Title: Black Widow: The true story of Australia's first female serial killer

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Abstract: Two inquests, four trials, three hung juries and the executioner... but was Louisa Collins really a husband killer? Was she the callous adulterous, drunkard and liar known as the Botany Bay Murderess and the Lucretia Borgia of Botany Bay? Or was this mother of seven a spirited and defiant woman who was punished for breaching society's expectations of womanly behaviour? Compelling, freshly told and richly detailed, 'Black Widow' uncovers the truth of a story that challenged the morality, the politics and the notion of law in an Australia on the edge of nationhood.

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The true-crime mystery game The Black Widow is available on the Play Store. You may not have heard of it, but The Black Widow is an upcoming true crime murder mystery game that will land on Android on August 1st for $1.99. It's a title that will clearly offer a disturbing atmosphere, and what's really interesting about this upcoming release is that players will get to investigate the real-life case of Australia's first female serial killer Louisa Collins by interviewing her through the use of an onscreen spirit board. Faithfully reenacted from original court records and letters, The Black Widow allows players to investigate the true case of Australia's first female serial killer, Louisa Collins, who was the last woman to hang in the state of New South Wales. The Black Widow - Trailer. This selection includes only those female serial killers who murdered at least two husbands (including common-law husbands), or who murdered one husband and unsuccessfully attempted to kill a second. Women who were serial killers but among whose victims was only a single husband – a category which includes a large number of cases – are not included. The widows are presented chronologically under the date of arrest. A number of the following cases have not appeared in lists of serial killers. Among these newly uncovered cases several are connected to European husband-killing syndicates, a number "Never before in the hundred year history of Australia has a female prisoner become so notorious as Louisa Collins." —Evening News Two inquests, four trials, three hung juries and the executioner. Compelling, freshly told and richly detailed, Black Widow uncovers the truth of a story that challenged the morality, the politics and the notion of law in an Australia on the edge of nationhood. What the critics said. The Peculiar Case of the Electric Constable. Louisa Collins was executed in Sydney, the first female "serial killer" in colonial Australian history. There is so much in this story that seems wrong. For a start there seems to be major question marks about her guilt, not helped by four trials that allowed witnesses, especially her own daughter, to "practice" their evidence. There's even that question of 4 trials in total. BLACK WIDOW is a fascinating book to read, it's beautifully constructed, making history come alive, allowing the reader to draw their own conclusions on many of the aspects of the story of Louisa Collins. [...] Read more. Helpful. The Black Widow: Serial killer Louisa Collins was hanged for the poisoning murders of her two husbands but did she kill a third victim and was she executed unfairly? Sydney mother of ten Louisa Collins was Australia's first female serial killer. She murdered two husbands with rat poison but may have killed a third. After murdering her first 'boring' husband, Charles Andrews, Louisa was desperate not to lose the second, who was little more than half her age. Black Widow - the true story of Australia's first female serial killer, by Carol Baxter, Allen & Unwin, is available from all major bookshops or online. Share or comment on this article: Black Widow author says Louisa Collins may have killed a third victim.