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Filled with such historical characters as John Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson and strewn with authentic period details, Saint Mudd is a novel of gangsters and saints set in the 1930s. Grover Mudd won't rest until he cleans up all the crooked cops, dirty politicians and criminals in his hometown.

Saint Mudd Details

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Dave says

Entertaining, though a bit rough as writing goes and the story dragged at times - it feels like a first time effort, similar to George Lucas's Star Wars, if you've ever read that. As a history buff, I was impressed with the accuracy of the accounts of the Twin Cities mob days, especially the St. Paul side of the river. I liked the main character and the supporting main woman character, which helps when the story slows down. I was satisfied with the ending.

Mike says

For lovers of Saint Paul and or to those who love an old fashion crime story, Saint Mudd is your book. Set in the days of prohibition, Thayer brings to life a seedy era of St Paul and weaves a wonderful tale!

Ella says

I'm glad I read John Dillinger slept here first. With that background, this novel resounded with me because there is a rich history of bootlegging, gangsters, and criminal activity in St Paul, Minnesota - who knew??? Based on the truths, this story flows so well and includes so many actual streets and landmarks that it pulls you in, makes you believe the characters are real. It's a great read.

Luann says

Growing up in St. Paul meant lots of stories of gangsters and the mob - this story is both fun and full of St. Paul history.

Jeff Solei says

One of my favorites books of all time. The characters were great and easily identifiable. The best part of the book was that it took place during the gangster era in St. Paul. Being from there I was able to not only picture what it was like back then, but also picture present day St. Paul.

Joseph Johnson says

One of the best books I have ever read. I'm just mad at myself for taking all these years to finally read it. I love the fact that I know all the places in this book from Mounds Park where my Father lived to South Saint Paul where my Mother lived. I knew of Saint Paul's gangster past but it never came to life as in this book. This one goes in my top five books.

Ed says

I was compelled to read this book mainly because Steve Thayer's "The Weatherman" was an unforgettably original thriller/mystery. Unfortunately, I don't believe Thayer has published in years. "Saint Mudd", his first book, originally published in 1988 is the life & times of one Grover Mudd, a mustard gassed World War One ex-marine writing a muck-raking column in 1930's St. Paul, Minnesota a "haven for criminals and a citadel for crime". Grover Mudd's cynical view of St. Paul in the 1930's was due to a sort of open door policy for crooked cops, politicians, aged madam's and assorted machine gun toting bank robbers and kidnapers in the pre-Herbert Hoover FBI days. Snappy dialogue and Thayer's uniquely memorable characters make this 800 page trip down St. Paul's memory lane the wild ride it is. I thank Steve Thayer for narrating the journey so adroitly.

Lori Shafer says

I loved this book because Mudd appears in his Weatherman series. He is referred to in one of the books and I was happy to get a chance to read Mudd's story.

Angela says

I really don't have a valid opinion because I didn't get past page 14 and the author had lost me on page 1. This book is the equivalent of the Saturday night bro with too much to prove. There's really no need for such explicit vulgarity before I even get pulled in by the story. Back to the library with you!

Jennifer says

Mr. Thayer drops the "F-bomb" on you in the first sentence. Prepare yourself for the delicious wickedness of this novel. Extremely entertaining. You'll haul this thing around with you and read it every chance you get.

D. says

If you love history with drama, dreams and excitement this is a good for you.

Clifford says

There was much research conducted in order to write this novel in a span of four years. The feeling that the main character was some kind of superman with all the physical pain endured throughout this story left one to question the durability of one human being. Otherwise a good work of fiction with the setting, plot, storyline, characterization, and dialogue.

Carrie says

good if you like local fiction. Takes place on the streets of the twin cities in the gangster era.

Dave says

Thayer manages to make dull the exciting real life history of the gangster heyday of old St. Paul. Saint Mudd? More like Saint Dud.

Jon P. says

Good novel on the old gangsters and bank robbers Dillinger, Nelson Carpis etc. Depression era St. Paul scene.

Reverent to the history yet colorful with the fiction. I read this book years ago and I still can't get the image out of my head of Creepy Carpis coming to the Thanksgiving party dressed as a pilgrim. Ding Dong, "Oh Alvin, Happy Thanksgiving! come on in".
