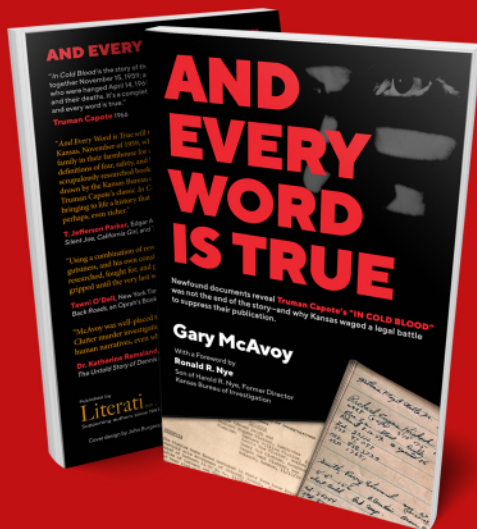




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Newfound documents reveal Truman Capote's “IN COLD BLOOD” was not the end of the story— and why Kansas waged a legal battle to suppress their publication.

Truman Capote's bestselling book *In Cold Blood* has gripped a worldwide audience for over 50 years, and every reader has been riveted by a well-told story about the consequences of a trivial robbery gone wrong in a remote village of western Kansas.

But what if robbery was not the real motive? And why would the Kansas Bureau of Investigation fight so hard to prevent new details of the crime from being made public?

Indeed, newfound evidence discovered in long-hidden files suggests a shockingly different story than the one so persuasively crafted by Capote... A motive so scandalous that the Attorney General for the State of Kansas launched an unrelenting four-year lawsuit to suppress publication of this book. Their goal: to prevent new and important details about the state's most famous murder case from being made public—details pointing to that oldest of motives, a crime of passion.

Having prevailed in that litigation, the author spent six years researching hundreds of pages he discovered in KBI Special Agent Harold Nye's personal journals—notebooks filled with startling details independently corroborated by letters from one of the killers on death row, and validated by official unpublished Kansas investigation reports. The vivid and very different picture of the crime that emerged is one that will keep readers on the edge of their seats as they pick up where Capote left off—and rethink everything they've read in his classic tale of an iconic American crime.

And Every Word Is True is required reading for anyone who thinks *In Cold Blood* was the end of the story. Because it isn't.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A veteran technology executive and established writer, Gary McAvoy is also a professional collector of rare historical letters and literary manuscripts, based in the Pacific Northwest. In 2012 Ronald Nye—the son of Harold R. Nye, former director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and lead field investigator for the 1959 Clutter murder case—sought Gary's expertise, as a specialist in rare documents, to sell his father's books and personal letters from Truman Capote. The rich historical trove of notes and papers accompanying Nye's legacy yielded unexpected discoveries, and the adventures in protecting them from a powerful and aggressive state government led to this groundbreaking book.



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ADVANCE REVIEWS

"'And Every Word is True' will take you back to that night in Holcomb, Kansas, November of 1959, when two hard-luck men slaughtered an entire family in their farmhouse for a few meager dollars—changing forever our definitions of fear, safety, and how we sleep at night. Now, Gary McAvoy's scrupulously researched book shines new light on some of the conclusions drawn by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation—and later endorsed by Truman Capote's classic 'In Cold Blood.' McAvoy has done a great job of bringing to life a history that is still alive and still terrifying, and now, perhaps, even richer."

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"With a passion, tenacity, and respect for facts that would make original investigator Harold Nye proud, Gary McAvoy has joined forces with Nye's son to challenge the official story of the notorious Clutter family murders, the same version Truman Capote chronicled in his sensational bestseller 'In Cold Blood.' Using a combination of reverence for accuracy, old-fashioned gumshoe gutsiness, and his own considerable writing skills, McAvoy has exhaustively researched, fought for, and produced a book that will keep the reader gripped until the very last word—and this time, all the words are true."

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"With gripping intensity, 'And Every Word is True' is a page-turning thriller that unravels a fascinating web of deception, one as frightening and disturbing as the infamous crime itself. Revealing fresh evidence collected through a variety of sources—most notably the actual notebooks used by KBI detective Harold Nye as he worked tirelessly to solve the case—McAvoy has uncovered never-before-told information that challenges not only the veracity of Capote's own retelling of the crime, but of the very legal system that prosecuted the case. Since 'In Cold Blood' is a vital part of the course curriculum I teach, such a classic story wouldn't be complete without having this book as its companion."

— **FRAN LIBRA KOENIGSDORF**, Honors English teacher of *In Cold Blood* since 1982, Johnson County, Kansas.

"Gary McAvoy has an unbridled passion for literature, history and research, which are all on display in vivid detail in 'And Every Word is True,' his collaboration with Ronald Nye that revisits the story of the Clutter family murders that became Truman Capote's 'In Cold Blood.' This is a fascinating account of previously unpublished material regarding the case, kept hidden from the public, journalists and biographers. For enthusiasts of accounts of true crime and mystery, this is a worthy addition to your library."

— **ADRIANA TRIGIANI**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Big Stone Gap* and *Kiss Carlo*.

"McAvoy was well-placed to spot intriguing inconsistencies in the infamous Clutter murder investigation. His work reminds us to be wise about bias in human narratives, even when they're beloved classics."

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