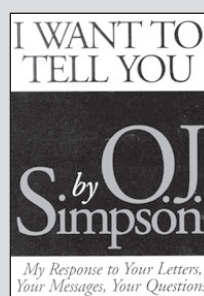


VERDICT IN THE O.J. SIMPSON TRIAL

O.J. reading list

'O.J. Simpson: American Hero, American Tragedy' By Marc Cerasini (Pinnacle Books) - The first book to come out, supposedly written in six days

'Fallen Hero: The Shocking Story Behind the O.J. Simpson Tragedy' By Don Davis (St. Martin's Press) - By an author who wrote 'instant' books on both Jeffrey Dahmer and the Menendez brothers



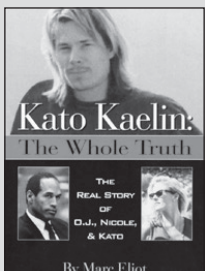
'I Want to Tell You,' By O.J. Simpson (Little, Brown) - The accused murderer's responses to letters he received since being charged with the murders of

Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman

'Raging Heart,' By Sheila Weller (Pocket Books) - An account of the marriage of O.J. Simpson and Nicole Brown Simpson

'Nicole Brown Simpson' By Faye D. Resnick with Mike Walker (Dove Books) - Nicole Brown Simpson as remembered by a friend

'Kato Kaelin: The Whole Truth' By Marc Eliot (HarperCollins) - What Kato Kaelin said on interview tapes with Eliot, which in many instances ran counter to his courtroom testimony



'O.J. 101: Theories, Conspiracies and Alibis' By Peter Roberts (Goldtree Press)

'Beyond O.J.: Race, Sex and Class Lessons for America' By Earl D. Hutchinson (Middle Passage Press) - Contends that the issues in the Simpson trial go far beyond the courtroom

'A Psychic's View: A Personality and Character Analysis of O.J. Simpson' By Charles H. Williams III (Senior Political Action Newsletter Inc.) 20-page paperback

'Juice: The O.J. Simpson Story' By Jack Williams (Princeton Publishing West)

'The O.J. Simpson Joke Book' By Jackknife Butcher (Sure Sellers Inc.)

'O.J.'s Trial of the Century: You Be the Juror' By Robert J. Walton and F.L. Smith (Marcon 3 Limited)

'The Trial of O.J.: How to Watch the Trial and Understand What's Really Going On,' By Charles B. Rosenberg (Publishing Partners)

'O.J.'s Legal Pad' By Henry Beard, John Boswell and Ron Barrett (Villard) - Notes and doodles supposedly made by the defendant during the trial

'Life After Johnnie Cochran: Why I Left the Sweetest-Talking, Most Successful Black Lawyer in L.A.' By Barbara Cochran Berry (Basic Books)

- Judyth Rigler, Express-News Book Editor



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At Nicole's funeral

O.J. Simpson, with daughter Sydney, 8, and son, Justin, 6, arrives at a private funeral for his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson June 16, 1994.

Last game

San Francisco 49ers running back O.J. Simpson is escorted from the field by Atlanta police after ending his career in the NFL Dec. 17, 1979, at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium.

