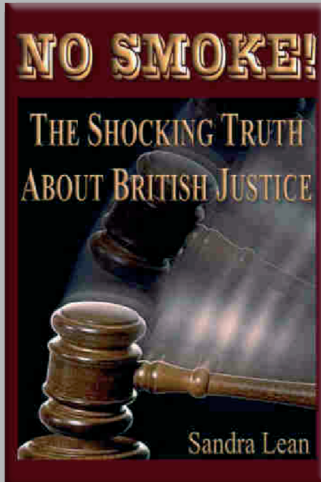


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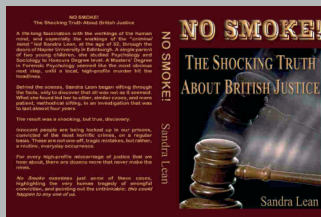


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Sandra Lean's NO SMOKE offers a vitally-important contribution to British social awareness. Already the subject of much debate within the judicial system, this book reviews seven specific real-life cases and in doing so exposes some truly shocking practices within the UK justice system. The cases are exhaustively researched and documented in an easy-to-read contemporary style, and the conclusions presented in an articulate and professional format. Review copies have been highly praised, and the book has already been recommended by sitting judiciary as an insightful (if rather disturbing) guide to the inner workings of British justice.

The author is currently a PhD candidate in criminal justice at Edinburgh University.

From the rear cover..

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A life-long fascination with the workings of the human mind, and especially the workings of the "criminal mind," led Sandra Lean, at the age of 32, through the doors of Napier University in Edinburgh. A single parent of two young children, she studied Psychology and Sociology to Honours Degree level. A Masters' Degree in Forensic Psychology seemed like the most obvious next step, until a local, high-profile murder hit the headlines. Behind the scenes, Sandra Lean began sifting through the facts, only to discover that all was not as it seemed. What she found led her to other, similar cases, and more patient, methodical sifting, in an investigation that was to last almost four years. The result was a shocking, but true discovery. Innocent people are being locked up in our prisons, convicted of the most horrific crimes, on a regular basis. These are not one-off tragic mistakes, but rather a routine, everyday occurrence. For every high-profile miscarriage of justice that we hear about, there are dozens more that never make the news. No Smoke examines just some of these cases, highlighting the very human tragedy of wrongful conviction, and pointing out the unthinkable: this could happen to any one of us.



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After finding myself and my family in the unimaginable position as the cases investigated in this book Sandra has shockingly enlightened us as to how this has happened to just an ordinary family.

This book should be a must for any person embarking on a career in the Police or Justice System. It could change your perceptions of what you believe you are joining up for.

Any person who believes in REAL unbiased Justice has a duty to read this book. (That should mean all of us).

Well done Sandra and thank you.



A shocking, brilliant book,

When you get home tonight you find out that your wife has been killed.
(or husband, girlfriend, boyfriend, daughter, son or other close family member).

Forget your emotional shock for a minute and try to imagine how you think the police and Crown Prosecution Service would react if you had nothing to do with it? They will take a statement from you and use any useful information in it to investigate and arrest the guilty won't they? They will collect and analyse all witness evidence, documentary and forensic evidence with an impartial view, keep an open mind, allow the evidence to lead them to the real killer, won't they? They will treat all suspects equally from the outset, surely? And keep an open mind? Experts will do their best to interpret the scientific evidence and their reports will be used purely to suggest who the real suspect is, won't they? In Britain you are innocent until proven guilty, aren't you? The system just works doesn't it?

Suddenly you find yourself as the main suspect. You are arrested and face 36 or 72 hours in police custody being interviewed. Of course, you cooperate because there is no evidence which could possibly implicate you in any way, because you know you are innocent.

Then you are charged and find yourself "on remand" which means that despite being innocent until being proven guilty, you are actually in prison, even before any trial has taken place!

You await your trial, confident that the jury will reject the prosecution evidence because it will be obvious they are clutching at straws. And, of course, all jurors start off believing you are innocent, don't they?

Please, read this book with an open mind and try to put yourself in the shoes of the accused and find out what really happens...



If you are trying to right a Miscarriage of Justice, you must read this book. If you are about to sit on a jury, you must read this book. If you are a normal person going about your everyday life, you must read this book, because tomorrow that life might have changed for ever and you will be as powerless as the people in this book. Thank God for people like Sandra Lean who will give them a voice.

Reading Sandra Lean's book made me feel overwhelmed with relief because I realised that we weren't alone. The part about how the paper bag was labelled in Susan May's story takes your breath away, I literally had to reread it over and over to take it in.

This book is thoroughly researched, sharply presented and never loses sight of the fact that these are real people with real families, you will never read a newspaper report in the same way again.



