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Obeying Evil presents the shocking true story of Ronald Gene Simmons and the most disturbing family killing spree in the United States. Over the course of a week in 1987, he murdered 14 members of his own family, a former co-worker, and a stranger.

In 1979, Simmons retired as an Air Force Master Sergeant following 20 years of service. The instability that followed his military days exacerbated his desire for control over his family. Simmons used intimidation, humiliation, and violence to assert dominance over all but one of his family members. He allowed a softer side to surface for his favourite daughter, Sheila, whom he forced into an incestuous relationship and eventually fathered her child.

His need for total control led to isolation within his family and an inability to hold down a job. His frustration grew to untold levels when Sheila left the family home and married another man. With his plans in ruin and his grip softening, Simmons surprisingly supported his family's desire for a big Christmas celebration. The stage was set for a heartwarming reunion but he had laid a very different set of plans.

Obeying Evil portrays the 'Mockingbird Hill Massacre' from the perspective of Ronald Gene Simmons. It's a shocking true story about dominance, intimidation, and extreme violence.

If you are especially sensitive to accounts of the suffering of children, it might be advisable not to read any further.

If, however, you seek to understand the darker side of human nature by coming face to face with it, then this book is written for you. Scroll up and click on the *Buy Now* button at the top of this page.

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Pamela Merritt says

Not for everyone. This is a true crime book where we know what happened, and who did it, right away. This is a glimpse into a murderer's mind that is very unsettling. He cares only about himself to an amazing degree, and we dwell in that mind far more than is comfortable.

We also are with him as his commits his crimes, and that is almost unbearable.

It is well-written and not sensationalized; it's just not possible to downplay such a horrible set of deeds. I find it very valuable as an illustration of a mindset that is all too common. An utter disregard for other people is extensively rationalized by even the most evil people. Almost as if they cannot stand to take responsibility for things they have decided to do. But then, they are not honest with others or themselves; they live in a fantasy world that means more to them than reality does.

It is also a stark reminder that people like this can be extremely dangerous. They may act "normal" and can be dismissed as blowhards and jerks, but once they have disregarded the boundaries of humane behavior, it seems like nothing is off limits to them.

The criminal's family should have been far warier than they were.

Sherry Lynn Wood says

Mass murder at its worst!

How a man much less a father could murder his entire family and in the manner he went about it is unfathomable. To have those poor children watch the horror he inflicted on their parents and to drown them in the freezing cold water is horrific. All because Shelia decided to live her life differently than Gene had in mind by molesting his child for years and warping her sense of what is right and wrong. Incest took over her better judgment. And the fact he killed people he just happened to work with is the new statement with these sort of loose canons and psychotic behavior. My reason for two stars is i didn't like the wording style of the book and I think it lacked details into his everyday actions with his family and co-workers that would have made it more interesting and given more insight to Gene Simmons. I felt left wanting more details.

odedo1 says

The author Ryan Green is amazing, I believe that no matter the subject he would glue you to it, he does a complete research before he starts and then like magic he tells the story like no others !

If I only had teachers like him, I would have been a much better student then just an average one. Really beautifully written coupled with the narrator Steve White a great audiobook was created.

This audiobook is Full heartedly recommended !!!

I believe that my review was honest even so that I got this audiobook for free.

Kelly says

I enjoyed this as much as one can enjoy a true crime book. There were a few typos, and grammatical mistakes, but not enough to detract from this horrifying story. I've read many true crime books and so many of them are divided into two parts: the first half is the crime and the second half is the trial. I often get bored reading the trial part. I really liked the way Mr. Green cut to the chase. He gives you just enough backstory on Simmons; enough story about the Simmons family dynamics; and quite enough story about the crime. It is a heartbreaking crime committed by a perverted, psychopathic control freak who got what he deserved in the end. I'm looking forward to reading more books by Ryan Green.

Cynthia Sillitoe says

This may be the most concise true crime book I've ever read. Some people may like that. I would have preferred more background.

Daniel Kupres says

The immediate title of this book, made me assume that this took place in the UK as that is where Ryan Green resides but this massacre actually takes place in Arkansas. To say that I know of every horrendous crime committed in the States is an overstatement but I have read or watched and learned of many of the biggest committed here. But the story of Ronald Gene Simmons slipped by me somehow.

