school and Melton, 69, was at home in North Hollywood, surrounded by family and friends--many of them former students--when he succumbed to the illness, diagnosed only about two weeks ago. March 4, By Joseph Serna A New York parolee accused of fatally strangling a retired teacher in Hollywood may have come west after developing a network of pen pals, some that apparently grew from a shared fondness for the long-running soap opera "General Hospital. Hollywood High sits at Highland Avenue and Sunset Boulevard, holding itself aloof from the tarnished glitter of the Strip behind a line of palm trees and a monumental flight of stairs. But instead of Greek temple fronts and imposing columns, its face to the community is festooned with neo-Mayan decorations and inscriptions that spell out the importance of education. Last week, Hughes fetched the book for yet another class. We are not involved in business. After three winless seasons, Hollywood High bands together behind team. This is a school that adopted its nickname, the Sheiks, from characters portrayed by Rudolph Valentino in silent-screen desert dramas of the s. Rolando Ruiz, 17, was shot once in the chest shortly after 3: It was a very good year March 1, By Susan King In the long history of Oscar ceremonies, few matched the craziness, drama and poignancy of the 46th Academy Awards, which took place almost 40 years ago on April 2, , at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. That ceremony, hosted by writer-director John Huston, singer-actress Diana Ross, and actors Burt Reynolds and David Niven, featured a streaker who ran across the stage; a legendary comedian receiving a special award; a multiple Oscar-winning actress who was ceremony-shy make her only appearance at the Academy Awards, while another famous actress, who was dying of cancer, made her final bow. And youth was served, as a year-old actress became the youngest to win a competitive Oscar while a composer a few months shy of his 30th birthday won all three music awards. See note below for details A year-old man was charged Thursday with killing a retired Hollywood High School teacher, authorities said. Tracking killings in L. County Harry Major, 82, was found dead Feb. There was a wedding cake and champagne under a giant, rainbow-colored flag over the patio. No one was more apprehensive about what was soon to transpire than Colby Melvin and Brandon Brown. The pair, both models who have been engaged for four months, clutched each other as they watched the screen. Stories of a Hollywood Life" about how she had a crush on Brando as a shy, overweight teenager at Hollywood High. The student was among those who allegedly posted online a total of 36 questions from various standardized exams conducted last spring. The questions were traced to 12 schools across California, including North Hollywood " but the student no longer attended that campus during the testing period. By that time, the student had transferred to an independently managed charter school, according to a source who was not authorized to comment publicly. In a letter sent to all state school districts this week, the Department of Education announced the postponement of the test results until Aug. Melton did it again. They emoted, they projected, they hit their marks. It was high drama, unscripted and pure. The year-round schedule allows the campus to run hundreds more students through its cramped classrooms. It also chips away at their education. Teachers skip pages of material, assign less homework and give fewer tests because their school year has been slashed by 17 days. Hundreds of pupils take the Stanford 9 exam shortly after returning from an eight-week vacation.

Chapter 5 : Jesse James Hollywood - Wikipedia

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Your host, Neville Aster-Night, is nowhere to be seen. As you all gather in the mourning room, the head servant apprises everyone of her masters murder. As you assume the role of one of these ghoulish characters and solve the mystery, you and your seven dinner guests will enjoy hours of suspense and intrigue. All you need is a sense of humour and a light-hearted approach toward deceit, larceny, sex and murder. Characters The Mummy of King Aldrinktotat Uncovered twenty years ago, the Mummy left Egypt and stalks the globe painting the world red in search of a good time. Madness, mayhem and wanton destruction often follow in his wake. Always well-dressed in designer linen stripes, the Mummy is welcome in hot spots everywhere. He is also a celebrated author - his self help book Life Begins at 3, was on the best-seller list for years. Balihi, The Rogersandhammerstein Monster The Rogersandhammerstein Monster is constructed from the body parts of various and sundry individuals. He received a degree in decomposition from Juilliard and has been known to terrorize villagers with show tunes. Asthmadeus, The Prince of Dimness The Prince of Dimness is deathly afraid of the dark, and he has never been accused of being the brightest flame in purgatory. But, what he lacks in brains, he makes up for in boyish good looks. The Prince spends his life party-hopping the world in his silver Rolls Royce His brother got the gold one. Following the strict dietary laws of his faith has always been a challenge for the hypnotically charming maneater. Hannibal can often be seen escorting tasty beauties to funerals, wakes, and other society functions. Not surprisingly, those beauties are rarely heard from again. Glumda, The Wicked Witch of DePressed Always jealous of the other more prosperous enchantresses, the Witch spends much of her days casting spells of mischief to pass the time. She rarely leaves her remote fortress, except to engage in her hobby of mile-high acrobatics on her broom. Angela Deth, DDS This beautiful dentist is famous for putting her patients under - six feet under, that is. Deth earned the admiration of ghoukind when she perfected the Intergenerational Root Canal, a procedure so painful your next of kin can feel it, too. Aretha Garlique The effervescent Aretha Garlique is renowned the world over the ethernet. She has done seances for royalty and heads of state and has aided the FBI and Scotland Yard in tracking down murderers. Lizzie Bordeaux This gothic and enigmatic woman hails from the south of France. Lizzie has had to fend for herself since her youth and has learned the cutthroat ways of business. Faxe, the eccentric Englishman, has invited eight guests to participate in an archaeological dig at a site in Mesopotamia. Almost immediately, rumors circulate of an important find, but excitement gives way to dismay when murder is committed. Faxe, the eccentric entrepreneur and amateur archaeologist, sails this month for ancient Mesopotamia in search of human fossils and in the hope of proving the Darwinian Theory of Evolution. Faxe has chosen a region of the Tigris-Euphrates Valley known since ancient times as Vages for the site of his expedition. This area is distinguished by an immense and prominent boulder that can be seen for miles and is known locally as the Rock of Vages. A small cleft, or opening, at the base of the rock is the site of an unusual collection of fossils. The cleft, discovered in by French archaeologist, Henri Formie, is described in scientific literature as Rock of Vages, Cleft Formie. By arrangement with the local government, Faxe and his entourage will establish an extensive camp in an abandoned military fort near the archaeological site and overlooking the Tigris River. Instead, Coppone has disappeared, mystifying police and the criminal underworld. Excitement is running high until the recollection of a high school prank leads to the discovery of murder! Power and Greede Darlings: The suspense is simply too much to bear. Everyone who is anyone knows that it was produced under the strictest security in Building 5 on the Power lot and that production finished over a month ago. The oh-so-aloof Ivonde B. Ahlone graciously consented to appear opposite the incomparable Savoy R. One assumes that the old pro Seldon U. Lloyd will direct, though that pretty young thing Denise N. Dayer has apparently been hovering about the sets with a look of authority in her eye. Well darlings, wait no longer. The word is out. Ad-mission is by invitation only and, true to form, Mr. The invitation arrived in a salmon-colored embossed envelope. Cast, director, writer and your humble servant will join Mr. As an illustrious member of the cast or crew, you are a guest of the producer W. At the gala, guests find out that is curtains for a mutual

