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The Pale Gray Goodbye

A blog devoted to crime and all its mysteries.

What is it about crime that we, as humans, can't get enough of? You wonder if other species, given the opportunity, would relish reliving the aberrant behavior of their kind the way we do. Would squirrels and antelopes devour (figuratively) novels of woodland atrocities? Consume mass quantities of television and film depicting the endless varieties of fur-on-fur violence? I think it's one of the things that defines humanness, myself. We all wonder if we have the capacity to be either perp or victim. Will we have a part in that decision or has the die been cast? Considering the randomness of much crime, and it being such an integral part of living together, can we get through this life without being touched by it?

These are questions that I muse on, and you probably do too. I like crime, not merely as a gruesome kick, but as a window into the human condition. And who doesn't love a mystery, so the unsolved ones are my personal faves. This is my first stab at a blog, and here, I'll be talking about current cases of interest and digging into old ones, the moldier the better!

So what does "The Pale Gray Goodbye" mean? You might first think of Chandler's *Long Goodbye*, and though I love him, he's not the inspiration. If you've ever read any of John D. MacDonald's Travis McGee books, my all-time favorite literary character - a man of resourcefulness, courage and a whole slew of interesting weaknesses - then you'll recall the color-based names of his novels. This one is a conglomeration of several. Disappearances, secrets, mysteries in general all have that color to me. They fade with time, but the farewell is never complete until the end of it all, the answer, is discovered.

So today we'll start with an interesting case taken from The Crime Library, on which I spend a lot of time. Please be sure to swap thoughts and information below.

Bible John:

That's what they called the tall, very handsome well-dressed young man, who kept reciting passages from the scriptures. He was the last person seen with three young murder victims, none of them sexually assaulted. DNA has brought forward new leads in this strange unsolved case. *Night of the Hunter*, anyone???? ([more](#))

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ABOUT ME

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Marlowe, unsolved crimes



ABOUT MY BLOG

I have a passion for film noir, and classic crime cases. Traditional crime solving and detective work fascinates me. I also like to dig around unsolved cold cases and see if new light can be shed on them.

My cousin Justin is my "partner in crime" and most of the video on this site was shot by him.

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VIEWER COMMENTS

Cameron, buddy! I like your style. Good taste, good hobbies. I'm a true crime fan for sure and will be spending time on your blog!

Joe - Tampa, FL.

That Bible John story is an interesting one. The family of the man who was disinterred to check for DNA is justifiably upset. Too bad the technology wasn't around sooner! Looking forward to the next chapter in this case.

Elsa - Bend, OR

Hi Cameron! Welcome to the wonderful world of blogging. Always glad to see a new face. Keep at it. There is always room for more investigation and new perspectives. Check out my place, if you get a chance: therootofthematter.com

Hilary J. - Phoenix, AZ.

This looks like it could be worth coming back to. Good luck!

Richard - San Francisco, CA

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MOVIES I'M WATCHING

Brick



This unconventional film noir -- set in the halls of a modern-day high school -- marks a promising debut for writer-director Rian Johnson. Teenage loner Brendan Fry is forced to navigate his school's social network when a secret crush turns up dead and the murderer is anyone's guess. Through intense interactions with thespians, band geeks and druggies (including a grown-up Lucas Haas), Brendan works to crack the cliques -- and the case.

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