What I enjoy about Ryan's work is that while it remains a third person narrative, we are provided with the antagonists point of view (but my interpretation of writing would actually be Sheila, his daughter). When it comes to true crime, I am almost always able to stomach it and in today's day, I am no loner really shocked. This one however made me sick to my stomach. I will never understand how a man can father a child and then in turn look upon that child as they grow to be his sexual partner. Then to be denied by her being the cause to murder his whole family and those he felt had disrespected him in some way, there is just no words to describe what a horrible human being he was and to plan and execute the murder of his entire family on Christmas and they way he chose to do so. He did receive the death penalty but there is part of me that would had preferred that he received some of the torture he bestowed upon his wife, children and grandchildren.

This story truly disturbed me and while Ryan reminds us that his psychopathy began as a toddler with the death of his father, I choose to remember that he was evaluated by a psychiatric doctor that essentially said that he knew the difference between life and death, basically right and wrong and knew exactly what he was doing at every moment when he executed his evil plan. Ronald Gene Simmons and his murders will be forever burned into my memory.

♥ Marlene♥ says

Finished this this week. I am more of the more details in my true crime books but when it are cases like this, with incest and such I do not mind if there are not as many.

A quick true crime read. Not badly written at all although I do wonder how the author knew what the author was thinking during the killings. Perhaps this came out during interviews I do not know but boy what a cowardly controlling weasel.

Jesse says

This is terrible. Poorly written murder porn. Child murder porn.

Ruthy lavin says

A Well written account of a truly horrifying and brutal series of murders committed by Ronald Gene Simmons in the 1980's over the course of a week.

Chilling stuff, incredibly hard to comprehend.

If you like true crime you will enjoy this, although it is a shocking read.

Victoria Haugen says

Just when you think reality can't get any more horrific or gruesome (and this is coming from a certified true crime addict!), you read this. VERY well-written story of a really messed up dude. Total psychopath! Reality is stranger than fiction, most times. Enjoyed the story and the narration. I really think both author and narrator did an excellent job, and I'd definitely recommend it, but you'll need a thick skin... Good stuff. I was given this free review copy audiobook at my request and have voluntarily left this review.

Karen Bullock says

Outstanding

4 stars for this intense read.

This story of Ronald Gene Summons poses several, " what if's" scenarios.

What if he hadn't been moved so many times? What if is parents helped their socially awkward child? Or maybe, Ronald, was just a bad egg from the get go.

Ronald had severe control issues, lacked anger management, lacked respect for himself & for others & obviously despised women in leadership roles. Truly demented.

I have noticed, that many serial killers were born in the 40's, wonder why that is?

Great read!

Jeff says

This is an extraordinary case. Unfortunately, this "book" is far too brief. At barely 3 hours, it can hardly be considered a book. More information and background is needed about the victims, especially the family members. Ages and relationships need clarification.

Steve White delivers a satisfactory performance. There's no dialog, so distinctive voicing isn't a factor in this audiobook.

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Linda says

I read your book Obeying Evil. I have read all of your books. It is chilling to know there are people like Simmons in the world. As the wife of a retired police officer of 41 years, it scares and amazes me what people can do to each other.

I really like your style of writing. You keep an open mind while making your case

I'm looking forward to your next book. Keep up the good work.

Jay says

This was a crazy story that happens to be true. It is hard to understand the reasons for some of the actions in the tale. It progressed into utter madness like a Stephen King novel... and it really happened. The narration by Steve White was good. I got a bit turned around with all the names being thrown around, that is maybe the one thing I would change... how the situations and people present were introduced. Other than that I enjoyed it as much as I could.

This book was given to me for free at my request for my voluntary and unbiased review.

Bettye McKee says

A great book about an unforgettable crime.

I knew this story from reading Zero at the Bone, but this book came from an entirely different perspective and it read like a novel.

Every person who tries to explain motive comes up with something different. Perhaps we will never understand the mind and motive of Ronald Gene Simmons. It's plain to see he had a plan and executed it like a military mission.

Simmons was not a crazed killer running around killing anyone who stuck their head up. He had specific targets, then he was finished. There's no doubt he knew what he was doing.