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In 1888 there were thousands of poor people living in London's Whitechapel—most without a place to sleep at night. For about four pence—in today's currency that would be roughly £1.37—a person could get a "bed" (called a "doss") in a "doss house." This illustration depicts a typical women's area inside a doss house at the time of "Jack the Ripper." The beds were akin to coffins lying on the ground. If four pence was too much to spend, a person could sleep by leaning against a rope which was tied from one end of a wall to the other. That could cost a tuppence (two pence). Women who needed to sleep in such places were sometimes called "Unfortunates." Click on the image for a full-page view.

September 29, 1888 was the kind of night that would force most folks to stay inside. But when a poor Whitechapel woman had to earn her nightly doss, she couldn't let the rain keep her from business on the street.

"Long Liz" Stride had been estranged from her husband John for six years. Shortly after midnight, on September 30th, Liz was looking for customers on Berner Street. By 1 a.m. she was dead.

This time, however, the Ripper was interrupted. Lewis Diemschutz passed by—most likely within very close range—as he drove his horse-drawn carriage in the dark.

Although Diemschutz did not see Jack, it is likely Jack saw him. It was enough for the murderer to put away his knife before he mutilated yet another victim.

As it was, the damage to Liz Stride was more than enough to end her life. When the doctor examined her, she was still warm.

Jack, however, was not finished this night. And, according to the story, Kate Eddowes (his next victim) died not because she was part of the alleged blackmail scheme but because she was also known by a name that wasn't hers.

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Liz Stride - Murder Interrupted

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Jack the Ripper - Murder on Berner Street

Image of a photo depicting the general area on Berner Street where Elizabeth Stride was murdered by Jack the Ripper.

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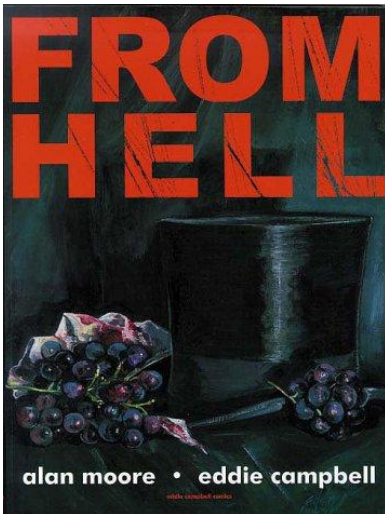
Liz Stride - Victim of Jack the Ripper

Image of police-file photo of Elizabeth Stride.

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