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On a Thursday evening in late October 2009, Cleveland Police detectives arrived at the home of Anthony Sowell—an ex-Marine and a registered sex offender—to arrest him on week-old rape charges.

But this was no ordinary house, nor would it be a routine arrest.

For even though Sowell was not at home, officers knew immediately something was horribly wrong. After initially finding two rotting corpses inside the home, their investigation would lead them to discover the bodies of eleven women. This is the shocking true account of Sowell's legacy of depravity and cold-blooded murder. His mannered and well-spoken veneer masked a monster who felt no mercy for those he butchered. His twisted existence spent among the decaying bodies of his victims. And how he picked his victims from the fringes of society—lost souls with criminal records or drug habits that would make them less likely to arouse alarm if they simply disappeared.

But that didn't mean they wouldn't be avenged ...

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Kimberly says

It was very interesting and a fast read. I sat down and read it in 1 day. I thought it was very sad the way the police department treated this case. These were mother's, daughter's, sister's and aunt's regardless how they lived their lives they didn't deserve and their families didn't deserve to be disregarded by the way authorities.

Gretchen says

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Karen Bullock says

Read something on Facebook about his house being haunted which was the whole reason for picking up this book--gruesome & twisted is usually the way a serial killer's mind works & Anthony Sowell definitely fit the bill--is the house haunted?! Still can't say for sure but it has good. Reason to be

Denise says

Another great read...

This is also about the 11 women found in a monsters house, just from a different perspective...I read this one pretty quickly bc it spoke in depth about the victims and the lives they lived and the lives they left behind. I highly recommend this book too. To me books like this give me great insight, I learn so much from true crime stories!

Zandra says

Decent but very choppy.

I bought this book after reading complaints that it focused too much on the victims. That is EXACTLY what I was interested in. I'm quite interested in community and institutional apathy, and Cleveland seems to have it in abundance. The writing definitely was riveting in some parts, but the hurry and wait sting of events became muddled. I'm glad someone cares about the victims. They deserve dignity and peaceful rest after such a sordid life.

Lissa says

I lived in Ohio, only a few hours from Cleveland, when Anthony Sowell was arrested. Even though he was a serial killer (and an Ohioan at that), I don't remember him receiving much attention on the news. I remember one blurb about bodies being found in a Cleveland house, and then another about him being arrested, and that was it.

The author delves into why this was, in a way. Stating that because Sowell (much like the Green River killer, although Ridgway still got more press than Sowell, probably because of the time span of the killings) murdered "nobody's women," women who weren't valued by the system, he was able to stay under the radar for at least two years.

Many of the women weren't even reported missing by their families (most of whom had had unsavory dealings with the police department before and didn't trust them). Nearly all of Sowell's victims had long rap sheets, mostly involving drugs, prostitution, and robbery or receiving/selling stolen goods. Even when neighbors complained of a horrible stench arising from the area, it was blamed on a meat factory instead of being investigated. And when a woman accused Sowell of beating and raping her, she was dismissed as not credible (mostly due to her drug addiction), and Sowell was free to keep killing. In fact, the police were completely unaware that a serial killer was operating in the area, in spite of several missing women, until Sowell's house was searched on a rape charge. It was only then that the bodies were discovered.

It's a very sad case to read about

Rebecca says

Wanted to read this since I live in a suburb of Cleveland. Although it was decent and I read it in a few days, I don't think it is particularly well organized. The trial chapters had too much extra info about people involved that wasn't necessary to include in my opinion. However, it was good to read overall since it is a local story.

Erica says

Couldnt finish it. I didnt even make it half way before I stopped. The author jumped around too much, you rarely knew who he was talking about - not that it mattered, you never knew who the majority of the people were anyhow.

Fishface says

Grim, disturbing, hideous story. You come away with only a faint sense of the personalities involved in most cases, but a clear sense of the violence and ugliness that ended these women's lives. And stark, gasping relief for the ones who got away.

Tammy says

I thought it was a great book full of details.

Valerity (Val) says

The Crimes and victims of Anthony Sowell, the Cleveland Serial Killer. A real sick puppy.

Joyce Ortis says**Boring at times**

The author spent too much time on the histories of the slain women. This book was definitely not a "can't put down book".

Rachel Harry says

I live just outside of Cleveland, so this story was quite a shock to me. It is very well written and gives a lot more information than I got from the local news. It is truly amazing how the Cleveland police treated the family's of the women who went missing.

Shari says

I try and read a lot of true crime and this book was not put together very well. It went from person to person to person. It never let you get a clear picture of what was going on until the end when he was caught. I do have to say it was so sad how he slipped through the cracks so many times. I feel so bad for the victims and their family. This book just jumped around to much and was somewhat confusing.
