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Written by the investigative team that covered the shocking and controversial story as it was breaking, this work is an in-depth account of three teenagers convicted in the brutal murders of three eight-year-old boys.

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From Reader Review Blood of Innocents: The True Story of Multiple Murder in West Memphis, Arkansas for online ebook

Penny Chance says

This book doesn't have all the facts. It was poorly written, worse than your average newspaper article. Devil's Knot is a much more accurate telling of the story. It is obvious what the writer thinks about the accused young men. So much was left out of this book. This case is notorious for reasonable doubt, yet the author left out so many facts, it is hard to tell it is the same case. Very disappointing. Looks like someone is just trying to make a little money off this tragedy instead of get to the truth. I would not recommend anyone wasting their time on this piece of trash writing.

Mary says

I am currently reading this book and I have alot of knowledge of the case, and i really don't like what I am reading

Fishface says

Yikes. This is one of the scariest cases in legal jurisprudence, reminding us that although the jury CAN rely on things like fiber evidence and DNA testing in deciding guilt or innocence, they can also, just as legally, convict you because they don't like your haircut or your taste in music.

Chris Ramsey says

About 15 years ago, I saw the first documentary (Paradise Lost) as an HBO special, delving into the apparent problems with this case surrounding the investigation of the accused (and ultimately convicted) and also the follow up to it, several years later. I recently ran across this book in a used book store. In a weird way, throughout both the documentaries and while reading this book, I felt a certain kinship shared with Damien Echols (from the perspective of my late teenage years) that has always made this case, for me, more interesting but frightening at the same time. It's made me wonder from time to time, how he and the others were coping, how the appeal process was working out, and would their situation change? Periodically I peruse the "west memphis 3" web site to read updates on this case (www.wm3.org). This book seemed to be more matter-of-fact, leaving you unsure of your feelings by the end as to whether justice had been served, however peculiar the scenery was or the roads taken on the race to achieve it, or was this a modern day and literal "witch hunt", you just witnessed, not unlike Arthur Miller's "Crucible". What I can't understand was how a jury could render a verdict without obviously noting that "reasonable doubt" issue so boldly staring them in the face. It makes me want to see those documentaries all over again.

Hebah Dwidari says

It was very sad

Samantha says

I actually just recently found out about this case after falling down a rabbit hole about the Dixie Chicks conspiracy, because one of the singers spoke out on behalf of the teens in 2001 or so. After realizing this was actually a huge deal, I'm surprised I hadn't heard of it before. I ended up watching all three Paradise Lost documentaries in one weekend.

Reading this book after watching all three movies is interesting. Not only because I know how the story "ends" if you will, but also just the time shock, which is only further proven by statements such as, "Under Arkansas law, Luminol test results are not admissible in court because they are considered unreliable, suggestive, and highly prejudicial." A lot of reviews on Goodreads rate this book as 1 Star because they found it biased. Upon finishing the book, I don't see any bias at all. I feel that this book was far more in depth than the "Paradise Lost" documentaries, and it had accounts from many more people, which only went to show how confusing this case was and how insubstantial the evidence, or lack thereof, was.

For a true crime novel, I actually found this one more enjoyable to read than most. Of course, it's strange reading a book that is 20 years old about a case that has already been revisited and resolved, but regardless I'm glad I got this additional point of view on the case. Since I'm prone to falling down rabbit holes, I will also be trying to find interviews on YouTube and will be watching the film "The Devil's Knot" soon enough, and hopefully I'll find a way to watch "West of Memphis" soon, too.

Mandie (Naughty Book Snitch) says

I remember reading this **YEARS** ago. I don't really remember a lot of details but I do remember all the "theories" surrounding this and I actually wasn't convinced that these boys actually did what they were accused of. I mean, I wear black t-shirts and listen to heavy metal and some death metal. But that doesn't mean I worship the devil and murder children. Recently, something popped up on TV about it when they were referencing another crime and reignited my interest.

Bonnie Duffy says

Interesting to get into the police side of things

Braxton says

This book is extremely biased against the accused killers. It was written while the trial was going on, so the controversy surrounding the case isn't touched upon. Devil's Knot: The True Story of the West Memphis

Three is a much better source of information. It was written after the trials, and talks in detail about the coerced confession, the lack of evidence, and witnesses who recanted their statements after the trial, among other things.

Shauna says

It was biased toward the young men being guilty, but I'm not entirely sure.

Julie says

I would give this negative 5 stars if I could.

Wildly biased and poorly written. Check out Devil's Knot for a truer, clearer, and unbiased account.

Janelle says

Biased, biased, biased. I guess you could say the author's bias and my own just don't mesh very well.

K. L. Petersen says

A lot of pages of nothing...but that's not really the writers fault is it?

Lee-ann Dunton says

A very biased look at the story of the West Memphis Three.

Krystal Dunlap says

Great book.
