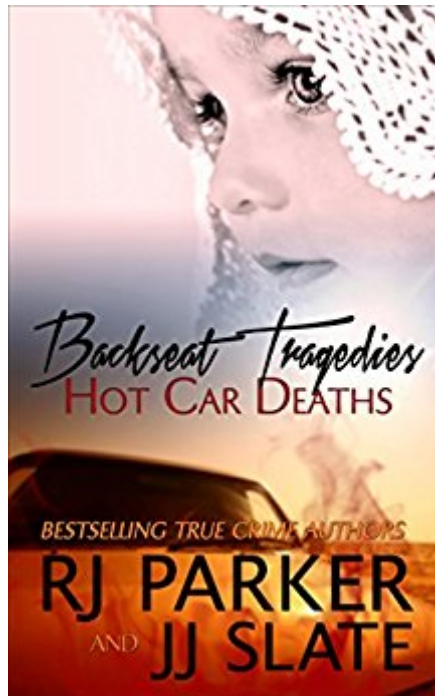


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# Backseat Tragedies: True Stories Of Hot Car Deaths (True Crime & History Book 8)



## Synopsis

When we hear about these cases of children forgotten in their car seats, left alone in the hot sun to die, our first reaction is to instinctively blame the parent or caregiver. We think, how could anyone forget about their own child for a moment, let alone hours? But the awful reality is that these tragedies happen to people from all walks of life. Many of the parents detailed in this book never thought such a thing could ever happen to them. They were wrong. On average, thirty-seven U.S. children die each year after becoming trapped or forgotten in a hot vehicle. Between the years 1998 and 2014, 636 children perished inside a hot car in the United States. The numbers are staggering. The stories are heartbreaking. But what can we do about it? In *Backseat Tragedies: Hot Car Deaths*, bestselling true crime authors RJ Parker and JJ Slate explore the circumstances that led to the deaths of over twenty children who died of hyperthermia, or heatstroke, in a car. They explore the science of how quickly a car can heat to deadly temperatures and why the human brain can so easily be tricked into forgetting something as important as a child. They also highlight important steps we can take as a community to prevent future casualties. Spreading awareness about the reality of hot car deaths is the first step toward eliminating these tragedies.

WITH PHOTO This is the second book RJ Parker and JJ Slate collaborated on. The first book is 'Social Media Monsters: Internet Killers' In March, 2015, JJ released 'Till Death Do Us Part: True Stories of Newlywed Murders' Most recently, RJ published 'Marc Lepine: The Montreal Massacre' and is currently working on 'Missing Aboriginal Women of BC', due for release in September, 2015.

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## Customer Reviews

Another great book by RJ Parker and JJ Slate. Sad how some people can do this to kids and there is some that actually forget about them being there. These stories are heartbreaking to me personally because I don't understand how anybody would do this to a child. About a month ago I went to pick up my wife from work and somebody came in and said call 911 because there was a child in a car and nobody around. While the police and ems were there the mother came and said what's going on. The policemen told her she left a child unattended and she said her sister was there awhile ago. There was no sister she later confessed and they called the grandmother to come get the child but the grandmother just took the car and the child went to child protective services. Just sad how people could do this. My wife and I would have took any of these kids. Our son died after 3 hours after being born and it kills me how these kind of people can have kids and do this to them. Read it straight through and highly recommend any book by RJ and JJ. Can't wait for there next one

This is an especially hard review for me to write, having experienced a loss of a grandchild tragically. This book was also very difficult for me to read. I had to continually stop and wipe the tears from my eyes as I read this book. That said it was also a very important book to read...I want to commend these authors for writing this book in the hopes of bringing this horrible, heart wrenching subject to the attention of others in the hopes of preventing any more deaths of these precious little ones! EVERY ONE, whether or not your a parent or care person of a child, should read this book, every one should understand how and what happens when a child is left in a car. AND PASS THIS INFO ON TO OTHERS. Don't let your family or a family you know become a statistic. I particularly took interest in Chapter 10, this chapter did a great job in explaining how and why forgetting your child can and does happen. No one is immune. They also cover the importance of making sure your child can not excess a vehicle on their own. To all the families who have lost a child my heart breaks for you and I hope some day, some how, you can find the peace you need as you go through this. For those who intentionally left their child in a car, maybe if you had read this book you wouldn't

or couldn't have done that if you knew what the poor child went through. A very well written and informational book. The facts were fairly written on all accounts. Again thank you for addressing this important matter!

When I first started reading Backseat Tragadies I honestly thought "How can Any parent, grandparents or caretaker forget a child in a car"? I also never thought of having to lock my car because a child might lock themselves in it and die. Well I now think differently. This is a book that I advise anyone that has children, caretaker as well as the grandparents to buy and read. These stories also had me crying, I felt the hurt the parents went through and I also had my doubts on a couple of cases that I wondered was it forgetfulness, or was it intentional. You must read and give a copy to anyone involved in a child's life. This book will forever remain etched in my mind. RJ & JJ Slate have taken this book to the second level. Dramatic.

Very interesting book. I was appalled at the numerous number of parents that forgot about their children in a vehicle. So disturbing that people can become so busy that they forget. But the research shows you don't have to be a bad parent to forget or leave your child in a vehicle. I am sure those same parents believed it couldn't happen to them but in fact it did. It is awesome that this book is bringing awareness to people about child deaths in vehicles. Very well written. An excellent book to read. Can read very easily and in a short amount of time. A plethora of information!

This book is very well written. 10 thumbs up to RJ Parker and J.J Slate. It broke my heart to know that so many people can forget about their children. Almost like they are a bag of trash. So many excuses are used for the reasons!!! There are no excuses. Today, you see parents with their cell phones, laptops, tablets etc glued to their hands, scared to death they going to miss something, but yet, they forget their children! Each case in this wonderful book touched my heart, as it also broke my heart, RJ and JJ slate did a amazing job at researching the information placed within this book, as you read each case you will see that little to nothing is done to these "parents" for the murders of those precious children. I firmly believe that all parents need to read this book, all true crime readers should read it also, there is no such thing as a ACCIDENT when you leave your child in a hot car to be fried from the inside out!!! That's called MURDER!!!! heartbreaking but so well written! Two wonderful authors have done it again!

Because of the subject of this book this was a tough read but it was definitely worth the read. This

book has a good mix of information and heartbreaking stories of the tragic losses of children's lives. I did not realize the amount of these tragedies that occur every year. The authors did an excellent job of reviewing many cases and pointing out that many of these parents were very loving. A moment of forgetfulness can lead to a lifetime of regret and I hope this book will help prevent tragedies in this future. This is highly recommended.

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