

**Chapter 1 : Perfect Crime | Definition of Perfect Crime by Merriam-Webster**

*Perfect Crime is a murder mystery/thriller play by Warren Manzi. It tells the story of Margaret Thorne Brent, a Connecticut psychiatrist and potential cold-blooded killer who may have committed "the perfect crime." When her wealthy husband, W. Harrison Brent, turns up dead, she gets caught in the middle of a terrifying game of cat and mouse with her deranged patient, Lionel McAuley, and Inspector Ascher, the handsome but duplicitous investigator assigned to the case.*

Production for American Experience. Transcript Clarence Darrow James Cromwell, audio: No one knows what will be the fate of the child they get or the child they bear The mother who looks into the blue eyes of her little babe cannot help but wonder what will be the end of this child, whether it will be crowned with the greatest promises which her mind can imagine, or whether he may meet death from the gallows. The crime itself was so shocking. They bludgeoned a child to death, poured acid on his face to try to disguise his features. He was stripped of his clothes and left in a culvert. It was as desolate a place as you could possibly imagine leaving a body. The murder would rivet the nation, all the more so when police at last caught the killers: Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb -- wealthy, well-educated teenagers, who had done it, they said, for the sheer thrill. This was an inexplicable murder. These were children of privilege, of high ideals, who had everything given to them. They were the last people who had any reason to commit a kidnapping, much less a murder. As the case unfolded over that hot summer of -- with Cook County Prosecutor Robert Crowe and famed defense attorney Clarence Darrow debating the death penalty and scores of commentators weighing in from the sidelines -- the question of motive would be turned over and over again. I think that the murder said something to people about American society. This was seen as a culmination of trends that were dangerous, that were immoral. So you had all of a sudden this question thrown up against our culture which is that, is it rotten? Is there something wrong? Are we going in the wrong direction? On May 22nd, , just hours after the body of Bobby Franks was found, the hunt for his killers got underway. Robert Crowe was very politically ambitious, and his ambition was eventually to become mayor of Chicago, to become one of the most powerful men in the city. Crowe had certainly hoped that a success in this case would help him as a politician. The police had few clues: The prescription was actually a very average one. What was unusual about the eyeglasses is that they had a certain hinge, and when the police began to inquire they found that only three pairs of eyeglasses with that hinge had been sold in the Chicago district. Although it seemed doubtful that the boy had had any hand in the murder, Crowe sent three detectives to the Leopold home with orders to bring Nathan in for questioning. Nathan Leopold was studying for law school. He was an extraordinary young man with a potentially fantastic future before him. Nathan Leopold was not regarded as a likely suspect simply because his family was very prominent. Why would someone like Nathan Leopold want to kidnap a young child? Crowe would spend the rest of the afternoon and long into the night downtown interrogating Nathan Leopold. When confronted with the eyeglasses, the young man shrugged. The glasses, he said, must have fallen at some point from his jacket pocket. Those two girls that they did pick up refused to have sex with them so they dropped them off, and then they continued home. That was the alibi they had. While Crowe interrogated Leopold, police ransacked his bedroom and study -- and turned up a letter to Richard Loeb, which suggested the boys were lovers. Crowe found it odd: Now, he wanted Richard Loeb brought in for questioning as well. Richard Loeb graduated from high school when he was 14 years old and immediately matriculated at the University of Chicago as a full time student. He was very popular as a student. Still, Crowe felt there was something suspicious about these young men. So long as their parents were cooperating, certain that their sons had been involved in no wrongdoing, Crowe planned to keep Leopold and Loeb in custody. Meanwhile, the circumstantial evidence was mounting. They had been left in rooms by themselves under drilling for 24 hours. This was a pinning down of these guys, and everything pointed to them. The two boys were originally held separately in separate rooms, and Robert Crowe first went to Richard. Richard confessed and then gave Crowe details that only the murderers could have known. Crowe takes those details to Nathan and Nathan realizes that Richard is confessing, and then immediately Nathan also starts confessing but blaming everything on

