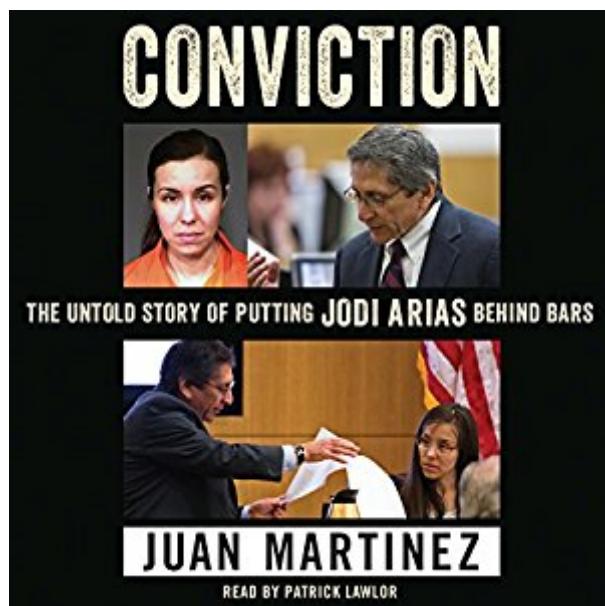


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# Conviction: The Untold Story Of Putting Jodi Arias Behind Bars



## **Synopsis**

Juan Martinez, the fiery prosecutor who convicted notorious murderer Jodi Arias for the disturbing killing of Travis Alexander, speaks for the first time about the shocking investigation and sensational trial that captivated the nation. Through two trials, America watched with bated breath as Juan Martinez fought relentlessly to convict Jodi Arias of murder one for viciously stabbing her ex-boyfriend, Travis Alexander, to death. What emerged was a story wrought with sex, manipulation, and deceit that stunned the public at every turn. Arias, always playing the wronged and innocent woman, changed her story continually as her bizarre behavior surrounding the crime and its aftermath came to light. Unwavering, Arias and her defense team continued to play off the salacious details of the case until she was finally found guilty and - controversially - sentenced to life behind bars. Now, speaking openly for the first time, prosecutor Juan Martinez will unearth new details from the investigation that were never revealed at trial, exploring key facts from the case and the pieces of evidence he chose to keep close to the vest. Throughout the trials, his bullish and unfaltering prosecution strategy was both commended and criticized, and in his audiobook, Martinez will illuminate the unique tactics he utilized in this case and how they led to a successful conviction and - for the first time - discuss how he felt losing the death penalty sentence he'd pursued for years. Going beyond the news reports, Martinez will explore the truth behind the multiple facades of Jodi Arias. Sparring with her from across the stand, Martinez came to know Arias like no one else could, dissecting what it took for a seemingly normal girl to become a deluded, cunning, and unrepentant murderer. With new stories from behind the scenes of the trial and Martinez's own take on his defendant, the book takes you inside the mind of Jodi Arias like never before.

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

I preordered this book and inhaled it from start to finish in one sitting. I followed the Arias trial from opening statements to her sentencing, becoming an admirer of Juan Martinez' due to his apparent photographic memory and knowledge of all the evidence and his skillful and relentless courtroom style as he won justice for Travis Alexander and his family and friends. It was amazing to read how Martinez was able to pull off a couple of true "Perry Mason" moments during the trial. He shares how he came across the infamous gas can evidence in the form of a collection of receipts in a shoebox in Arias' room at her grandparent's home in Yreka, California. Arias had made sure she "had the gas receipts" to prove she was *nowhere near Mesa, Arizona and the murder*. However, Martinez famously produced the gas receipts from California and Salt Lake City with the accompanying bank records proving that she had 3 gas cans.. And having 3 gas cans was indicative of premeditation<sup>therefore knocking self-defense off the table</sup>. He sheds light on the so-called *pedophile letters* that were discussed in a hearing but never admitted as evidence in the trial. The utter unprofessionalism and dishonesty that most people observed by the Arias defense team during the trial was proven to be accurate when Martinez discloses that Nurmi , a female defense attorney and an investigator showed up unannounced (and unidentified as Arias' defense team) to Deanna Reid's home purporting to be people involved in the case<sup>who wanted to ask some questions about Travis off the record</sup>. The female defense attorney tried to be *chummy* with Deanna and produced one of the forged *pedophile letters* for her to read which also contained unflattering things about Deanna. Deanna immediately saw the letters for what they were: forgeries by Jodi Arias. These letters were described by Nurmi as *100% verified* when he tried this same farce with Chris and Sky Hughes. This information proves without a doubt that Arias' defense team MOST CERTAINLY DID attempt to argue that Travis was a pedophile<sup>something that both Nurmi and Willmott pathetically and disingenuously tried to deny once the trial was over</sup>. I enjoyed reading the few personal things that Martinez shared about the work he does<sup>the fact that he never eats or drinks in his office so he doesn't spill anything on court documents; his beginnings in Victorville, California and his immaculate work ethic</sup>. It was fascinating to read the truth behind the circus that was Jodi Arias<sup>all her combativeness, smug condescension, lies, mischaracterizations and absurd attempts at playing the</sup>

