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# Mother's Day



## Synopsis

The true story of Theresa Knorr, the twisted child abuser who murdered her daughters "with the help of her sons" told by a former New York Times reporter. In June 1985, Theresa Cross Knorr dumped her daughter Sheila's body in California's desolate High Sierra. She had beaten Sheila unconscious in their Sacramento apartment days earlier, then locked her in a closet to die. But this wasn't the first horrific crime she'd committed against her own children. The previous summer, Knorr had shot Sheila's sister Suesan, then ordered her son to dig the bullet out of the girl's back with a knife to hide the evidence. The infection that resulted led to delirium at which point Knorr and her two sons drove Suesan into the mountains, doused her with gasoline, and set her on fire. It would be almost a decade before her youngest daughter, Terry Knorr Graves, revealed her mother's history of unfathomable violence. At first, she was met with disbelief by law enforcement and even her own therapist. But eventually, the truth about her monstrous abuse emerged and here, an award-winning journalist details the jealousy, rage, and domineering behavior that escalated into homicide and shattered a family. A former reporter for the New York Times and Los Angeles Times and the author of true-crime classics including *Angel of Darkness*, about serial killer Randy Kroft, and *Blood Cold*, about Robert Blake and Bonny Lee Bakley, Dennis McDougal reveals the shocking depths of depravity behind a case that made headlines across the nation.

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## Customer Reviews

I found the book to be very interesting, however, I feel like the book does not have an end. Most books of this nature provide a full ending to the story. This story has no ending for the reader. I'm sure that anyone else who reads this book will agree that they are left in suspense. I want to know what happened to Theresa Cross after she was initially arrested. I would like to read about the court case and what transpired while in the court room. At the very least, I would like to know what her sentence was. I have looked on the internet and have not been successful in finding any pertinent information regarding Theresa Cross. I would really like to see a sequel to the book, Mother's Day. According to the other reviews, the story was also discussed on a talk show. Does anyone know the name of the talk show? I would like to get the transcripts and would like to know that this disturbed lady got what she deserved....

What a story! Dennis McDougal is a winner in my book.. You will easily become engrossed in this family and the sinister relationship the children have with their mother. My heart really went out to these children. It is a quick read and one you will not likely forget. I know I never will.

I read this book years and years ago. It's still one of my favorite true crime books. I can't believe the horror the kids had to go through just to live in Teressa's twisted world and the scars it left on her children into adulthood. Upon reading it, I had nightmares for a while. This is the only book that has had that much of an impact on me, I still find it amazing. The author, I think, does a fantastic job with detailing scenery, dialogue, etc. It's a wonderful book. Too bad it's true...

Well, Dennis, you're good! Great book that kept me turning the pages. When the first crime was so early in the book, I couldn't imagine what the rest of the book was about. Oh my... page after page of crimes that go on for years! Really enjoyed the author's writing style and the way the story was delivered. Thanks, Dennis! Keep writing!

Hard to read but not because it wasn't interesting but because it's hard to see the havoc that a mother can cause to her children and the sad way it shapes their lives. But written and presented in

an interesting way. You just wish, for the kids' sakes, it had turned out better. So, if you like true crime, I recommend this book. But you'll get emotionally involved. . .

The horror this "family" lived through is almost unimaginable. I watched a talk show program about this case, which prompted me to buy the book. These adult children revealed as honestly as they could the circumstances surrounding the horrendous murders of their two sisters. It is a testimony to Terry's strength that she persisted in getting this story out in the open. I think the author is a great story teller and investigator, however his writing style jumps around a little too much. Never-the-less, I would recommend this book to people who are interested in a Story of Life that is stranger than Fiction.

A very interesting look into the tragic story of these children's life's. Having come from an extremely abusive home life, it was interesting and little scary to see how similar my own childhood was and how frightening close to crossing the line my own mother had come.

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