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Peter Davidson, the author of *Homicide Miami*, the true crime story that inspired the film *Pain and Gain*, compiles the true stories of some of America's most notorious cannibal murderers.

THEY VIOLATED ONE OF CIVILIZED SOCIETY'S MOST SACRED TABOOS.

They're an anathema even in the twisted world of serial murder. More frightening still, the cannibal killer has hidden behind a mask of normalcy, as witnessed in these shocking profiles of five American men who ate their victims . . .

Gary Heidnik, the financial wizard whose Philadelphia home was a dungeon of sexual slavery, torture, and diabolical feasts.

Albert Fentress, a mild-mannered schoolteacher who lured a teenage boy into the inescapable darkness of his secret obsessions.

John Weber, a country boy who found an outlet for his sick fantasies when he ate his teenage sister-in-law for dinner.

Nathaniel Bar-Jonah, a portly gourmand and aspiring chef who allegedly shared the remains of his prey with unsuspecting friends.

Marc Sappington, a high school dropout who aspired to outdo his idol, Jeffrey Dahmer, by embarking on a three-day feeding frenzy.

Drawn from revealing interviews with family members, authorities, and the killers themselves, *Death by Cannibal* exposes the secrets behind the most fiendish compulsion of them all.

Also—where does desire end and true crime begin? New details on the unprecedented case of **Gilberto Valle**, the New York City cop sentenced to life in prison for harboring only fantasies—of kidnapping up to a hundred women and of eating “girl meat.”

INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPHS

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Sarah says

Given the subject matter I knew this book would be gruesome but it was actually even worse than I expected. So if you are queasy and have a vivid imagination I recommend you don't read this.

Otherwise this book is very interesting and well written. Sometimes the author starts rambling a bit. (Headlines of newspapers that cover the case, the history of the towns the murderers lived in, the trials) But otherwise I recommend this book if you are interested in the topic.

Ammar says

One heck of a read.

Not for the fainted; six cases of 'Cannibalism' as they range from sick thoughts of a cop to the actual butchering and cooking of a victim's parts.

The cases are all male cannibals who end up imprisoned, executed, or back into society after rehabilitation and therapy.

The men share some similarities as most of them battled with their inner demons or suffered from intense mental illness.

The author describes the case, how the person got caught, and the trial that followed each case and the reaction of the jury to it all.

Recommended to anyone who enjoys a taste of the macabre.

Kate says

It takes a lot to get me queasy but this book managed to do it - let that be a bit of warning to you if you choose to pick this one up. It's very matter of fact, which is probably for the best because the facts of these six cases are enough without any attempts to make things overly dramatic or to analyse the actions of these people further. Six true stories, well more than six horrific crimes, but if you're up for this sort of reading it delivers exactly what you would expect.

Sarah says

Reading this book was painful, and not because of the subject matter. I assumed this book would follow the lives of the cannibals discussed, but was disappointed to find the focus became the trials. The author would've done better to simply bind the court transcripts together than to narrate the "He said" and "She rebutted" of the court rooms.

The author's voice is a large cause for the pain. The book is riddled with grammatical errors, typos, cliches, repetitive phrases, and sentences so simple that I couldn't keep from rolling my eyes. Try not to count the amount of times sentences begin with "What's more".

Every chapter seemed shorter than the last. The first, covering the Cannibal Cop, was stretched over 93 pages, with much of the information being presented more than once. The final chapter, discussing Marc Sappington, only fills 27 pages, as if the author had run out of steam.

I don't at all recommend this book for pleasure. It was altogether unenjoyable. However, I would recommend it for an English teacher looking for an interesting example of poor writing technique.

Sana says

Gary Heidnik and John Weber were interesting cases to learn about.

FOR ALL OF YOU SICK PSYCHOS OUT THERE (like me :P)

READ THIS.

Beth says

This book was so disgusting but also very educational and interesting, in like a sick sort of way. Like a car crash. You don't want to see it but you can't stop yourself from looking away. I just couldn't put this book down. I walked all around town while reading this book and every little noise I heard, I thought it was someone in the bushes wanting to eat me. I had spaghetti for dinner and had to remind myself over and over that it was spaghetti. This book made me very uncomfortable. I gagged a few times. But I still really enjoyed it.

Lucylovesreading says

There were some very disturbing cases in the book especially the high school teacher. That was the only one that greatly disturbed me. If you love true crime you'll enjoy this quick read!

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? percy ✎ says

filed under: books to read when i feel like reading something really fucked up. (because we all have those moods where you just wanna freak yourself out, don't even lie.)

Jessica Castellanos says

Suspenseful, and at times, even funny; it's a good beach read. My only complaint is that the writing is very

one-sided. I didn't care for the way he dehumanized his subjects as "the cannibal" or "the monster," but at least Davidson isn't pretending to be anything but a sensationalist crime reporter.

Shawna Corner says

Not a short story fan but these were well written and not disjointed.

Brandy says

Sometimes the book seemed to stray a bit into historical details about the states/land these people lived in. I didn't expect to get a history lesson about the Native Americans moving east when I picked up this book. If the author stayed on track and talked less about history of the land or boring the reader with details about the long-winded court trials, it would have been a lot more interesting. No doubt about it, the trials are very important, but when it comes to telling the story about these murderers, their victims and the victims' families, it should have been more about the people and less focused about just the trials. Granted, the author did detail about the lives of both the murderers and their victims, but it could have been more fleshed out perhaps. Some parts of the book I found interesting but there were others that I just could have skipped over and it wouldn't have been a loss. If anyone wants to read a book about cannibals, I would probably recommend Cannibal Killers: Monsters with an Appetite for Murder and a Taste for Human Flesh. Even though the book has an excessive amount of spelling and grammatical errors as well as a few factual errors, it is a far better read than this one and has a wider range of subjects throughout the US and Europe.

Sara M. Abudahab says

Shocking, repulsive, sickening and deeply disturbing, gives you a glimpse of the dark side of the human nature

Tosh says

Eww Gross!

Kendal Waller says

Disturbing.

Real.

I can not give this five stars because it is so grotesque. This book is a compilation of true stories of killers who cannibalized their victims. It was given to me so I read it. It will stick with me for all times because it was that disturbing and it is so unbelievable that there are people in this world who act on these impulses then have no remorse. This book will make you think twice and look at all of your neighbors with a bit of a question, how well do you really know anyone?

I don't know that I would recommend this book to anyone unless you just really want to be freaked out and absolutely disturbed. It is extremely graphic and has detailed courtroom information.

Morgan Satterfield says

This book is not for the light hearted nor those with a weak stomach. It shows a graphic look into the cases of several cannibalistic serial killers files. This book not only made me think about how twisted the minds of these killers are but also the sheer simplicity of them as well. Some could pick someone random off the street who is in the wrong place at the wrong time while others plan to capture and stalk their targets. Definitely an interesting read.
