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Chamber Of Horrors

Beside New Mexico's Elephant Butte Lake stood a windowless trailer which owner David Parker Ray, 59, and his girlfriend Cynthia Hendy, 39, called The Toybox. A \$100,000 homemade torture chamber, it was equipped with whips, chains, pulleys, straps, clamps, leg spreader bars, and surgical blades and saws. A camcorder stood next to the leather-padded torture table--set up for making "snuff" videos--while a ceiling-mounted video monitor allowed female victims to see every excruciating detail of the agonies inflicted on them by their captors.

"Never Trust A Chained Captive"

That was one of the rules David Ray kept posted as a reminder to himself and his followers. Its truth was proven on March 22, 1999 when, after surviving a three-day torture orgy, Cyndi Vigil, 22, stabbed Hendy with an ice pick and escaped, clad only in a slave collar and padlocked chains. She told police that she'd been kidnapped, raped and tortured by Ray and Hendy. A second victim, Angie Montano, 27, came forward to describe how she'd survived a similar ordeal less than a month before.

"If She's Worth Taking - She's Worth Keeping!"

Satanist Ray was the center of a web of sadism, sex slavery and murder. His disciple, drifter Dennis Roy Yancy, confessed to strangling to death Marie Parker, 22, while Ray took photos. Ray's daughter Jesse, 31, was convicted of helping her father kidnap and torture Kelli Van Cleve, 22. Cynthia Hendy told authorities that Ray had killed 14 women. Police believe that he may have slain more than 60. On September 20, 2001, Ray was sentenced to 224 years in prison.

Features exclusive transcripts of blood-curdling audio- and videotapes

16 pages of shocking photos!

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Joe says

I read this book a long while ago. I was at a truckstop in Memphis, Tn on a layover and another driver gave me a copy of this book to read. I have not read a book in a long time so I tried this to pass the time and got hooked on reading ever since! I read the 1st chapter and could not put it down, the story was disturbing and could not believe it actually happened. I don't recomend this book to the squeamish reader' I could not sleep good that night. Otherwise a great book to read.

Andrea Hickman Walker says

This is a rather disturbing book. As an aspie, I don't really have empathy for the suffering of the victims, only for how I would feel in their place (ie: I have sympathy for them, but not empathy). The thing that disturbs me most is the one question the book doesn't answer. We know the how, we know the what, we know some of the who, but we don't know the why. And since he's dead, we probably never will. And I really want there to be a why. I think that the idea that people do this sort of thing for the same sort of reasons that I bought those 3 balls of alpaca lace (they're so soft, and pretty, and I want them) is terrifying.

Rouxmia Bougas says

Haven't finished this book. Not planning to either. It's disgusting. Also not written very well. Didn't do proper research to find a book based on David Parker Ray. No woman should even attempt to read this. It's sick.

Felisha Daemer says

This book...I say I liked it because it is the only book I have ever picked up, started reading and then could not continue to read for the graphic detail of the novel itself. I tried to read it three times. Finally on my way to Germany I asked my friend to not let me get off the plane without leaving the book behind. I still think about buying it again just to see if I can stand reading it again.

Danielle says

I don't know how to rate this. It was interesting and fairly written, but the content is so horrific, that I can't say I liked the book. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone that has difficulty reading things about sexual violence and torture. This book is as graphic. David Parker Ray was one twisted individual, and it's unnerving reading about his crimes and the audio and video tapes that he made. I almost put it down after reading the prologue. I don't know how the regular people who were involved with the case were able to hear and see these tapes firsthand.

Donna says

meh, was curious about the real story behind this case, but it was so badly written, I needed to find a trailer to live in before I could get down to it's level.

Armand says

Yes, the subject matter is rather horrific. But this book is not an outstanding piece of literature because of the rudimentary, downright primitive writing skills and somewhat obvious style of the author. The subject matter held my attention long enough to want to finish the story, but the writing is certainly no big deal. Sorry.

J.H. Moncrieff says

This has got to be the most bizarre true crime book I've ever read. It's about 200 pages too long, but apparently the authors felt that absolutely every detail remotely related to the crime or the perpetrator needed to be included, down to messages posted on a forum about the killer's daughter years after his death.

While the crimes of David Parker Ray, who tortured women in an excessively outfitted trailer called "The Toy Box" were horrifying, the constant adulations of the teenage reporter who covered the case were almost more disturbing. Was the author, presumably a much-older man, in love with this kid who worked at the local paper? Or was the prosecutor, who always seemed to be giving the teen inside info about the case? It is truly off-putting how much of this book is dedicated to gushing about a seventeen-year-old reporter and committing every word she spoke and wrote to paper. Perhaps she should have written this book.

