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"With great diligence, the author illuminates the murderer's darkest thoughts without romanticizing them-- and gives the victims the written equivalent of a proper burial."--Kirkus Review

"Gritty. True. Compulsively readable. This is his best book."-- Gregg Olsen, NY Times Best Selling Author

\*Book Excellence Award Finalist, True Crime.

A narcissistic professional photographer lived a dangerous double life as a serial killer. He'd focus his rage on prostitutes mostly. He commonly brought these women home and nonchalantly explained away their presence to his wife.

Sexual urges met, either via rape or after paying for kinky sex, the killer would strangle his victims and dump their bodies in places he knew the police would eventually find them. The evil murderer needed the world to know that he was smarter than the police and women meant nothing to him but a necessary sexual inconvenience.

Then, by a stroke of chance and aggressive police work, the wheels of justice stumbled upon a lead. It was nothing more than a lined sheet of paper that read, "List of 10," but shortly after its discovery, a task force was created and a serial killer was nabbed.

This book is about the victims he left behind, not the person who took their lives. I will never condone such actions, nor will I try to rationalize his behavior. He will go to the grave, hopefully sooner rather than later, knowing the identity of four women from his fabled List of 10. It's his sick way of showing people he's still in charge.

His name is Joseph Naso, and this book will grip you from the beginning and won't let you go until the final word.

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## **From Reader Review LIST OF 10: The True Story of Serial Killer Joseph Naso (Homicide True Crime Cases Book 7) for online ebook**

### **Stacy says**

Astounding, truly astounding! That a monster like Joseph Naso could get by with what he did for so long! Wow, to think that there are monsters like that, running around in the world, doing the most horrific things for decades!

Joseph Naso had a serious problem-- he thought women were beneath him and had no problem assaulting and raping them, hundreds of them, and even kept a "journal" documenting each one and making notes about the particular victim, i.e. "she ripped me off", etc. That started in the 1950's. He went to court twice for it (1955 and 1962? i think), but both women never showed up for court, so the judge let him go with a misdemeanor charge and a warning. By the 1970's, the assaulting and raping had become blasé to him and escalated to murder. It is known for a fact he definitely killed 10 women, but is suspected of more, since his appetite and confidence seemed to increase. The most incredible part is that Mr. Naso had literally been living, for decades, on probation-- as if he liked the thrill of not getting caught for the heinous crimes. As soon as he was to get off probation for a petty crime, he would (it seems) get in trouble on purpose again, and be back on probation, but it ended up his undoing (thank God). If not for that, he might never have been caught. This guy was literally like a modern day Jack-the-Ripper,-- not as gory, but much more prolific. He definitely was a very disturbed individual, not only for his crimes, but his fetishes as well-- his obsession with taking pictures of women in seductive poses, that were obviously frightened or dead. Scary. I would definitely recommend this book if you are a fan of true crime, or like reading about real serial killers. I applaud the author C. L. Swinney for writing the book-- not to add any notoriety to Mr. Naso, but to try to give some recognition to his forgotten victims.

My thanks to C. L. Swinney for the honor of reading this book.

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### **Kevin A. says**

#### **Great Read**

Well written and researched. Great psychological depiction of a brutal killer/misogynist who went under the radar for years, and how he was eventually caught.

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### **Bonnie Kernene says**

I loved this book. It is about sexual serial killer Joseph Naso and the women he brutally killed. The authors really focused on the victims, breathing life into them and making sure they are not forgotten in all of this. This book does not idolize Naso, either. It makes him out for what he is, a sociopathic and narcissistic predator. The book was very well researched and to my knowledge, the only one on Joseph Naso. Great book! I highly recommend it.

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## **Tamatha Baker says**

### **I learned a lot about a killer i had not heard of.**

This is a good book with lots of information about this killer. I enjoyed reading it, it is a good quick read. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in serial killers and true crime. I gave this book 4 stars only due to the fact a lot of information is repeated toward the end. C. L. Swinney never disappoints.

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## **Kirstin says**

### **Repetitive, but informative**

Overall, this book was well-informed on the facts of the case. The biggest issue that I have with it is that it is very repetitive. Occasionally I would find myself skipping ahead several paragraphs because I had read, almost verbatim, what was written not long before it.

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## **Judith Sentyz says**

### **Amazing**

I selected this book because of the author and true serial killer. I have not heard of this man before now but what a sick, sick, sick man who deserves to be executed. What he did to those women makes me cry. Hats off to Mr. Swinney for his hard work, both police and author.

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## **Majanka says**

Book Review originally published here: <http://www.iheartreading.net/reviews/...>

List of 10 is narrative nonfiction about Joseph Naso, a deranged serial killer with narcissistic tendencies. Joseph Naso was married once and even had two sons (one of which suffered from schizophrenia, and who Naso apparently took good care of), worked as a freelance photographer and in his spare time... he killed prostitutes. Well, mostly prostitutes. He had a pretty normal childhood, nothing that would indicate he was capable of doing this, and his wife of several years never suspected anything. Yet, DNA doesn't lie, and he now awaits the death sentence in death row.

