The Rettendon murders (also known as the Range Rover murders or Essex murders) occurred on 6 December 1995 in the village of Rettendon in Essex, England, when three drug dealers were shot dead in a Range Rover down a small farm track. The incident was followed by a major police investigation "Operation Century" and has been the subject of many books and feature films. The inquiry was stalling until petty crook and police informant Darren Nicholls was arrested in May 1996. The ex-BT engineer, then 30, was held after 10kg of cannabis was found in his van. The violent history of twelve of historic Essex County’s most infamous murderers, spanning more than 300 years. Includes illustrations! From Southend-on-Sea to Epping Forest, the English county of Essex offers many delights, and many settings for murder.