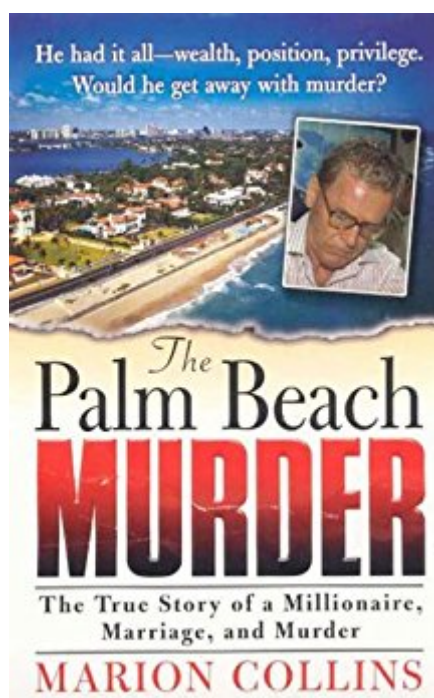


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Synopsis

For thirty-three-year-old millionaire James Sullivan, sweeping Lita McClinton off her feet was easy. But when the reckless social climber and adulterer turned marriage in their Palm Beach mansion into a luxurious hell, the beautiful Georgia debutante wanted out--and half of her husband's fortune to take with her. Then in 1987, a hit man unloaded three bullets into Lita's head. Her family demanded justice. James had other plans--and the money to insure it. But it wasn't until eleven years later that a startling confession from a surprise witness would bring James Sullivan's comfortable life crashing down around him. The cold-blooded millionaire was indicted and fled the country turning hotspots across the globe into exotic private playgrounds before settling with his new fiancée in a sumptuous resort near Bangkok, where he was arrested four years later. From Palm Beach elite to life in a squalid Thailand jail cell, Marion Collins' Palm Beach Murder is the astonishing true story of one man's flight from justice and one family's burning desire to make him pay.

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The Palm Beach Murder is one of those true crime stories that is almost too good to be true. Wealthy, Irish Jim Sullivan owned a liquor distributorship in Macon, Georgia. He became infatuated with Lita McClinton, who was a member of Atlanta's elite. They soon married and her life turned into a living hell. Sullivan sold his liquor distributorship and the couple moved into a fabulous mansion on the Atlantic Ocean in Palm Beach. Lita's life was unhappy, however. Jim constantly cheated on her and was a miser, in spite of his millions. Lita filed for divorce and Sullivan worried that she would get half of his fortune. Someone murdered Lita just days before she was to get her divorce from Jim. The Palm Beach Murder is the story of that murder and the attempts of the McClintock family and the police to bring Jim to justice. It would take over 15 years and it would include a manhunt across three continents. There are a couple of negatives with this book. One is that author Marion Collins tends to use a lot of flowery, amateurish prose. The story is so compelling that the reader probably can overlook this shortcoming. The other problem is that the story stops before Sullivan's final trial; this is a major downer for the reader. True crime fans will find that The Palm Beach Murder is great reading.

Excellent Intriguing Read that is suspenseful! Great Author!

Usually don't read true crime books but since I'm in it I gave it a try. Accurate and a fast read. The subject, James Sullivan, is really a despicable person.

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