

# Columbine



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On April 20, 1999, two boys left an indelible stamp on the American psyche. Their goal was simple: to blow up their school, Oklahoma-City style, and to leave "a lasting impression on the world." Their bombs failed, but the ensuing shooting defined a new era of school violence-irrevocably branding every subsequent shooting "another Columbine."

When we think of Columbine, we think of the Trench Coat Mafia; we think of Cassie Bernall, the girl we thought professed her faith before she was shot; and we think of the boy pulling himself out of a school window -- the whole world was watching him. Now, in a riveting piece of journalism nearly ten years in the making, comes the story none of us knew. In this revelatory book, Dave Cullen has delivered a profile of teenage killers that goes to the heart of psychopathology. He lays bare the callous brutality of mastermind Eric Harris, and the quavering, suicidal Dylan Klebold, who went to prom three days earlier and obsessed about love in his journal.

The result is an astonishing account of two good students with lots of friends, who came to stockpile a basement cache of weapons, to record their raging hatred, and to manipulate every adult who got in their way. They left signs everywhere, described by Cullen with a keen investigative eye and psychological acumen. Drawing on hundreds of interviews, thousands of pages of police files, FBI psychologists, and the boy's tapes and diaries, he gives the first complete account of the Columbine tragedy.

In the tradition of *HELTER SKELTER* and *IN COLD BLOOD*, *COLUMBINE* is destined to be a classic. A close-up portrait of hatred, a community rendered helpless, and the police blunders and cover-ups, it is a compelling and utterly human portrait of two killers-an unforgettable cautionary tale for our times.

#### 作者介绍:

Dave Cullen is the author of the upcoming *PARKLAND*, and the New York Times bestseller *COLUMBINE*.

After *PARKLAND* will come a book on two gay soldiers, 20 years in the making, which was nearing completion when *Parkland* struck.

Dave has written for New York Times, BuzzFeed, Vanity Fair, New Republic, Times of London, Newsweek, Guardian, Washington Post, Lapham's Quarterly, Slate, Salon, The Millions, and Daily Beast.

(Columbine is summarized concisely in this three minute Columbine shooting intro video (book trailer.))

More on my gay soldiers book. To be notified when it's published, email [dave@davecullen.com](mailto:dave@davecullen.com) with subject line "notify".

Dave spent ten years writing and researching *Columbine*. He was driven by two questions: why did they kill, and what became of the survivors? The surprise was that most of what we "know" is wrong. It wasn't about the jocks, goths or the Trenchcoat Mafia. The killers didn't even see themselves as school shooters: their primary focus was the bombs.

*Columbine* spent thirteen weeks on the New York Times bestseller lists. It won the Edgar Award, Barnes & Noble's Discover Award, the Goodreads Choice Award, and The

Truth About The Fact's Literary Nonfiction Book of the Year Award. It was a finalist for the LA Times Book Award, the ALA's Alex Award, the Audie Award, and the MPIBA Book Award. Columbine was named to two dozen Best of 2009 lists, including the New York Times, LA Times and Publishers Weekly. It was declared Top Education Book of 2009 by the American School Board Journal.

Dave lived in Denver while writing and researching the book. He recently moved to New York City and travels extensively to high schools and colleges.

For anyone looking for more info, some links: Columbine intro video, my Columbine research site, Columbine Teacher's Guide and gay soldiers book.

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Dave's second book, Soldiers First, is due from HarperCollins, in 2019:

Two gay colonels quietly battle for love and freedom inside the great American war machine rumbling through the Middle East. A love story and a soldier's story — at war.

Written by a former soldier, who has followed these soldiers a decade and a half, Soldiers First tells their gripping story, before, during and after the policy that played havoc with their lives.

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## 评论

4/5 Columbine presents a riveting and near panoramic recount of the tragedy though some victim families were either glossed over or completely omitted. Widely regarded as the opus magnum of the true crime non-fiction genre, Columbine unravels the minds of Eric/Dylan, poses questions about accountability, and ultimately debunks myths that mislead.

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这本书给了我一时一刻难以厘清的思索、启示和解不开的疑问，还有沉痛……

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写得很棒- 场景感很强，人物刻画形象。

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2.22-3.3| the narration of the last day is daunting you've practically said goodbye to this world and there's no turning back it's never getting better but you've got to keep going i assume that's totally a different feeling for a psychopath though bullying does seem more convincing as a main factor here and was downplayed

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1、Dave Cullen的野心在于“正本清源”，把谣言、误传一一厘清。

以下引号内段落引自WIKI百科：

“1999年4月20日，美国科罗拉多州杰佛逊郡哥伦拜恩中学（Columbine High School）发生的校园枪击事件。两名青少年学生—埃里克·哈里斯（Eric Harris）和迪伦·克莱伯德（Dy...

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cassie，一个columbine枪击案被杀死的小姑娘，被母亲写成一个在被杀死前说出yes i believe in god的为信仰而死的受难者（也许是为了消费，也许是为了让作为基督徒的自己心里好受些）。但事实上当时在桌下目睹她被杀死的朋友并不记得她和eric有过这样的对话，只记得她在死前一直...

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