demure victim from the prosecutor's point of view. While Martinez relates that he was criticized a great deal by the media and some trial watchers, it has been my experience that he is widely appreciated and admired for having the guts to not allow Arias to get away with her lies and ultimately, first degree, premeditated murder.

I had been anticipating the release of this book and read it in one gulp! Conviction is informative, well written with the integrity and dedication of Juan Martinez apparent throughout. This is a guy who works 13 hour days, works alone and becomes immersed in his cases because he seeks the deliverance of justice to people just like Jodi Arias. The revelation of the gas cans and their significance, dealing with the Bob White letters and observations about how to best tackle the unconscionable liar that was Ms Arias, all make for entertaining reading. My only real criticisms of the book were that I would have liked a little more on the penalty retrial and the controversy surrounding Juror 17 and a bit more dirt on the often fiery interaction between the prosecution and the defence that resulted in those endless bench conferences! But gossip is not what Conviction is about-its about getting Arias where she should be and that is what Martinez did. I would also advise those that are J A trial diehards that a lot of the book consists of transcribed court testimony, police interviews and other material that you may be familiar with already which is another reason why its a 4 stars for me. Worth a read to see how a hard working prosecutor goes about getting the job done

i appreciate that i got to understand the progression of this case. This is a person that will always be dangerous; this conviction undoubtedly saved other victims.

Beautifully written and well worth the read. Having retired in 2011, after 37 years in the legal field, I watched entire trial from beginning to end with great interest. What I saw was how expertly Mr. Martinez crafted the prosecution of this murderer. No contest at all with Nurmi et al. The defense team was completely out lawyered!

Overall a very interesting look into the prosecutors view of the pre-trial and trial. I've also read the first book by Nurmi. This is much more concise and well written, and it is enlightening to compare the different perspectives of Defense and Prosecutor of the different events that take place prior to trial. For example, Martinez describes his surprise when Jodi acts as Pro Per to represent herself during the "letters" pre-trial hearing. Nurmi also gives a rundown of this from his perspective. My only complaint about the book is that it repeats a LOT of testimony from the trial that is readily available

online. For example, the book goes to great lengths documenting the Arias interrogation, all of which has been released. This minimizes the new things that you learn from the prosecutors point of view. For this reason I only give it four stars. If you followed the Arias trial, though, this is a must read.

great read!! Jodi Arias is a truly a scary person, glad she will spend rest of her life in jail. I feel so bad for Travis Alexander's family knowing he was stalked by a sex crazed psychopath, the horror of his death then her lies to minimize her crime. Hopefully the knowledge that she will never hurt another person offers some small comfort.

Seeing this trial that I watched from beginning to end through Juan Martinez's prospective answered a lot of my questions on why he handled the case in some instances in which I was surprised. This book for me is the closure I needed on this case. I applaud Juan for his no nonsense explanations through this book. So refreshing to finally get the truth. Mr. Martinez stood for Travis, I am so glad he took the call that morning. The murderer is put away for life....Thank you Juan and all the hard working people who sought justice and WON!!

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