This book is really excellent, after reading this book I realised how many people who are out there who are innocent and serving a jail sentence which they shouldn't be doing. You then realise that miscarriages of justice is happening all around us, everyday in fact, it's shocking. This book was a eye opener to me I would advise anyone who believe in righting miscarriages of justice within our system to read this book. Also anyone who is about to sit for jury service, I would advice you to read this book.

Well done on the book Sandra and thanks.



This is a book that must be read by anyone interested in the British Justice System. People will not want to believe how prejudiced and life-destroying the system can be. The book is clear and gives an honest review. People like to think corrupt justice would never happen to their families, but it can happen to anyone: and it does.



This book was amazing from cover to cover. The way Sandra has gone about obtaining fact after eye opening fact is incredible! It would bring a tear to even the hardest of the hard. Long may her quest continue, and I personally wish her the best of luck on her up and coming tour. If you get the chance, go and see her and give her your support.
Lindon Mackenzie, Mayfield.



The book was brilliant, well written and very informative. It is quite frightening to read that you could be at the wrath of the justice system through no fault of your own and to see how your human rights can be violated and twisted. A book you will encourage others to read.



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Justice 4 Simon, Justice for all,

Miscarriages of justice are happening all around us, everyday, it's fact!!

For anyone who finds themselves in this situation, you are not alone and THERE IS HELP OUT THERE.

Sandra Lean eloquently explores various areas of the legal system and details a few cases amongst so many others.

The current British legal system does not allow people to maintain their innocence without paying the price:- bullying and abuse, "psychological reports" claiming an "in denial" attitude and refusal to admit guilt therefore take responsibility for their actions ending ultimately with no chances of parole.

Many innocent victims have completed their sentences and still await to be released.

There are many organisations such as Innocent, Mojo, The Innocent Network and more who are there to support families as well as advise them in fighting miscarriages of justice. Many Lawyers have also dedicated their careers into overturning wrongful

conviction of the innocent.

DON'T make the mistake of thinking that you can rely on the system to put things right, you will be waiting a very long time. Thank you Sandra for your hard work.



The one case in the book with which I am personally familiar is that of Gordon Park. Sandra Lean clearly and competently describes the so-called "evidence" which led to Gordon's conviction, and eloquently demonstrates its weaknesses and grave inadequacy as a reason for incarcerating a man attested by everyone who knows him as a gentle man who has never been known to be violent. It is frightening to realise how easily - and frequently - such miscarriages of justice occur.



I am incredulous at the failings of our British, so called, "Justice" system. Thank you to the author for trying to bring these miscarriages of justice to the public's attention.

My friend is the victim of such a travesty and I urge anyone to visit the website www.freegordon.com to find out more information on his case.



This book will change your view of the British Justice system forever. So many problems and loop holes that seem to be 'used' not to mention the regular demonstration of incompetence of our very own police force is all touched upon within this book. It is a fascinating read and should be compulsory for anyone who is about to sit on a jury.



Fascinating and frightening in equal measure,

This book is an excellent exposure of the failings of the British criminal justice system. I found it fascinating and frightening in equal measure and it made me think about my own past prejudices. We all tend to believe television fiction in which scientific evidence quickly solves the crime, and the real culprit is always found. If only that were true in real life. "No Smoke" brings home to the reader the fact that miscarriages of justice are routine events.

Sandra Lean's book should be compulsory reading for all M.P.s and journalists.



the truth is scary

Convincing, well written review of murder cases. It is so scary that innocent, often quite caring people have been jailed. The legal system doesn't accept that a lawyer can do a pathetic job of defending their clients, and the police don't seem to care if any of their number, deliberately suppress evidence to achieve a conviction. 'Beyond reasonable doubt' - as long as the police don't manipulate, and the lawyer has a brain. In fact, the only disappointment is that Sandra Lean didn't publish the names of the defence lawyers, just in case we ever get in the situation that these poor victims of the system find themselves in.



Everyone should read this book,

This book is an excellent and timely look at miscarriages of justice and the failings of the British justice system. Although there is less coverage of this issue now compared with the 1990's when people like the Birmingham Six were finally released, this book demonstrates that this terrible problem hasn't gone away and has, in fact, become a routine occurrence. In each account in the book you get a clear idea of the scale of the problem, bungled police investigations, how people are deliberately targeted as suspects, the flaws in evidence and expert witness testimony. The book is well written and looks in depth at a series of different cases, setting them against a clear criteria to demonstrate how an innocent person has been convicted. Everyone should read this book to realise how easily any one of us could become a victim of a miscarriage of justice.



Excellent, the book is well written and the facts laid out for the reader to decide for themselves. It makes the reader re-think about our "justice" system.