friend. The 13th Duke of Airesborne has invited his eight possible heirs to announce just who among them will be the successor of his title. However, before his announcement, the Duke is murdered in a hot air balloon accident. The potential heirs must figure out who among them killed the Duke and the other unfortunate victims! Observers report that the balloon plummeted out of a cloudy sky into thick woods close to Airesborne Castle, killing both the duke and his son. In response to a warm invitation from His Honor, Judge Waylon Payne, you have gathered in his home, beside the courthouse, in the heart of town, for a sumptuous dinner. Dinner will be followed by the hanging of the infamous, formerly elusive Malevolent Seven-a villainous gang of criminals rumored to have secretly victimized your fair territory for many years. Although no one knows the identity of the Malevolent Seven, everyone will find out tonight. June 19, My Dearest Friends, In my tireless attempts to rid the town of Roadkill of the villainous scum that is corrupting our citizens, I take pride in announcing the capture of the Malevolent Seven-a dastardly conspiracy of criminals that has secretly victimized our fair territory for far too many years. To celebrate this landmark moment in law enforcement, I have erected eight gallows on Main Street: The execution will take place at midnight on the second of July, to "kick off" festivities for the Fourth of July weekend. So, leave your affairs in order, and come join me in this triumphant celebration. The honor of your presence is required.

Chapter 6 : Lana Turner - Wikipedia

Scott Kratlian, a former New York prison inmate, was found guilty of first-degree murder yesterday, for the killing of former Hollywood High School English teacher Harry Major.

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Chapter 7 : Murder conviction sticks for killer of retired Hollywood High teacher - www.nxgvision.com

Crime Watch Daily examines the shocking murder of Harry Major, a revered Hollywood High School English teacher whose year career impacted thousands of students, including a host of future.

Next Hollywood murders Every murder is haunting. But these true tales from the City of Dreams have obsessed Americans, sometimes for decades. Here are some of the most shocking, and unforgettable, Hollywood murders. Simpson was arrested for the murders of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman, who were stabbed to death in Brentwood, Calif. In , Simpson was convicted in an armed robbery case in Nevada and is currently imprisoned. He is expected to be eligible for parole in late In , Christopher Wallace – more commonly known as rapper Notorious B. Many theories surround the deaths of both rappers, but no one has ever been convicted. He was sentenced to life in prison. After her death, California laws changed to prevent the DMV from releasing private addresses. He choked her in the fatal attack, causing her to slip into a coma. She never regained consciousness and died a few days later at The case turned up many suspects, though none were convicted. It also inspired several retellings in book and film form. Photographer Charles Rathbun received a life sentence for sexually assaulting and killing the year-old. Charles Manson and his devoted followers – called the Manson Family – were responsible for the deaths of nine people in the late s. One notably famous victim was actress Sharon Tate. She lost control of her car, crashed and died at the scene. When police attempted to question a person of interest named Harold Martin Smith, he committed suicide with what police determined was the same gun used to kill Chasen. Though many initially felt the shooting was a personal attack, investigators concluded it was random. Police say she confessed to friends following the shooting, claiming a fight with her husband earlier that evening had angered her. When the police arrived to assess the situation, Brynn took her own life. At the time, the small police department was ill equipped to tackle a case of this magnitude, and, with little evidence or motive to go on, the case is still officially unsolved. After two trials, Spector was sentenced and is currently serving a years-to-life term. The case is still officially unsolved. Taylor had been shot in the back.

Chapter 8 : Man, 44, Charged With Strangling Retired Hollywood High Teacher – CBS Los Angeles

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Chapter 9 : Articles about Hollywood High - latimes

Jesse James Hollywood (born January 28,) is an American former drug dealer who kidnapped and ordered the murder of Nicholas Markowitz in He was arrested in and is serving life without parole at Calipatria State Prison in Calipatria, California.