The descriptions included were strange as well. Is it important to contrast that the prosecutor, while younger, was balding, while the sixty-something killer had a "full head of hair"? I'm not sure where the editor was in this project, but it needed a good one.

Laura Susan Johnson says

There are at least 2 or 3 true crime coverages of this haunting case out of New Mexico. Along with the cases of Nathaniel Bar-Jonah, Joseph Edward Duncan, Garry Heidnik, and Robert Berdella, this is a case that will give you nightmares and day terrors. There are families who are wondering where their daughters are, and yet Jim Fielder chooses to include the disgusting and graphic words of this sadistic murderer as he describes exacting his revenge against a prostitute out of Phoenix AZ who gave him gonorrhea once. Kelli Garrett, Angelica Montano and Cynthia Vigil will always be heroes to me for coming forward/testifying against this monster, but he still got off easy, dying of a heart attack while in prison. The victims' names are the names that deserve to be remembered, our society makes killers into celebrities by publishing their disgusting words. Once I started reading about the prostitute, I almost puked. I was so upset that I could not finish the book, so I could not gain any insight about missing people connected to the case or who went missing while this monster was active. Serial killers should NOT be portrayed or seen as CELEBRITIES/HEROES in our

society!

Mike Barbour says

I liked "Cries in the Desert" better. I'm still not convinced that David Ray was prolific serial killer. The lack of bodies, or any non-circumstantial evidence, really, is an insurmountable problem. He was a sick old pervert, for sure, but some guys are making a good living on the internet doing what he admitted to more than a decade ago.

Christina Thomas says

Okay now I have mixed feelings on this book if I had the option I would give 3 1/2 stars, there were times when I was so into it that I was not able to put it down and times when I was like get on with it.... the author did his research and I like the details about how the prosecutor had such a hard time on what seemed like it would be an open/close case, and I cant believe some of the facts! (I dont want to give any spoilers) so I would recommend this book to people if you can stomach the horrific things that were done, and just so you will anticipate it there is a surprise at the end that was pretty shocking! Happy Reading! :)

Paige says

This book is well rewritten and is well informed on what happened. However, while I did like this book it is not for the light hearted. You have to be interested in True Crime novels to begin with. Also, when you realize this actually happened its a little disturbing to say the least. If you enjoy True Crime novels I would recommend it, however if you don't, I wouldnt recommend it at all.

Jewelianne says

This book contains some extremely disturbing content. I think I may swear off true crime forever after reading it. If you do choose to read the book, do so with caution. It will sicken you, and you may have nightmares, especially if you are a woman. I definitely do not recommend it for squeamish readers.

I could only give it two stars because I found the structure of the book sort of confusing. Parts of it should have been fleshed out more; for example, the history and or psychology of the perpetrators, and parts of the trial. Other parts were pretty unnecessary. I am not sure why the girl reporter (Frances?) was in the book at all, and the conversations between her and the lead investigator seemed incredibly pointless. Why do I care that he went to her wedding a year after the trial ended? Maybe the author was trying to give readers an emotional break from the madness and horror of the crimes, but it did not really work that way for me.

I kind of wish I had never read it. Pick it up if you are really, really interested in true crime and if you can deal with extremely disturbing material. But be warned that it is definitely NOT a book for everyone.

Sabrina Rutter says

Another book on David Ray Parker's crimes.

Michael says

David Parker Ray. BOY.....if anyone deserved to be raped in prison or have his pecker cut off it would be this cat. I don't even know that there is a word to describe this wacko. Rapist ain't bad enough. Psycho? No. Sexual sadist(a person that needs to inflict pain to be sexually aroused) is as close as you can get I reckon. This dude woulda been BFF with Dahmer or Bundy. And his little helper Cindy Hendy? That one that helped him on at least 2 occasions, she'll be getting out of prison THIS YEAR.(2018) By the way, has anyone ever heard of Truth or Consequence, New Mexico? Yeah, that's the actual name of the city Ray lived in. And even though he wasn't convicted of murder(he let his victims go!!) I believe he killed numerous women, whether on purpose or by accident. He had been doing it for 40 years. Yup, 40. I'll never be a hooker, that's for sure. Too many serial killers target those poor souls. Anyway, good true crime book for true crime enthusiasts. And if you think you're a weird person for liking kinky sex, read this book. You won't feel so bad about your habits after reading what this loopy turd enjoyed. If you happened to feel ashamed for weird sexual behavior, that is. What a creepy and disturbing story.
