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Thomas McKenna, William Harrington : Manhattan North Homicide: Detective First Grade Thomas McKenna Nypd before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Manhattan North Homicide: Detective First Grade Thomas McKenna Nypd:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good gritty read about the famous Manhattan North Homicide squad By George Farrell The book was an interesting insight into how a city detective squad operates. I particularly liked the feeling of being on the street with the detectives. The writing held my attention and I read most of the book in one sitting (my eyes got tired). Full of little interesting details like the gun that got rusted from sweat and lack of actual use. Apparently, very few cops ever shoot their gun at a criminal. Liked the bar scene where Tom confronted an armed thug and did shoot him - and nearly had a heart attack. It was a good overall read. I would have liked a little more detail on the relationships between detectives. Tom seemed a little shy about talking about his colleagues. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Know the Author By Joseph G. Anecdotal tales of true cases in New York City from a Detective who knows the street and knows his craft. Knew Tom during his career from foot Patrolman to Detective. Well known and highly respected by his peers. Good read of unvarnished NYC. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. True Detective Stories By Acute Observer The 240 pages in this very readable book cover the highlights in the career of Detective First Grade McKenna and his thirty years in the NYPD. He shares his thoughts while discussing many of his interesting cases. The book reads like a TV series waiting to happen. The 14 chapters tell

of the events behind the newspaper stories. Chapter 1 tells of the Central Park Jogger attacked in April 1989. Page 9 tells that if a suspect denies being at the scene of the crime, he has something to hide. Perhaps there's another reason for not getting involved? Detective McKenna got a confession that resulted in a conviction. But in 2003 the DNA evidence caused their release from jail, and exoneration. "There was no physical evidence". Is there a lesson to be learned? Should anyone be convicted on a disputed confession when there is no other evidence? But it happens. When crimes occur, Detectives show up after to gather the statements of eyewitnesses, and begin their investigation. Sometimes they get information from people who were not there. After spending hours and days the facts emerge to point to the suspects. They are tracked down, arrested, then convicted. Detective McKenna emphasizes that "police work is all teamwork". Many of the crimes just happen by opportunity; there are few masterminds in street crime. One exception is on page 40. After you read this book you can turn to the classic Hammett and Chandler short stories with a new viewpoint.

A New York City homicide detective discusses the real world and work of a dedicated police investigator, shedding light on such notorious cases as the Central Park Jogger Case, the Preppie Murder, and the Baby Maldonado Case.

From Publishers Weekly An NYPD detective for almost 30 years, McKenna spent most of that time on the force as a specialist in homicide. Here, he emphasizes that teamwork is the most vital element in successful police work. Writing with freelancer Harrington, he compellingly details his efforts in high-profile cases like those of the Central Park jogger who was raped, beaten and left for dead, and the preppie murder case, in which both the victim and her killer were from the posh Upper East Side. Although he is an officer in the Joe Friday, just-the-facts-ma'am mode, McKenna also tells of cases that involved him emotionally; for example, that of a baby whose mother had been murdered, reunited with the father, who thought his child had been killed. Many less publicized cases are presented in this fast-moving and gripping read, all of them pointing up the patient, dogged persistence required by the job and the dangers encountered in trying to do it well. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Lately, a number of books have allowed police officers to tell their stories, and this is another one. McKenna, a veteran of 30 years with the NYPD, writes about crimes he helped solve. Readers may be familiar with some of the cases, e.g., the Central Park jogger, the preppie murder, and the Baby Maldonado cases, since they made national headlines. However, the best case mentioned is the one in which he helped obtain the release of a person wrongly convicted of burglary. It is interesting to learn how the cases were solved. Determination, paying attention to details, perseverance, contacts, and sometimes a little luck helped McKenna become a successful NYPD officer. This book should be purchased where interest in police investigation is strong. ?Michael Sawyer, Clinton P.L., Ia. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.