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The End Of The Dream: The Golden Boy Who Never Grew Up And Other True Cases (Ann Rule's Crime Files, Volume 5)



Synopsis

AS SEEN ON 48 HOURS -- AN EXPLOSIVE ACCOUNT OF LETHAL GREED AND TWISTED DESIRE, FROM THE FILES OF AMERICA'S #1 TRUE CRIME WRITER, ANN RULE

They were best friends, four talented and charismatic young men who lived charmed lives among the evergreens of Washington state: Kevin, the artist; Steve, the sculptor; Scott, the nature lover and unabashed ladies' man; and Mark, the musician and poet. With their stunning good looks, whip-sharp minds, athletic bodies -- and no lack of women who adored them -- none of them seemed slated for disaster. But few knew the reality behind the leafy screen that surrounded Seven Cedars, Scott's woodland dream home -- a tree house equipped with every luxury. From this idyllic enclave, some of these trusted friends would become the quarry for a vigilant Seattle police detective and an FBI special agent, who unmasked clues to disturbing secrets that spawned murder, suicide, million-dollar bank robberies, drug-dealing, and heartbreaking betrayal. When the end came in a violent stand-off, the ringleader of the foursome -- the fugitive dubbed "Hollywood" for his ingenious disguises and flawless getaways; the persuasive talker who turned his friends into accomplices -- faced a final chapter no one could have predicted. In a blast of automatic gunfire, the highest and lowest motives of the human heart were, at last, revealed. Along with four other true-crime tales, *The End of the Dream* is a masterful and compelling tour of the criminal mind from Ann Rule.

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Customer Reviews

Ann Rule is one of my favorite authors. However in this book I feel she made the wrong choice for the crime she chose for the longer book. I skipped over a lot of the descriptions of the cops parents history, as I didn't see the reason for it. Also, the crime, bank robbery, wasn't especially interesting, as you didn't feel the need for them to be caught in order to prevent another robbery, whereas you would want them caught asap with a murder. Also the robbers were simply greedy, stupid and weak men, so nothing special about them either. I thought that Kevin, the brother of one of the robbers should have turned them into the police, as anyone of those robberies could easily have resulted in a murder. Any of the short stories in the book would have been a better choice to be the longer book.

Ann Rule has written some very good true crime stories, but this one was about half a book too long and even then it would have been quite boring. She raved on about characters that in the end had nothing to do with the crime, and you were waiting for the excitement that never really came. Certainly right at the end there was finally some action, but the rest of the book was just filling and extremely boring. I usually buy a book based on others reviews but I don't know how this book rated so highly. Sometime I think some authors just play on their reputation.

A great real life adventure featuring the Hollywood Robber, Scott Scurlock, son of a preacherman, all happened in my backyard. I rooted for the bandit the entire time. Sorrowful ending. An extraordinary lifestyle involving intense work environment then vacation time in foreign islands, with devoted friends who built him a fantasy world tree house. \$2,300,000 in 4 years. What more would any self respecting male want out of life? Read almost all Rules books. This was by far the best.

I had read this story about Hollywood several years ago. Ann Rule when into great depth of his background and his day to day living and made the story a lot more complete for me. What fascinates me besides all the bank robberies and how he thought it was okay to not work and live on other peoples money is the fact that his father still blames the FBI for his son's death. It always

amazes me how a parent can think his child didn't deserve what he got when all he ever did in life was steal from others. Great book even if you are familiar with the story and have read about it before.

I live close to where some events recalled in this book occurred and I believe they were told as they happened. The item arrived on time.

No one writes true crime like retired detective Ann Rule! The actual photographs make you feel part of the investigation from beginning to end. Her research on the perpetrator and victims is impeccable! You'll get hooked on her true crime books.

I enjoy Ann Rule books. They hold my interest throughout the reading I tend to skip over the pages about the detectives once I've read a page or two about them. That's probably because some of them have been in her other books. Whenever I travel or have down time I look for her books. Good detail on the characters and what they do and how they involve others

I love Ann's books, but the first story in this book dragged on a little too long.

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