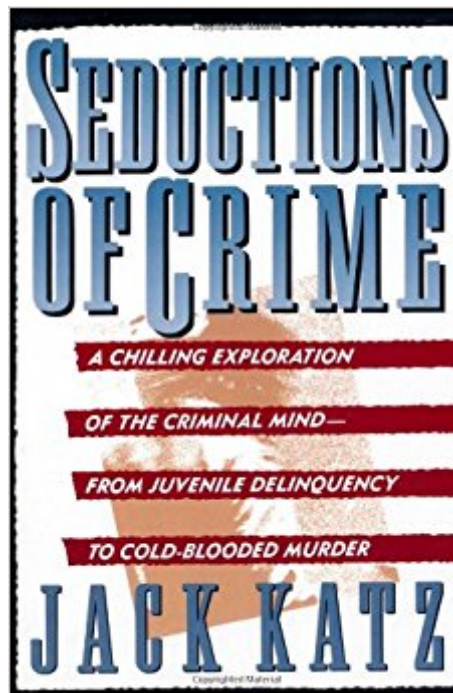




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# Seductions Of Crime: Moral And Sensual Attractions In Doing Evil



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Jack Katz is professor of sociology at UCLA.

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