THE GIRLS WHO FOUGHT CRIME

The Untold True Story of the Country's First Female Investigator and Her Crime Fighting Squad

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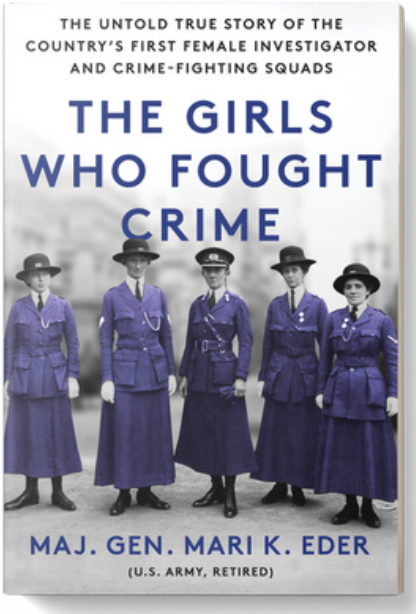

Corsets, crime, and the one woman who changed modern policing forever...

In 1920s New York City one woman, Mae Foley, cast aside her corset and picked up a police badge to become the city's first ever woman crime investigator. *The Girls Who Fought Crime* is the untold story of Foley's life, the many strides she took to lead women's rights, and the legacy she leaves behind 100 years later.

Foley challenged the patriarchal status quo by not only juggling family life, but also by forming the first female auxiliary police force in the City That Never Sleeps.

Foley lived a life of heroic accomplishments, from galvanizing over 2,000 women to join the Women's Police Auxiliary during World War I to becoming one of the first female sworn officers with the NYPD's Masher Squad in 1923—only just a few years after women even got the right to vote.

After being sworn into the police force, Foley led the 'Masher Squad,' investigated the notorious 3X serial murders that plagued New York and provided witness protection to some of the deadliest mafia bosses in the city. Over her career, Foley always strove to protect the innocent and vunerable and bring justice to the city's robbers, rapists, and murderers.

Foley stared down the barrel of the gun—from facing the patriarchy head on, but also quite literally—and always came out on top.

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