The book is narrative nonfiction, and while I'm sometimes a fan of that (rather than in just general nonfiction, in narrative nonfiction the author sometimes crawls in the mind of the people who play a role in the book, imagining what they must've been thinking at the moment) it doesn't work quite as well here. I found that the author often jumped to conclusions and even made contradictory remarks while pretending to be in the mind of the victims or the perpetrator himself, Joseph Naso. This threw me off a little and made me not enjoy the book as much. The thoughts of the victims didn't always seem plausible either, and sometimes

took wild turns with a victim thinking something one moment then something else the next. It also comes across to me as slightly disrespectful to assume to know what they were thinking. Do that for the murderer, sure, I have no respect for murderers anyway. But the victims deserve more.

The author is also condescending at times, both toward the readers and the victims. For example, he likes to mention often how a victim couldn't have known the man they were talking to was a serial murderer. Duh. It's not like he had the words written on his forehead. I don't think any reader anywhere would assume the victim could just guess this.

I also felt evidence was lacking. Sure, we get a run down of what happened to the victims, how they first met Naso, how he killed them and what is then from the police investigation. We get a little background info on both the victims and Naso, and in the end, we do get a look into the trial and the supposed "list of 10" the book is based upon, of which six have been identified as people murdered by Naso (four he was convicted of, two they didn't have sufficient evidence of).

For a short case book on the murderer that's not too bad, but it still feels lacking. You can easily decipher this from police reports and the trial. I wanted to see additional research: the author talking to the victim's families, talking to Naso's family members, or at least trying to if they didn't want to. Talking to officers who worked on the case, the D.A., and so on. And then, I also wanted to know more about the list of 10. I was hoping the author would at least have suggestions as to who the remaining four victims were, and a lead on at least one of them.

What also bothered me is that for about a decade, if the years are correct, Naso lived in Sacramento and supposedly didn't kill anyone. Now I know serial killers can be dormant, but this usually has a reason – they've found a wife or steady girlfriend, they have young children they need to take care of, and so on. For Naso, he just didn't do anything in Sacramento despite no life-changing circumstances, and then picked right up when he moved again. Right. Something doesn't strike right.

About the list of 10, rather than do a search for missing people in the area, and running it through the missing persons database... why not look for the location itself? The list obviously states the dumping grounds of these victims. Naso, being a narcissistic bastard, didn't even bother to write down their names. But he did write: "girl on mt. tam" and "girl near heldsburg mendocino co." and so on. So how about, rather than to find missing people in the area, just go look for the bodies? Or better yet, look for bodies that have not yet been identified in the area or murders yet unsolved, and see if it matches Naso's modus operandi.

Maybe that's been done. I don't know – the author never mentions it. The way he mentions it, police hardly did anything with this evidence despite working on the case for a year before it going to court, which I find highly unlikely. He apparently did some investigating too, but never found any of the girls mentioned on the list, or their possible dumping ground, or even a missing person who could match one of the girls on the list.

Six of the locations on the list match up with Naso's victims, so it's probably safe to assume the other four do too. It breaks my heart to think those victims may never be found, or if they're found, their remains may never be matched and their identity may remain unknown. Naso himself isn't talking either – he agreed to talk to the author, then refused to, so there's not even an interview with Naso himself included in the book which I thought was another show of lack of research. I had at least expected an interview with Naso.

The author mentions the book is about the victims, not the murderer. I agree – I detest men like Naso as much as anyone else does. However, if we wish to understand what compells people to do these despicable things, if we wish to take a look under the veil and discover what brings people to kill another human being,

then it's necessary to talk to people like Naso, at least interview them once and get it over with. If you're writing a book about his horrible killings, at least try to interview him and see if he's willing to open up about anything. That would make the book's research look far more complete, in my opinion.

So, while I picked up the book because I wanted to know more about Naso and his victims and the book definitely accomplished that, I disliked the speculation on behalf of Naso and especially his victims, the lack of research, and also how repetitive the book was. The author mentioned five times (that I counted) that Naso's son had schizophrenia. I can remember that after two mentions, thank you. The inconsistencies annoyed me too, especially the ones present when the author crawls into the victim's minds.

Anyway, if you want to know more about Naso and his victims, the book does give more insight, not much more than what you can find online but if you want to go look for it, it's all nicely bundled up in this book. Not that bad, but not that great either.

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### **Fishface says**

This was a good, very quick read about a little-known serial murder case. I was very happy with the emphasis on the lives and suffering of the victims in this case rather than the tribulations of the poor widdle serial killer, and I was intrigued by some other questions raised about cases that might -- or might not -- be related to this guy. I continue frustrated that there is so little information available even about a victim, Shareeia Patton, whose name we know who has been clearly connected to the killer. No photo, no date of death, nothing much about her autopsy results, not even the date her body was found. And even her life is more clearly defined than those of some of the names on that list. Is it a coincidence that the victims with alliterative names got their photos in the book in a group, and another victim with a non-alliterative name was banished to another page?

