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Those who are interested in the tragic and still unsolved 1977 murders of the three Girl Scouts at Camp Scott in Locust Grove, Oklahoma, should read this book to gain one perspective on the crimes and their aftermath This represents only one side, however, and in the final analysis I find myself unsatisfied by its presentation. The book was written by two brothers who were on the front lines of the investigation as members of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. My reservations spring from several different aspects of the book. For one thing, the authors offer full, in depth discussions as if quoting them verbatim, even if these were private encounters to which neither was witness At the same time, they refer to and describe themselves in the third person throughout the text I m far familiar with contemporary history books than with so called true crime works, but both of these approaches seem fitting for historical fiction than for accurate recording of events In other words, I doubted the reliability of the narrators and their accounts from beginning to end. Another difficulty I had was with how the authors portrayed the involvement of the Cherokee medicine men and traditionalists in general At the beginning of the text they seemed to

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approach the issue with respectful but understandable skepticism, but by the end they seemed to become unquestioning adherents, to the point they come close to attributing the outcome of Gene Leroy Hart's trial and his life to something like a spiritual duel about which only a chosen few knew. This shift in perspective never receives adequate explanation, and thus comes across like a reliance on cheap theatrics not to mention stereotypes than anything else. Perhaps most problematic of all is the way the authors treat the case as an either/or scenario: either Hart was the murderer or he was not. I don't have a particular allegiance to any theory of the crime, but I am aware that significant evidence and several theories suggest that Hart was guilty of involvement in the terrible deeds, but he did not work alone. The authors never deal with the idea that more than one perpetrator was involved, and this seems to be a glaring and problematic blind spot in the book and, perhaps, the investigation as a whole. The notion of an accomplice is dismissed completely. The book does, however, portray what a media sensation this became and how profoundly the deaths affected the people of Oklahoma, and in some part it demonstrates the ethnic racial tensions that flared and still remain over the fact the victims were white and black and the primary suspect was Cherokee. If readers appreciate this as a distinctly one-sided and arguably airbrushed work, they can glean some useful insights into the atmosphere surrounding the case and its place in state, regional, and national history. I thought this might be my gateway back into the true crime genre, but nope. I couldn't get into this one. I think there are a couple books on the case written by different authors, but they aren't available through my library. I guess I'll stick with the thread for this case on Weebly where this book was recommended. Tough read. It's graphic, and obviously doesn't have a happy ending. However, it is well written and does a good job of holding your attention. I did ditch this, unfortunately recommended only for those truly interested in the 1977 Camp Scott case. Written like a novel, there's a lot of good ol' boy Oklahoma police work and I think if I'd been invested in the case I would have pushed through. Turns out first person true crime, ala Ann Rule, just isn't my thing. I want this to be True Detective Season 3 so someone get a copy of this to Nic Pizzolatto STAT. Many years

Goddess

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The Sisterhood of the
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The Other Boleyn Girl

ago 1978 as I was leaving my home state of Oklahoma for a new job in Texas, the national news carried stories about the tragic murder and assault of three Girl Scouts at a summer camp in the area of the state where I was born Although I tried to follow the story after arriving in Texas, I was never able to get details Recently, after visiting one of my longtime Oklahoma friends, she told me about this book and asked me my opinion of it Since I had never seen the book, she sent it to me and I was pleased to see that it was autographed by several of the law officers who wrote it In essence the book is the story of the murders, as seen through the eyes of members of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation OSBI who investigated the crime First of all, the nature of the book is that one has to assume that it is somewhat one sided having been written by law officers involved in the case Second, the book is not a work of literary excellence but rather a narrative of observations as filtered through the eyes of the law enforcement officers Nevertheless, it is a fascinating book for me personally because it all happened in the part of the state where I grew up The headquarters for much of the law enforcement activity was in Tahlequah where my mother and brother still live, the murder site was in Locust Grove where I took my children to swim in return visits to Oklahoma, the accused murderer was a full blooded Cherokee who was born at the same hospital I was in Clare, Oklahoma and one of the witnesses at the trial was a biochemistry professor at Oklahoma State University where I took biochemistry while working on my college degree Gene Leroy Hart, the full blooded Cherokee who was arrested for the murders is now part of Oklahoma outlaw legend The narrative describes how Native American Cherokee culture and law, plus tribal medicine added complications to the OSBI investigations Further, political and promotional ambitions of some of the investigators made a seemingly sure conviction less certain The authors of the book ultimately wanted to bring the story back to the real reason for the investigation the brutal murder and assault of three little girls and they end the book pleading that they hope people will forget the circus that surrounded the investigation, arrest and trial and remember to cry for the children who were victims of this still officially unsolved murder. Not usually a fan of true crime, but this was a fantastic read.

I've Got Your Number

The Joy Luck Club

The Boy Next Door

This is another book pertaining to the girl scout murders in Locust Grove, OK in 1977. Again, this may be interesting to me because the crimes happened so close to my home I thought this book was much more interesting than *Tent Number Eight*, however this was written by a couple of the detectives working on the defense team and went into greater detail about the evidence that was gathered throughout the trial, the media really did seem to play Hart up as a hero and made the defense team look as though they planted evidence. I think the media was the reason Hart was acquitted. I remember thinking during the trial that there was no way he could have committed the crimes alone, however the book paints an entirely different picture of what this guy was capable of doing. The book gives a lot of very interesting information about the medicine men of the Cherokee Nation. I would recommend this book, even if you are not from the area. It's amazing how many people supported Hart during the trial, however I would imagine that very few supporters would have taken a road trip with the guy and certainly wouldn't have trusted their daughters with him. It's quite sad that he got so much attention that the general public seemed to forget about the little girls. June Three Young Girl Scouts Are Horribly Murdered On Their First Night Of Summer Camp. The Prime Suspect Is A Legendary Cherokee Outlaw Who Is Said To Use Black Medicine To Hide Himself Deep In The Oklahoma Hills. The Two Brothers Sent To Capture Gene Leroy Hart Share Their Fugitive Cherokee Heritage, And Call On Other Medicine Men To Help Bring Him In. And In A Chilling Struggle That Goes Beyond Good And Evil, In The Most Extraordinary Manhunt And Murder Trial Of Our Time, The White Man's Law And The Indian Way Clash Irrevocably, Leaving Far Than Three Deaths Unsolved And Unexplained. From Book's Back Cover: This was an excellent read. Written by two of the many, many investigators on this case, the story starts the day before the crime and follows the investigation and trial to the bitter end. Makes clear who the authors thought the killer was and what became of that sterling character. Chilling case of a criminal tried primarily in the papers at the expense of justice. Really gives a good picture of the cultural clash between the huge local Indian population and white man's justice, and the numerous investigators forced to straddle the line between the two. I'm sorry to say the three murdered Girl

Scouts were almost entirely lost in the hysteria that followed as soon as a suspect was identified. This is perhaps one of the most haunting books I have ever read I first read it back in the 80 s In the past year, my husband ran across articles and stories about the original event and wanted to read the book Locating it was a problem Used versions even paperbacks usually run about 25.00 and up, if you can locate them I read it again and it had the same effect on me and my husband It is not great literature, but it succeeds in pulling you into the time and events involving these horrendous Oklahoma Girl Scout murders It attempts to identify and understand the people who tried so hard to answer the call for justice and their search for the truth I believe the case is still officially unsolved.