Richard. So Richard is blaming Nathan, Nathan is blaming Richard. The intention was always to murder from the very beginning. It was all part of the plan to commit the perfect crime. To do this crime that would be sensational, and to get away with getting the ransom, that was the intention. The afternoon of the crime, they were rolling around the neighborhood in their rental car looking for a victim. Literally looking for a victim. And suddenly on the other side of the street they saw Bobby Franks who was the cousin of Richard Loeb. They drive up behind Bobby Franks. Richard, who is sitting in the back seat, invites Bobby into the front seat and then as soon as Bobby is inside the car the murder takes place almost immediately. The two most helpful people in sorting out the evidence were Leopold and Loeb themselves. They were sort of giving a guided tour to the people who were going to eventually prosecute them. It just sort of almost boggles the mind how much they gave away. They literally demonstrated how they had done it and walked them through the scenes of the crime as if once they were discovered they were proud of the plotting. They became almost braggarts about it. It was an open-and-shut case, he told the press, a premeditated murder carried out in cold blood. He vowed that justice would come in the form of the death penalty. The morning papers after the murder -- front-page story -- and literally for two, three, four months it was the front page story on every newspaper in Chicago. Carol Steiker, Professor of Law: It is not possible to over-state the media attention given to this case. This case made the headlines, the front page, of The New York Times. It was a case of tremendous sensation. Suddenly, Leopold and Loeb were everywhere, and the horror of the murder began to pale before the specter of the murderers: They said they did it because they could, because he was there, because it was fun -- for the thrill of it. Of the two, Nathan Leopold seemed the more chilling figure. Leopold was seen as the monster. He seemed like an evil mastermind whereas Loeb seemed like such a carefree playboy who could easily be led astray by this stronger, darker intellect. The truth of the matter, of course, is the complete opposite. The boys had met four years earlier, in the summer of Richard Loeb was then Nathan Leopold, just six months older, was equally precocious: They both zoomed through school, zoomed into college well ahead of their peers. In many ways, the two had been cut from the same cloth. They became fast friends -- somewhat to the bewilderment of those who knew them both. Richard Loeb was a dazzling human being. He was the kind of human being that when he walked through a room the molecular energy changed. He wore clothes incredibly well. He had a flashing smile. He was dazzlingly handsome. Nathan Leopold was the complete opposite. There is something beetle-browed and intense and dark about Leopold. He was the know-it-all who would have an opinion on everything. Leopold fell in love with Richard Loeb and idolized him and Loeb felt it was nice to have an acolyte. It was nice to have someone around him who would always make him feel beautiful or intelligent or special. I think the deeper truth -- they sensed another predator in the room, and they were drawn to each other. What would end with the murder of Bobby Franks had begun almost innocently, with a scheme Richard devised to cheat at cards. That small transgression had bound the boys together, put them in league against the rest of the world, but Richard longed to play more dangerous games. It was crime that fascinated Loeb. He read detective novels, pulp periodicals, he devoured the newspapers for stories of crime. Criminals are not of the common run of humanity. And he felt he was not in the common run of humanity. Nathan was more than willing to join in, but he wanted something in return.

**Chapter 2 : The Perfect Crime May Be Possible in Yellowstone Park | Mental Floss**

*The Perfect Crime: Trailer The shocking story of Richard Leopold and Nathan Loeb, two wealthy college students who murdered a year-old boy in to prove they were smart enough to get away.*

A law professor at Michigan State University in , Kalt needed to publish one article annually in order to be considered for tenure. He began researching the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution, which stipulates that jurors in federal criminal trials must live in both the federal judicial district and the state where a crime was thought to be committed. His original idea had been to examine how some states allowed for a trial in one of two neighboring counties depending on how close the criminal act was to the dividing line: Kalt kept seeing repeated reference to the fact that district boundaries typically followed state lines, with one exception: Time and again, the authors would indicate that it was of little significance. But Kalt was curious. What was different about Wyoming? And was it really so insignificant? With limited time to write a paper before his baby arrived and diverted all his attention, Kalt decided to postpone his more involved initial idea and pursue the second. As a result of some sloppy Congressional maneuvering, there exists a square-mile zone in Yellowstone National Park where someone could “hypothetically” commit a crime and get away with it. Kalt knew what his legal theory paper was going to be about. The theory goes like this: Yellowstone, a federally-supervised national park that resides mainly in Wyoming, has small patches of land bleeding into neighboring Idaho and Montana. Together, both make up roughly nine percent of the park; the Idaho portion is uninhabited land with few visitors. But because the entire park is considered to be under the jurisdiction of the District Court in the District of Wyoming, that means anyone in that area who commits a crime would be doing so both in the state of Idaho and the District of Wyoming. The Sixth Amendment instructs that a federal jury must be assembled from both the district and state in which the crime was committed. The Montana portion has a few dozen, though it would still be problematic to get a full panel of 12 jurors. No court could assemble a jury from an empty jury pool. But the defense could say that the constitutional text is perfectly clear as written and must be followed. There are qualifiers, though: But if two hikers took a stroll and one snapped, smashing the other with a rock, it would be a geographically self-contained crime, and probably as close to a perfect murder as any psychopath could hope to achieve. Kalt felt this made for a fine “if morbid” legal quandary, and one he could fully analyze before his wife gave birth. But he also feared that it could incite someone with malicious intent to potentially take a risk and try to commit homicide without consequences. Before publication, he attempted to get the attention of Congress and the Department of Justice to see if the loophole could be closed. He wrote to senators and congressmen “more than two dozen people in all. He was almost totally ignored. Box, wrote a suspense thriller, *Free Fire*, based on the premise. After some promising exchanges, nothing happened there, either. The simple solution, he says, would be simply to pass a law redrawing the District of Wyoming to include just Wyoming, and the District of Idaho to include all of Idaho. No one has taken the initiative. This rationalization bugs Kalt. But Belderrain and attorneys argued that it would be unconstitutional to try him in Wyoming when the crime was committed in Montana. They just left it wide open to try in a higher-stakes case. Nor would some of the other prospective ways a prosecutor might deal with a criminal matter in the Zone. Wyoming could also try and hastily assemble a jury pool by moving in residents to that unoccupied area of Yellowstone, but it would be transparent at best, and defense lawyers would have a field day with the implications of a biased panel. Searching his laptop and seeing he read the article might be pretty good evidence, but they could just say they were aware of it. Plenty of people go to that part of the park.

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*Perfect crime is a colloquial term used in law and fiction (especially crime fiction) to characterize crimes that are undetected, unattributed to an identifiable perpetrator, or otherwise unsolved or unsolvable as a kind of technical achievement on the part of the perpetrator.*

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