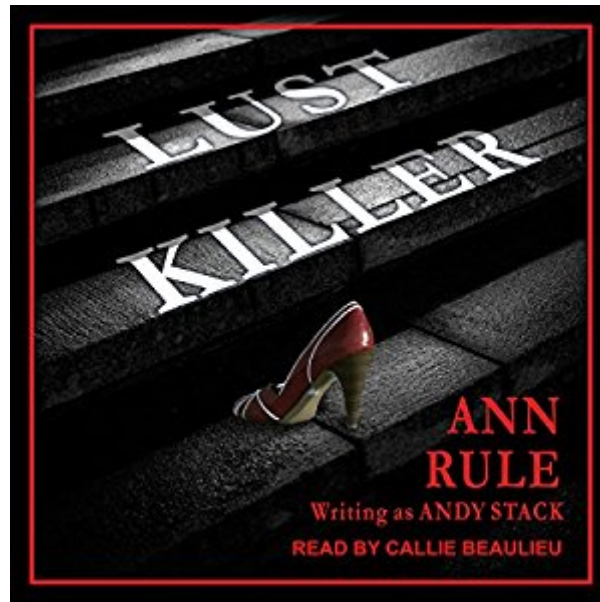


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Lust Killer



Synopsis

When young women begin mysteriously disappearing in Oregon, Police Lieutenant James Stovall leads a relentless search for a killer. With little evidence available, and the public screaming for answers, he must find a remorseless, brutal killer whose identity will shock them all....

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Customer Reviews

I have now read the whole collection of books written by Ann Rule. This was a good read and a very fast read. If your a fan of Ann Rule I would recommend this read.

I went to school with Linda Slawson in Rochester, Mn.....I did not realize this had happened to her until someone posted it online on FaceBook a few months ago. It was well written I thought.....as are Ann Rule's other books. I also read "River Running Red" that was about a Mass Serial Killer that went on for 20 yrs that Ann Rule wrote. Again, excellent writing. I was lucky to get the LUST KILLER book as it was the only one online when I ordered it/used. The library did not even carry a copy!

Ann Rule had been my favorite true crime murder author for years. Her last two books have not met my expectations. There was no character development of the victims in this book. It was as if they were just names in a report. Ann Rule used to research the victims and bring us into thier lives. Anyway I felt drawn into the book. Not anymore.

I thought it was pretty good, but after I started reading it, I realized I had read it before. I hope this guy never gets out of jail, because he will probably kill again. I know if my husband would have told me to stay out of the basement, as soon as he left the house I would have went into the basement. Just saying. The guy made me sick, to think of the women whose lives he cut short and he could care less. So sad.

Ann Rule fans will enjoy this one. It moves right along and hooks you from the beginning. As is her usual style, she delves into the psyche of the maniac who commits these crimes and gives us an inside look into his childhood, marriage, etc. The subject matter is quite heinous in this one (more so than others, I found) but it is handled appropriately by this author - the best in her genre - in my opinion.

I've read a lot of true crime books and this one is just OK. Perhaps I didn't like it much because aside from being a very sick human being there didn't seem to be anyone in his life that found him to have any redeeming qualities. Even the people in his life who saw potential had to admit that he did absolutely nothing to nurture it into a real livelihood. My heart goes out to the families of those women that he murdered and never showed any remorse for doing so. I hope his wife found the strength to build a life for herself and her children. May Brudos never be released from prison.

One of the most frightening aspects of this true-crime story is that theoretically, the serial killer, Jerry Brudos could be released back into the community. He's been in the Oregon State Penitentiary for over twenty years now, manufacturing leather key fobs, collecting women's shoe catalogues, and keeping the prison's computer network humming. If he does get his freedom, no one should be surprised if he starts collecting women's shoes again--with the feet still in them. I found "Lust Killer" to be one of Ann Rule's most disturbing books, not in the least because a young, door-to-door encyclopedia saleswoman was Jerry Brudos's first murder victim. Usually I can distance myself from serial killer victims, telling myself that I would never allow myself to get in a situation like that, e.g. hitching a ride on the freeway. However, I did sell encyclopedias door-to-door while I was working my way through college, and yes, our bosses insisted that we wear high heels. If I'd been flogging my books in Oregon, my foot might have ended up in Brudos's freezer, too. Ann Rule, a former policewoman writes about the victims with a compassion that sometimes ventures over the border into cliché. Many are described as stunningly beautiful, innocent, soft-spoken, harmless,

well-loved, kindhearted creatures who would certainly have qualified for sainthood if their lives had not been cut tragically short. One good lesson does come out of this book though: the author emphasizes that the victims who fought got away. The ones who yielded or tried to talk their way out of captivity, died a gruesome death. The author tells the story of Jerry Brudos, from several perspectives, including that of the unlucky encyclopedia saleswoman, Brudos's wife, and the homicide detectives who finally trapped and arrested him. Mainly though, we see the serial killer through his own thoughts and actions. I don't know how Ann Rule got into his head, but she does a very chilling job of portraying this man who preferred his sex partners dead, and who saved some very grisly souvenirs of his exploits. One of the most pitiable victims was Jerry Brudos's clueless wife. She was actually arrested, charged, and tried for abetting in his murders (he brought his victims to his workshop in his garage, where he tortured, murdered, and dismembered them), mainly because her neighbors and the police couldn't believe that she didn't know what was going on. Her husband certainly gave her lots of hints: he never let her access the freezer in the garage--if she wanted something from it for dinner, he fetched it for her; he left nude photos and moulds of women's breasts lying around in the house; he occasionally paraded around in front of her wearing women's clothing. She was just one of those women who never challenged an authority figure, no matter how strangely he behaved. One factual error in the book: Wisconsin killer Ed Gein did not murder his mother as stated by the author in this book. On December 29th, 1945, Gein's mother died after a series of strokes, and Ed felt that he had "lost his only friend and one true love. And he was absolutely alone in the world." (quoted from Harold Schechter in his book "Deviant").

This was one book of Ann Rule's I hadn't read before. I so miss her and her writing always took me in on the first page. This book was no exception, very well written even though the subject was so horrendous.

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