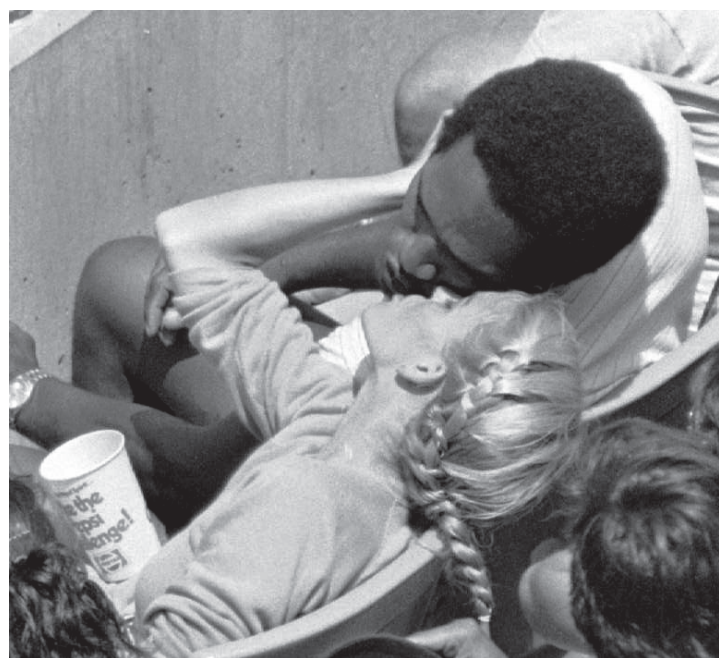


Heisman winner

Southern Cal's O.J. Simpson poses with the Heisman Trophy at New York's Downtown Athletic Club in December 1968.

THE LIFE OF O.J. SIMPSON

Football hero, murder defendant and now a free man



Engaged

O.J. Simpson kisses his fiancée, Nicole Brown, at Dodger Stadium during a game against the Cincinnati Reds in August 1980.

On trial

O.J. Simpson declares "I did not, could not and would not" commit murder as he addresses the court Sept. 22, 1995. The jury was not present.

Tough kid, football hero, media star 'Don't feel sorry for me. I've had a great life.'

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These are the pictures of an American icon.

At 6, he smiles shyly into the camera, a little boy in a too-big suit, sleeves brushing his knuckles, pants billowing around his ankles.

Just over a decade later, the tentative smile has widened into the confident grin of a football star on the rise.

At thirtysomething, the by-now famous face flashes the megawatt beam of a pitchman as he lopes through airports and mugs through films of varying quality.

On June 17, the smile vanishes, replaced by the empty, stunned stare of a man accused of murdering his ex-wife and her friend.

Tough kid-turned-football hero-turned-media star, O.J. Simpson has worn many faces.

"Don't feel sorry for me. I've had a great life, great friends. Please think of the real O.J. and not this lost person." - Letter left behind when Simpson fled police on June 17, 1994.

Simpson's football exploits are legend: Heisman Trophy, 1968; Buffalo Bills top pick, 1969; National Football League record of 2,003 yards rushing, 1973; Pro Football Hall of Fame, 1985.

Off the field, there were more triumphs, his briefcase-toting commercials for Hertz, his career as a football commentator and

roles in a string of movies that were less than Oscar-caliber but served to cement his nice-guy image.

It all added up to a lifestyle far removed from the winding streets of the Bay Area's Potrero Hill.

"At one point in my life my purpose was to be known. To be liked and known by people." - Interview with the San Francisco Examiner, March 1978.

Some said Simpson had moved too far from his roots. There were criticisms that he surrounded himself with white friends, took diction lessons to Anglicize his speech and was a scarce figure in the old neighborhood.

Simpson's 11-year marriage to high school sweetheart Marguerite Whitley broke up in 1979, the same year their daughter, 23-month-old Aaren, died in a swimming-pool accident.

By the time of the divorce, Simpson already was deep into a relationship with Nicole Brown Simpson, an 18-year-old waitress he met at a Beverly Hills nightclub called the Daisy. Their seven-year marriage ended in 1992, although they continued to live near each other and often were seen together at events.

The only public documentation of Simpson's temper was New Year's Day 1989, when he beat his wife and she told police, "He's going to kill me."

Simpson pleaded no contest to a charge of wife-beating, agreeing to a fine,



Running through airports

O.J. Simpson was featured in many advertisements for Hertz.

community service and counseling. He later dismissed the altercation as "no big deal;" he pleaded no contest only to avoid more publicity.

"I'm not violent. Even on the football field I try to avoid contact. I try not to hit anybody or let them hit me." - Interview in the San Francisco Chronicle Datebook, April 1974.

