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By all appearances, twenty-nine-year-old Westley Allan Dodd was the perfect all-American boy -- model high school student, camp counselor and U.S. Navy enlistee. But behind his mask of normalcy lurked a predatory sex fiend with a seventeen-year history of appalling acts of molestation and violence. Children were his victims and the parks of the Pacific Northwest his personal hunting grounds. On September 4, 1989, his unnatural desires had driven him to abduct, torture and kill two young boys in Vancouver, Washington. Undetected despite his record, Dodd killed a third innocent victim only weeks later near Portland, Oregon. But only when he was caught trying to kidnap a child from a local movie theater was he finally taken into custody by police. Confessing to these heinous murders, he was convicted on all three counts and sentenced to death. On January 5, 1993 at 12:05 a.m., Westley Allan Dodd became the first criminal in America in nearly three decades to be executed by hanging. Based on exclusive access to police files and riveting trial testimony, personal interviews with Dodd himself and excerpts from his chilling diary of death, DRIVEN TO KILL dramatically recounts a hideous spree of death and horror that brought every parent's worst nightmare frighteningly to life!

## Driven To Kill Details

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### **Sarah says**

Way too reactionary for a non-fiction book. Interesting, but cringe-inducing both in style and content (though it should be noted the content is due to no fault of the author's).

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### **Rex says**

When it comes to reading TC books where the victims are children I always feel sick to my stomach. I'm sure most people feel this way. This book written by Mr. King is on such a case. As awful and gruesome this case were. King has managed to tell the story so nobody forget the little victims.

A shirt warning the book is not for the faint of heart

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### **Heather says**

I really enjoy reading true crime books - the crime, the discovery, the chase, the trial, the outcome. This book really could have been at least 40% shorter. Yes, he did horrific crimes, yes he deserved what he got, but he pleaded guilty and if not for the overly long uncomfortable extracts from diaries kept by the killer I doubt there would have been enough material for a book.

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### **M.E. Franco says**

Driven to Kill was a very difficult book to read. The horrific insight into the mind of child molester/killer Westley Allan Dodd was truly chilling. Gary C. King did a marvelous job of including enough details of Dodd's crimes to help build the case against him without going overboard. The statements taken from Dodd's own diary were particularly disturbing. This isn't just a book about a child molester and murderer; it is essential reading for parents to help them understand the mind of a molester and to better prepare their children in case they are approached by a stranger. Dodd himself offered tips on how to avoid pedophiles after his arrest. My husband used to say I was paranoid because I would not let our children go the bathroom alone at movie theaters, and that happened to be one of the ways Dodd planned to get children alone. I don't feel so paranoid now.

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### **Jonna says**

This was a quick, page turning read that graphically told the tale of Wesley Allen Dodd's life of molestation and eventual murders of young boys. I enjoy reading True Crime and this was one of those stories that suck you in because it's hard to believe that people like this exist and it makes you want to understand what makes a person this way.

I think the author did a great job of telling this story and giving you a true feeling of who Wes Dodd was and unfortunately, his disgusting conquests.

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### **Shenandoah says**

Terrifying and unforgettable, I read this book in 1999 and it still bothers me..

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### **Allen says**

This book gives a look inside the mind of a child molester/murderer. It recounts the crimes of Westley Allan Dodd from police reports and Dodds personal journal. This book is not for the squeamish as it tells exactly what Dodd did to his young male victims. After reading this you will think twice about leaving your children alone anywhere.

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### **Cody says**

so far so good

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### **Louveda says**

I don't really know what to say about this book except that it's disturbing. This is a true crime novel about a child serial killer. The depiction of the sexual element involved in these murders is graphic. As a parent it was extremely hard to read. As a survivor it was a trigger. A sad reminder of the evil that exists & the consequences of being a less than vigilant parent.

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### **Suzanne Kiraly says**

I think this book is very readable, (although a warning that it's rather gruesome in terms of the despicable crimes it focuses on) - and King has certainly done his homework in terms of researching the criminal background of the cases he exposes here.

We get a clear picture of everything that happened and how it happened. What I find is missing, (and I feel that I really wanted to know), is a more in-depth psychological profiling of the criminal. I think that when

readers read about gruesome crimes, it's through the interest factor - in other words, it's so far out of their own realm of experience, people are drawn to just why someone could commit such crimes against innocent children! It's certainly what draws me in - the age old question of: "Is there such a thing as pure evil?" is always on my lips and I have yet to come to some sort of decision on the answer to such a question.

Having said this, Gary's writing style is quite smooth. I had no trouble in keeping engaged and maintaining my interest throughout the book and can recommend it to others who are also interested in an exploration of true crimes.

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### **Jill Marquardt says**

page turner - hard to believe there are such disturbed ppl out there.....true crime book

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### **Jessica Lawhun says**

Decent book.

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### **Sharblynn says**

I like true crime but with more of personal thoughts narrative from the "characters."

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### **Crystal Bearrington says**

I am rating this book strictly on the author's skills, and the fact that it was very true to life. However, this was the one and only book I've EVER not been able to finish. Crime and criminology are my life, I write about murder cases Every Single Day. I study them. I am totally desensitized. But this book? It made me sick. If you decide to read this book, be prepared for a shock. Seriously dude, I felt Dirty reading this.

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### **Jesse says**

I didn't like the reactionary tone of the author (monster, vile, and evil are words that don't belong in a work of nonfiction--no matter who the book is about). But the story is intriguing and worth checking out.

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