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Over the past few decades, there has been a remarkable rise in the number of people who speak publicly about their experience of crime. These personal accounts used to be confined to the police station and the courtroom, but today bookshops heave with autobiographies by prisoners, criminals, police and barristers while streaming platforms host hours of interviews with serial killers, death-row residents, vigilantes and gang members.

In *What We Talk About When We Talk About Crime*, criminologist Jennifer Fleetwood examines seven infamous crime stories to make sense of this modern confessional impulse, including Howard Marks's outlandish autobiography *Mr Nice*, Shamima Begum's controversial *Times* interview, Prince Andrew's disastrous *Newsnight* appearance and Myra Hindley's unpublished prison letters.