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This is the story of how four girls in Indiana went to a rock concert, drove around and then lured a 12-year-old girl into their car, torturing and eventually burning her to death. It explores the motives behind the killing, revealing how the girls wanted to be popular and loved - at any cost.

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Rosy says

Horrifying, shocking, unbelievable! It's just inconceivable how any person is capable of such cruelty, even more sickening in this case because they were just teens!

The book was well written, informative, and detailed, and I took my time reading it because the story is SO awful, you just have to put it down every few pages because you can't and don't want to imagine what Shanda went through, and her poor family!

Nattie says

If you didn't already know there were scary people in the world you would after reading this book. The world is filled with evil perverts, both young and old. It is also filled with cowards like Toni Lawrence.

It is in my opinion that Toni deserved as much time as Laurie, Melinda, and Hope. The other girls were depraved, but Toni was not, and yet she still made no attempt to save Shanda's life. She had a number of chances but she decided to stand idly by because she was supposedly scared.

If Toni had confessed to someone in one of the gas stations they went into, the other girls wouldn't have been able to harm her and Shanda could have been rescued from a heinous death. Toni chose to do nothing, which was cruel. I am not convinced that she cared about anyone other than herself.

Lolly K Dandeneau says

It took me awhile to find this book, I thought it was the one written by Jones but I read this one years ago. This was a sick sick true crime, there is just something so unnatural about children who kill. It's not that adults murdering is natural, but society tends to see children as pure. I was still a teenager when I read this and I honestly felt then, and now, no sympathy for the killers. I know we can examine their backgrounds (as is done in "Cruel Sacrifice" by Aphrodite Jones) but there are many people in the world, countless numbers of victims who do not turn to murdering. It's hard as a human being to even want to understand what drives someone (especially so young) to kill, and worse TORTURE another soul. The human mind is a place we really need to explore but without glorifying the acts. It's scary to know that two were released already and I believe another of the girls will be out soon too. That's justice?

Murder isn't always just murder, there is something so insanely twisted about the way these girls killed Shanda. I am disgusted these girls are now walking free, and one will soon. Our justice system is screwy. I always get steamed when someone says 'well what about forgiveness' or 'they deserve to make amends' because you ask that person, 'really, well what if it were your child or family member they committed the atrocity against?' and boy does their tune change. Basically this book really stayed with me for a long time, it's horrific and painful to read.

Amy Mcquire says

Shanda Sharer's short life and long drawn out death has haunted me ever since I first read about it. I decided to read this book after learning Laurie Tackett was released earlier this year. The book was well-written but I didn't come away feeling I knew anything more about the motivation behind this horrendous attack. Maybe we will never know.

Kathi Olsen says

A true crime that is tragic in so many ways. In 1992 4 girls killed a 12 year old girl who got involved in the wrong crowd. She was tortured and burned to death. Spoiler-there is quite a bit of sexual and homosexuality activity among the half dozen or so teens involved. So sad for all the families.

Angela Auten says

Little Lost Angel Review

Book Rating: 5 stars out of 5.

Story Line: This book was a hard read. Michael Quinlan did a very good job writing about this hard case. All four of those girls are horrible individuals. Melinda Loveless is the whole reason that this happened in the first place. She was jealous of a 12 year old girl. Her jealousy led to murder. She beat up Shanda at Witches castle. She kneed her in the face. She put a knife in the child's neck and helped strangle her. Yet, while she was on trial Melinda cried because she knew she was viewed as a murderer. She IS a MURDERER. She tried to appeal to get her sentence shortened. No, she doesn't deserve it. She needs to complete all sixty years of her sentence. She should have to suffer the way that she made Shanda suffer. Plus Melinda laughed at the fact that she killed Shanda. She was happy that she was out of her and her girlfriend's lives. She deserves every year that she has spent in prison.

Laurie Tackett and Hope Rippey helped in this horrible crime. Toni Lawrence may not have got involved, but she could have helped Shanda. She could have contacted the police when they were at the gas station. If she had then Shanda would be alive today. She could have saved Shanda's life. She chose not to say anything because she was afraid of the others. I really wish that Toni stayed in jail until 2002, but she got released early. Same goes with Hope. She shouldn't have been released either. She claims that she didn't spray Windex in Shanda's wounds but, she definitely did. Then she poured gas on the young girl. Laurie lied throughout her whole trial. She's the one that hit Shanda over the head with a tire iron. She helped drag Shanda out of the car with Hope. She helped set Shanda on fire.

None of these girls deserve any respect. They did something so atrocious. I feel for Shanda's family. She did not deserve what happened to her. She seemed like the sweetest little girl.

Also here is an update...Laurie Tackett is now released from prison. She did not complete all sixty years in jail. It sickens me how the justice system in this country works. Why would you let someone who may kill again out on the streets? Laurie didn't even really seem all that remorseful when she was on Dr. Phil. Same

goes with Hope Rippey.

Also Melinda is going to be released in September of next year. She and Laurie should have remained in prison for the rest of their lives.

Writing Style: 5 stars out of 5. The vivid details really were heart wrenching...as I read I could see all these events happening to this little girl...my heart hurt.

Amy says

This story was heartbreaking. Rarely do I come across a true crime book that will bring me to tears, but this one did. The atrocities that were inflicted upon Shanda Sharer by these four girls were horrible. The fact that one girl stood by & watched it all happen without alerting anyone, when she had so many chances was unforgivable. This 12 year old girl was murdered because one girl was jealous. The other three didn't even know her & participated in the crime. It makes you really think about what kids are capable of when in a group setting. I think all parents should read this book.

