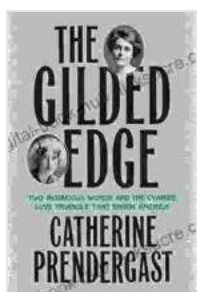


# Two Audacious Women and the Cyanide Love Triangle That Shocked America

In the 1930s, a sensational love triangle that resulted in a tragic murder shocked America and became fodder for tabloid headlines. The case involved two audacious women, Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray, who conspired to poison Ruth's husband, Albert Snyder, with cyanide.



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On March 20, 1927, Ruth served Albert a glass of milk laced with cyanide. Albert drank the milk and died a short time later. Ruth and Judd initially tried to cover up their crime, but their story quickly fell apart. They were both arrested and charged with murder.

The trial was a media sensation. The public was fascinated by the details of the crime and the personalities of the two women involved. Ruth Snyder was portrayed as a cold-hearted killer, while Judd Gray was seen as a charming but manipulative villain.

On January 12, 1928, Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray were both found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. They were executed in the electric chair on January 12, 1928. Their case remains one of the most notorious love triangles in American history.

### **Ruth Snyder: The Femme Fatale**

Ruth Snyder was born in New York City in 1895. She was the daughter of a wealthy businessman and a socialite. Ruth was raised in a life of privilege, but she was never truly happy. She married Albert Snyder in 1917, but the marriage was not a happy one. Albert was a dull and unambitious man, and Ruth found him to be boring.

In 1925, Ruth met Judd Gray. Judd was a charming and handsome doctor, and Ruth was immediately drawn to him. The two quickly began an affair. Together, they plotted to kill Albert and cash in on his life insurance policy.

Ruth Snyder was a complex and enigmatic woman. She was beautiful, intelligent, and ambitious. But she was also capable of great cruelty and

violence. Her case remains a cautionary tale about the dangers of unchecked ambition and greed.

## **Judd Gray: The Charming Villain**

Judd Gray was born in Maine in 1890. He was the son of a doctor and a schoolteacher. Judd was a brilliant student, and he graduated from medical school at the top of his class. He moved to New York City in 1925 and quickly established himself as a successful doctor.

Judd Gray was a charming and charismatic man. He was well-dressed and well-spoken, and he had a magnetic personality. Women were drawn to him, and he had a reputation as a ladies' man.

When Judd Gray met Ruth Snyder, he was immediately smitten. He saw in her a kindred spirit, a woman who was as ambitious and ruthless as he was. Together, they plotted to kill Albert Snyder and cash in on his life insurance policy.

Judd Gray was a calculating and manipulative man. He used his charm and charisma to win Ruth Snyder's trust, and he convinced her to participate in his deadly plot. He remains one of the most notorious villains in American history.

## **The Love Triangle**

The love triangle between Ruth Snyder, Judd Gray, and Albert Snyder was a complex and twisted one. Ruth was married to Albert, but she was in love with Judd. Judd was attracted to Ruth, but he also saw her as a means to an end. Albert was unaware of his wife's infidelity, and he trusted Judd implicitly.

The love triangle reached its climax on March 20, 1927, when Ruth Snyder served Albert a glass of milk laced with cyanide. Albert drank the milk and died a short time later. Ruth and Judd initially tried to cover up their crime, but their story quickly fell apart. They were both arrested and charged with murder.

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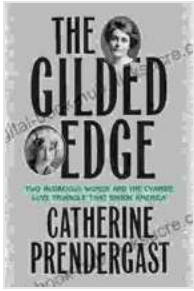
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## **The Aftermath**

The cyanide love triangle had a profound impact on American society. The case was a reminder of the dangers of unchecked ambition and greed. It also led to a public outcry for stricter laws against murder and insurance fraud.

In the wake of the trial, Ruth Snyder and Judd Gray became symbols of evil. Their names were synonymous with murder and betrayal. They were immortalized in books, movies, and television shows. Their case remains a cautionary tale about the dangers of unchecked ambition and greed.

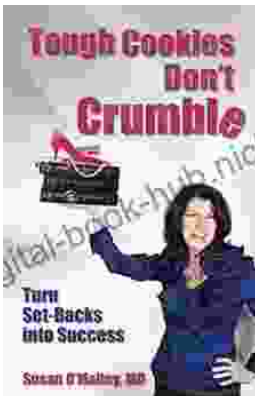
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