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Into the Water Details

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From Reader Review Into the Water for online ebook

Sherry Scheffer says

Just ok

Edwina Callan says

Richard Marc Evonitz was the sonar technician on the U.S.S. Koelsch searching for the wreckage of the Challenger space shuttle, he was also a kidnapper, rapist, serial killer ... and coward.
Another "nice guy next door" who was an expert at hiding the monster inside.

What really creeped me out was when the cops found the Even-flo breast pump when they were searching his house ... had he intended on making his neighbor with the new born baby his next victim? And are there more victims whose bodies have never been found?

We may never know

Fishface says

Terrible book! The writing was so purple and incoherent I barely managed to finish it. The case was interesting but the writing killed the story for me.

Audra Spiven says

I've gotten into a true crime phase recently, and I followed up The Monster of Florence with this one. When I picked these books up from the library, my fiancé thought they sounded interesting too, and, knowing I can't really read two books at once, he told me that he would read whichever one I wasn't reading, and then we'd switch. So I chose The Monster of Florence to start, having no idea what Into the Water contained.

As he began to get into it, he felt more and more creeped out because, as it turned out, the events in this book took place in the mid-1990s and early 2000s, not far from the area where he grew up, and exactly IN the town where he went to college in the mid-2000s (Fredericksburg, Virginia).

This book - probably because Diane Fanning isn't as talented of a writer - wasn't nearly as good or well-crafted as The Monster of Florence, but as far as interest level goes, it kept mine. The story is creepy and terrifying and rather interesting. And, of course, unlike The Monster of Florence, at least it has a tangible end. It might be frustrating that the dude is not spending his life in prison since he killed himself, but honestly, what was more frustrating to me was the staunch denial of the dude's wife after everyone else in his family came to a shocking and sad acceptance of the truth about who their son/brother was. His wife still refuses to believe it, even though their own sex life demonstrated his sexual deviancy. Poor woman needs as much help as he did.

SouthWestZippy says

I did not like the opening and set up of the book but overall a good book. This is about serial killer Richard Marc Evonitz and the horrific crimes he committed.

Kelly says

Setting this aside for some other time. For some reason I just can't concentrate. It seems a little all over the place in terms of various crimes that may or may not be related, various suspects, etc. Maybe it's just me, though.

Ended up flipping through this at a later date. Read parts of it. Couldn't get interested.

Michele says

This case always bothered me because it happened near where I live. I can never understand why he had to kill them. He was a creep & a coward!

Scott says

This was a good true crime book.

Shirley says

Evil is out there. Walking among us. Evil is our friend and neighbor. Evil is our co-worker. Evil eats at our table and we eat at his. How do we spot evil? How do we keep our families safe as well as ourselves? This book has taught me that we can't. We can not see evil if it has no face.

This book is well researched and well written. It covers the side of that evil yet covers the side of the victims, and their family's. A well rounded book. Fair and detailed. This is one of the few books that brought out such emotion and heartbreak for me. I could just feel the pain and anguish felt by these young girls as they suffered. Then the pain of the families and it began again. Diane Fanning has the talent to draw you into the very heart of this investigation through her written words. You will never look at a stranger or maybe even a new friend in the same way. In fact you may never look at even a family member the same way. Because.... if you can not see the face of evil you see no evil person until it is to late and we may be reading about you or yours. Be diligent.

Liz says

I'm not putting a rating on this book simply because I had a very hard time reading it took me 2 months. There are several inconstancy's in the book, it is to be expected of some true crime novels. The reason it took me so long to read this book and know about the inconstancy's is because I am close friends with his sister the one who turned him in. She was completely devastated by this she had no clue that he was this monster until the night his surviving victim thankfully got away she knew the only way to stop him was to turn him in. I feel very badly for all the victims and their families, as well as my friend it was very hard for her for a while but is doing better.

Scott says

Good true crime read

A good read. True crime is very interesting. Serial killers have a very different mind. Would recommend to read this book.

Lauretta says

One can not rest fully, when you have children.

I read the book in its order. A very sad story. Now a days a parent can't be too careful. Critically, this book has quite a few grammatical errors.

Eva Leger says

Any true crime reader knows Ann Rule. And any true crime reader knows that most t.c. readers love Ann Rule. Most say she's the best at the genre, love all her books, etc. I'm no exception. But Diane Fanning is coming in real close.

Into the Water is the second, at least the second, book of Fanning's that I've read and it went fast because I couldn't put it down. Fanning not only writes with passion, unlike the plain old just stating facts like some t.c. writers, but she incorporates other tidbits into the story. Everything from little facts (Patricia Cornwell using actual autopsy records for her fictional books) to side stories that had some bearing on this story. Most t.c. writers, from what I've read, will either use different stories (Ann Rule) or stick to the one story and nothing else (pretty much everyone else) but Fanning gave other crimes where Evonitz was looked at and cleared, or looked at and accused, etc. She gave other stories of children going missing and if they had nothing to do with Evonitz she gave what information she had at the time of the writing.

I guess you could look at that as it would get in the way of the main story but it doesn't - not when Fanning does it.

Overall, this was very informative, very scary, and written well. And..... I don't think I caught one mistake the whole time! :)

♥ Marlene♥ says

On Sunday, November 13, 2005 I wrote:

7 out of 10

Diane mailed this book to me and signed it.

From the Back Cover

She Was Young, Terrified, And Still Bound In Handcuffs When She Was Found On The Street Screaming For Help...

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----- Must re read again perhaps cause I do not remember it at all.

Christy says

I picked this book because I liked true crime. The crimes talked about in this pages are detailed and may bother some readers so use your own desecration. Author Diane Fanning, talks abt Richard Marc Evonitz, America's most wanted sex killer. Richard was handsome, intelligent and compassionate and was beloved by his friends and family. Richard had served 8 spotless years in the Navy and was known as a hero in his quiet exclusive South Carolina neighborhood. No one ever saw his dark, twisted sides, no that is except for this victims. Young girls, teenagers whom he subjected to his twisted fantasies of, kidnap, rape, and murder. He would kidnap them, torture, kill, and the dump them - in and/or close to water. He may have continued on down his dark, violent path, tearing the hearts our of other families if it had not been for one young girl. Kara, a teenager he had kidnapped from a friends yard kept her wits. She played along w/ his sick, twisted sex games until she was able to escape and get to authorities. Where Kara took authorities, stunned them. No one ever would have suspected this former Naval man. As authorities descended upon Richard he had one last plan, a final act of violence and he was not going to go down alive.