Melissa Bond says

With two major books done on this case, this one by far is the most comprehensive & balanced report of the event and the people involved. It is still an unthinkable crime, but Quinlan takes the reader back to that night, revealing the events that unfolded and the impact it had on so many lives. He also takes readers into the courtroom, something that was not done in the other book by Aphrodite Jones. The only thing readers are not given is a good reason to why this happened, which frankly, there is none. It opens up a larger discussion to bullying, and what happens when it goes too far. What is even more disturbing, this is not an isolated case. Even recent years have had teenagers acting in unison, killing a peer for the most ridiculous of reasons. What we fail to acknowledge as adults are that our children are sexually active, face conflict on a daily basis, and when it goes unchecked, the end result is often tragic. Though it is difficult to know if this tragedy could have been prevented, as Shanda's parents did everything they could to protect their daughter. There wasn't just one monster for Shanda to avoid, but four, five if you feel Amanda Heavrin played a role in the murder of Shanda Sharer. Those are odds that likely no one could survive.

Kim. E. says

I waited until now to read this book because I knew people that were professionally involved in this case and I wasn't ready. I was as shocked reading what happened to Shanda Sharer all these years later as I was when the news hit all the shows at the time. Shanda was a 12 year old who made the mistake of walking into a jealous triangle among other teenage girls.

Michael Quinlan did a good job of describing the horrible tortures that were done to Shanda, the background of each teenager involved in this case, and the investigation with a balanced eye, not writing with judgement. He also described in detail the courtroom cases, and how the guilty parties were doing in prison. The author also was able to develop a level of trust with Shanda's family and include their thoughts throughout the book, which gave Shanda a voice.

I know that Aphrodite Jones also wrote a book about Shanda Sharer and I plan to read it very soon, but I don't know how it could cover this horrible murder any better.

Roxanne says

This was one of the hardest most gut- wrenching true crime book I have read to date.

It's a story of four teens who brutally murder a twelve year old little girl. There is a lot in this book lesbian love affairs among young girls. Girls from bad homes who picked the wrong crowds to hang around in.

I don't want to give the story away for others who haven't read it ,so I will say no more.

The author does an excellent job of telling the backgrounds of all involved and a great job writing about the trial. I gave it 5 stars for this reason.

This book isn't for the faint of heart. I read a lot of true crime and this is one of those stories that stays etched in your mind.

It makes you worry about our youth growing up more and more violent and uncaring..girls at that. Very,very sad.

Jaime Lee says

This is a horrific and gruesome book. I can't say whether I enjoyed it or not, I put it down a few times and took a breather before finishing. I cannot imagine how teenage girls can do this to a child, wait yes I can, teenage girls can be extremely cruel especially when dealing with the green eyed monster called jealousy.

I read this book before I had my children, now that I am a parent I am not sure if I could do a re-read. The story brought me to tears and I have never forgotten it.

I can't say this is a good read but it is one that can't be easily forgotten.

♥ Marlene♥ says

Update March 20 2016.

I was (as I have been for years now) looking for a copy of Cruel Sacrifice the book I had read and given away many years ago and then came on a review where someone was talking about Little Lost Angel.

It rang a bell so I checked my GR shelf to find I still had to read this one.

By the way the Jones book Cruel Sacrifice has suddenly become very expensive. Weird because back in the day i remember it did not have great reviews.

Anyway I have grabbed the book from the bookcase and am planning to read soon!

Update March 24 2016. reading now.

Wow Now I understand why Cruel Sacrifices had such an impact on me (I just ordered another copy through abebooks.co.uk) and now I must have that book too again.

Even grown serial killers were not that cruel. OMG.

Update March 27.

Finished yesterday.

This is a well written book with some repetitions but that is quite normal given the case and the players in it. Can't wait to get my copy of *Cruel Sacrifice* the other book about this case.

Normally I prefer to read just one book about a case although I've had it happen that I read a book (I think it was about a serial killer and his woman who helped him) where one book the author was defending the woman, making her the victim and then later I read another book about the case and this author thought she was just as guilty. Karla Homolka comes to mind. I must look up the other case I was thinking about and which 2 books)

There are some authors who can write a bad book about a very thrilling case (Suzy cough Spencer cough comes to mind but thankfully this author did write a good book.

I recommend.

Harris says

Lacks the clinical impact of Aphrodite Jones' "*Cruel Sacrifice*" (about the same case) but if you can get past the sentiment and moralizing (present but not overwhelming), it does give a bit more background on many of those involved in the case.

Meaghan says

This is not a particularly well-written true crime book; nor is it bad. I would classify it as merely average. The only really good part was the last chapter and the epilogue, where the author tries to go into the reasons why these four girls committed such a brutal crime. That part was quite insightful with a lot of different points of view quoted.

There is another book about the Shanda Sharer murder case, Aphrodite Jones's *Cruel Sacrifice* . If you want to know this case you really should read both books. *Cruel Sacrifice* goes into great depth in the background of the killers, whereas *Little Lost Angel* focuses more on the life, family and characteristics of the victim.

Rebecca McNutt says

It's difficult to say what Shanda might have done or not done to provoke her killers, but one thing is certain - she was innocent and she didn't deserve to die. But what would make anybody decide to kill a little girl? Were Shanda's murderers mentally ill, or just desperate for popularity and excitement? *Little Lost Angel* is a compelling true crime novel that analyzes the case in a great deal of depth, presenting a shocking story, but not stooping to the low level of exploiting this girl's murder like some true crime novels would. This book pays respect to the victim while still helping readers to try to understand the crime.

