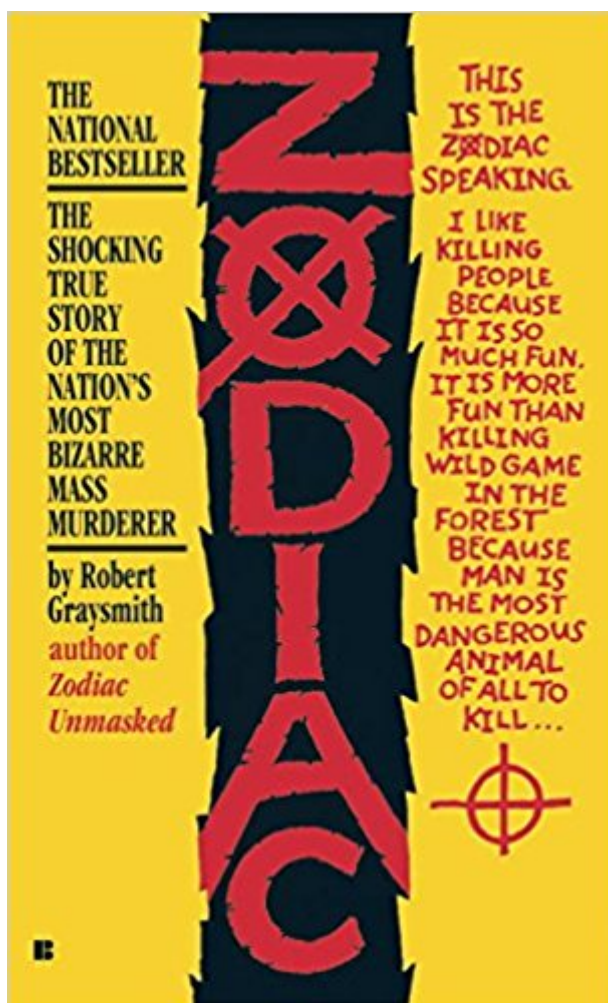


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Zodiac: The Shocking True Story Of The Hunt For The Nation's Most Elusive Serial Killer



Synopsis

New York Times' best-selling author Robert Graysmith's investigation of California's unsolved Zodiac murders. A sexual sadist, he took pleasure in torture and murder. His first victims were a teenage couple, stalked and shot dead in a lovers' lane. After another slaying, he sent his first mocking note to authorities, promising he would kill more. The official tally of his victims was six. He claimed thirty-seven dead. The real toll may have reached fifty. Robert Graysmith was on staff at the San Francisco Chronicle in 1969 when Zodiac first struck, triggering in the resolute reporter an unrelenting obsession with seeing the hooded killer brought to justice. In this gripping account of Zodiac's eleven-month reign of terror, Graysmith reveals hundreds of facts previously unreleased, including the complete text of the killer's letters.

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"SHE WAS YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL BUT NOW SHE IS BATTERED AND DEAD. SHE IS NOT THE FIRST AND SHE WILL NOT BE THE LAST." Few cases in the history of true crime are as colorful and intriguing as that of Zodiac, the bizarre gunman in an executioner's hood who hunted the streets of San Francisco in the late 1960s and sent dozens of taunting letters to the police. Robert Graysmith provides ample details about the police investigation, including the full text and photos of most of the letters. Zodiac is an excellent starting point not only for the casual reader, but also for those interested in retracing the author's steps in order to pursue their own ideas about who the killer may have been. This book has been praised by the San Francisco Chronicle, the very

paper in which the Zodiac's eerie messages and cryptograms were published: "Graysmith's taut narrative brings the horror back with jolt upon jolt." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From 1968 to the early 1970s, the self-styled "Zodiac" killer made headlines in the San Francisco Bay Area. In random attacks, he is known to have murdered six persons; in a series of letters to newspapers, which sometimes included cryptograms, he boasted of many more. To this day, the infamous case remains unsolved and surprisingly little has been written about it. Graysmith, a San Francisco Chronicle staff member, was obsessed with the case from the beginning and he has continued to investigate it as an amateur sleuth. Except for "Zodiac" himself, the author now knows more about the case than anyone. In this full, chronological account, which will fascinate true crime readers, he speculates about the most likely suspect. Recommended. Gregor A. Preston, Univ. of California Lib., Davis Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I think this is a really good book to read to learn all of the facts about the Zodiac Killer's victims. Robert Graysmith wrote about all of the facts about the victims that he got from interviews with people around them after they were murdered along with what the cops thought. This story is about the true experience of the Zodiac killer in Chronological order.

Long, but what a read.

Amazing book! It was so intriguing, I could not put it down. Graysmith did an excellent job.

Great book

incredible, the real darkness of the human being

Awesome book..

It's a good read. I recommend it.

I purchased this book because I discovered that the author attributed the murder of someone I knew

years ago to the Zodiac. The young woman's name appears twice in this book. She is not officially considered a Zodiac victim. However, I have read Graysmith's other Zodiac book and it too was quite a good read.

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