MURDER IN A SMALL TOWN: Based On A True Story

In a Town of Ten Thousand How Many Child Killers Can There Possibly Be?

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When a thirteen-year-old girl is found murdered outside an adult video store, Sheriff Ed Dojcsak expects it to be an open and shut case; after all, in a town of less than ten thousand off-season residents how many child killers could there possibly be? But while the possibilities are limited the list of reasonable suspects is not. Children are natural born victims, the canvas upon which big people are capable and only too willing to project their anger, frustration, humiliation and fear: anyone might have reason to kill a child or no reason at all. Now, to save the children of Church Falls, Ed Dojcsak must reclaim a dark past to which he himself feels only remotely connected and in the process risk destroying the lives of many, including his own. Inspired by actual events, MURDER IN A SMALL TOWN is a disturbing account of abuse, official cover-up and murder in a small American town.

This is a sickening book. Not only full of language but very explicit sex scenes. It begins with way too many metaphors, by the end it's as if it was written just for the porn-like qualities. The bouncing from decade to decade was annoying. I understand why it was put in, but, I think it would've been better off to tell the entire story from the earlier decades first. To be honest I speed read through much of it, so much was unneeded to the "plot" of the story. It would've been much better to explain what
happened without all the graphic descriptions. It was less of a murder, incest, etc book than the over
detailed descriptions of the abuses & porn. I looked up the "true story" it was based on and could
find nothing similar to the story. I’m often interested in the "true story" and want to find the details of
the cases. As I said, no matter what I searched for, I could find only one book entitled, Whispers
After Dark by Jonathan Temple. I got a sample hoping it would give actual details. However, it’s the
exact same book as this one, with a different author & title. I find that extremely odd, given that with
enough searching I normal find something that leads to the “true story”. The end had no resolution,
was confusing, leaving the reader very unsatisfied, and, beyond sickened. The only good (?) thing
about this book is that it was free. Which, does not make up for the time I spent reading it. If you
truly want to waste your time go watch paint dry, it will be less disturbing and more
interesting. Lastly, I wish I were allowed to give it negative stars. Not be forced to pretend as if I even
marginally like it. If it wasn't obvious I detested it.

This is fiction based on a true story according to the cover. The story is a little confusing because
the characters are closely related. The author alternates between the 1970’s and the present day.
The author is caught up in the description of the characters and takes her time telling the story. I
think the story is very good. I have waded through many books about true crime and crime fiction.
This writer is above average. You have to pay close attention to the story or you may miss some
important details.

Very well written and held my attention from start to finish with lots of twists and turns. If you enjoy
reading "true crime" novels this could be for you. However, the book is classified as fiction, but is
based on a true story. I don’t often leave reviews but after seeing a one star review posted I felt
compelled to do so. Another reviewer said it was sickening. Murder and mutilation is indeed
sickening, but it happens and as with most true crime reporting the facts are often given with all of
the gory detail. Kind of goes with the genre. If the author were to pen another novel I would certainly
give it consideration.

This is just offal. It appears the writer just wanted to create a witches’ brew of junk -- adding all sorts
of lurid details to a bad story in the hopes of making it better. I would seriously doubt that the book is
based on a true story; that’s only a hook to draw in true crime aficionados. The best thing I can say
for this tripe is that it is an excellent representation of American excess. Ugh.
This was a really strange book (and so far I have not been able to discover the true story it says it's based on). It certainly kept me reading to the end but it was also disturbing. Every major character had a major issue. There is a lot of graphic descriptions in this book. It wasn't badly written at all; just the plot, the odd relationships and even the ending was disturbing. I read another book that was almost as disturbing but not nearly as graphic and it was definitely based on a true story. It was called Our Guys.

I'm not sure how I ever finished this book or even why. It wasn't written very well and even the ending left you with more questions than answers. It took me weeks to finish it and I kept thinking it had to get better and it never did.

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