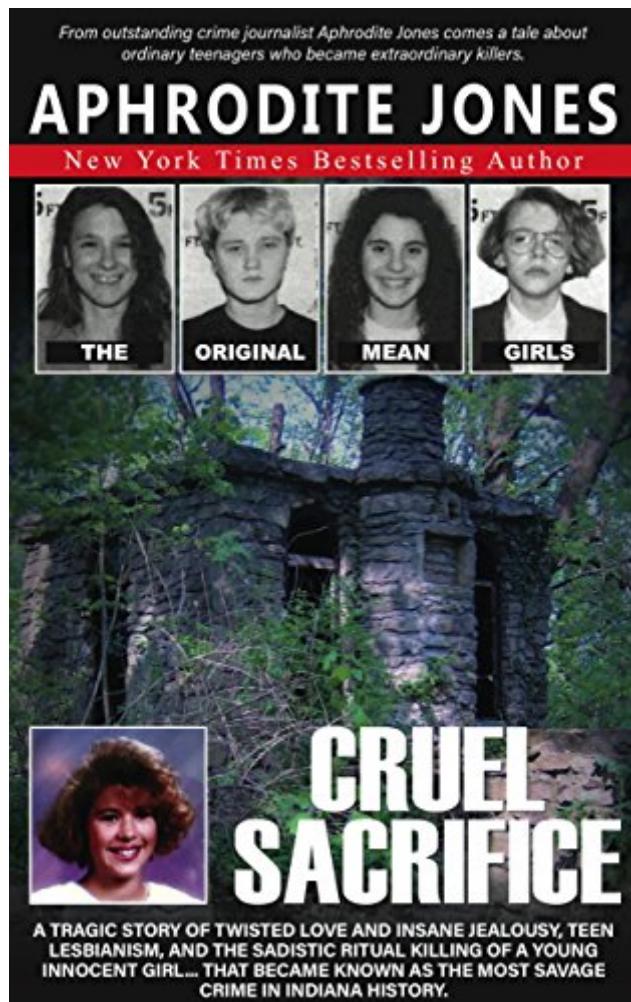


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# Cruel Sacrifice



## **Synopsis**

\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Expanded Photo GalleryOn a freezing January in 1992, five teenage girls crowded into a car. By the end of the night, only four of them were alive. The fifth had been tortured and mutilated nearly beyond recognition. Her name was Shanda Sharer; her age--twelve. When the people of Madison, Indiana heard that a brutal murder had been committed in their midst, they were stunned. Then the story became even more bizarre. The four accused murderers were all girls under the age of eighteen: Melinda Loveless, Laurie Tackett, Hope Rippey, and Toni Lawrence. Veteran true crime journalist Aphrodite Jones reveals the shocking truth behind the most savage crime in Indiana history--A tragic story of twisted love and insane jealousy, teen lesbianism, and the sadistic ritual killing of a young innocent girl.

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## **Customer Reviews**

In the interest of full disclosure let me start by stating that I'm a huge fan of Aphrodite Jones, having said that I quit reading this book half way through. Tedious would be a kind description of this narrative, the ongoing and long dissertations and infinite detail of letters between teenage wannabe

lovers/lesbians is more than I could take along with the never ending description of the father and his issues.I have read all of AJ's books and this by far is not up to her standards, I can state this because I had read another account of this incident by another author and so I had a comparative study. I got the impression that AJ was trying to fill pages rather than write a story.In spite of my misgivings with this book I will continue to read and follow this author

Story about an absolutely horrific murder by teenage girls. It could have been compelling, but the writing is disjointed, hard to follow and, quite simply, bad. I enjoy Aphrodite Jones on TV, but she needs to take some writing classes.

I couldn't even finish this book. While true crime is an interest of mine, The author (if I remember is Aphrodite Jones) seems to think that chapters full of mundane details add to the story. Poor choice in editing, in my opinion.

This story is both compelling and scary. These young girls were just evil with a pack mentality. Their families were so dysfunctional. I was very caught up with this story and wonder how all their lives have progressed.

This one of the poorer books I've read recently. It is like reading a book about teenagers, written by a teenager. There is absolutely no context, no journalistic detachment that would allow a broader view an analysis. One of my questions was, "what type of community produces this type of widespread, deviant behavior?" I would suggest skipping this book. I was so frustrated with the authors juvenile perspective that the only reason I finished the book was to write a review. I haven't read any of her other books and based on this one, I won't waste my time. This could have been an interested story in the hands of a professional.

Well written held my interest. Told a sad story, wrote about the teen murderers and their problems and har lives but doesn't make you feel sorry for them. Prison us where they belong. Always did like this authors work.Facts are accurate, same as what i've seen on tv and read other places.

4 teenage girls kidnapped a 12-year-old, beat, stabbed and tortured her, then killed her because one of them was jealous of her relationship with her girlfriend.the 2 main killers came from very dysfunctional homes, which didn't get them a lighter sentence. however, i don't think that these girls

would have behaved the way they did if they were not seriously damaged by their families.one came from a family with a very sexually abusive father who got away with it for 20 years. as usual, the mother is seen as just a victim of her husband, but i am tired of women being viewed that way. she was financially supporting the family for years on her own. she stayed with him because she desperately wanted him. the other girl came from a family of religious fanatics who considered anything they didn't like satanic and requiring exorcism.

I expected this to me more about the actual crime committed - it was well written book, and I understand the reason it went so deeply into the backgrounds of the girls that committed this awful crime ... just not what I expected.

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