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### **Crime Traveller says**

Joseph Naso is best described as a narcissistic sexual predator with no conscience. Convicted of the murder of four young women in 2016 he now sits on death row as a man in his 80's who will no doubt die alone and despised in the same solitary space. Known to have killed a further two women and suspected of at least four more murders, this man's need to record his crimes against women and create a list of his murders became his undoing.

True crime author and San Francisco Bay police officer C.L. Swinney has immersed himself in the case of Joseph Naso for the last two years. He has communicated directly with Joseph Naso, interviewed the police officers and investigators involved in his case and the friends and family members of Naso's victims. 'List of 10: The True Story of Serial Killer Joseph Naso' is the result of this work and it provides a well-researched and gripping account of the damage one man has done to numerous lives.

List of 10 is a book which does indeed tell the story of Joseph Naso but it does so with a focus on the victims of his brutal crimes, telling their stories in a nonfiction narrative that transforms them from just a list of names to individual people like you and I. It is a gripping and harrowing account of one man's lifetime of brutal attacks against women that accumulated in multiple murders. Naso had the arrogance to represent himself in his capital murder trial. He believed he was better than any attorney and could get himself out of

the case that was built against him. Instead what he did was convince the jury on the first day that he hated women, had an incredibly flippant attitude towards rape and had a quick temper. List of 10 is an excellent read that is difficult to put down and it is a read that ensures the crimes of Joseph Naso are crimes you will never forget.

Read my full review of *List of 10* on Crime Traveller at: <https://www.crimetraveler.org/2017/0...>

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### **Acanthea Grimscythe | The Ghastly Grimoire says**

List of 10: The True Story of Serial Killer Joseph Naso may sound like an exciting book for true crime fans like myself. Unfortunately, it doesn't live up to the high expectations I had for it – some of these inspired by the tag of "Bestselling Author." What this book needs most is a heavier dose of editing and for that reason, I cannot finish reading it. This marks the fourth novel I've had to drop so far this year and, hopefully, it will be the last. (I am simply too sick and have too much to read to waste my time with books that I have to force myself to read.)

The one thing List of 10 accomplishes in what I read is a desire to learn more about Joseph Naso, a serial killer I actually have not encountered prior to this book. Where it fails is in its grossly repetitive wording. As I state in one of my updates on Goodreads, there are several ways to write "dead body." In addition to this, there are several sentences where words appear tacked onto the end for whatever reason.

Thanks to NetGalley, the publisher, and the author for providing me with a copy free of charge for unbiased review.

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### **Aaron E. Allan says**

#### **Good read.**

Nicely written but commentary can be a little out of order at times. Facts that are available were presented well. I will read more by this author

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### **Robyn says**

This is a terrifying glimpse into the world of Joe Naso. He would hunt and stalk victims, sometimes for weeks before manipulating them into schemes so he could live out his fantasies before killing them. Mr. Swinney took great care in making the book a lot about the victims which is something I greatly admired about this book. I highly recommend reading this. I couldn't put it down!

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### **Terri says**

Before reading this, I knew very little about Joseph Naso. It is horrifying how much he got away with - not just the obvious 10 dead from the list but hundreds of rapes over so many years...

The author does a good job of not only covering the crimes, but explaining why he managed to get away with this for so long and how evil this man is.

I like how much time was spent on the victims, their identification and lives. Very readable.

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### **Valerity (Val) says**

This book is about serial killer Joseph Naso who nearly got away with decades of being a rapist, misogynist, and murderer. He was already in his seventies and living in Nevada, still on probation for minor stuff when he shoplifted yet again and got caught, despite being more than able to afford the items. Some suspicious cops decided to do a thorough search of his hoarder looking place and came up with some incredible stuff packed away in the mess.

By the time they were finished, they had lots to investigate while he was held in jail for violating his probation. They'd found his "List of 10" that they figured were victims he'd killed over the decades which was written in code that only he understood. Then there were his notes of rapes and other crimes going back to the 1950's or earlier. They had their work cut out for them, but did a great job with what they had to work with. Overall I ended up pleased with this book, though there was one point where I thought my ereader had jumped backward (it hadn't). My thanks to NetGalley and RJ Parker Publishing for providing me an ebook for review purposes.

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### **Lee Husemann says**

I was not familiar with serial killer Joseph Naso so this was all new information to me. Author Chris Swinney did an excellent job telling the story of this serial killer who liked to frequent prostitutes, talk them into posing for pictures for him and then murdering them. The victims were not all proven prostitutes. I liked the way Author Swinney provided background information about the victims which gives the reader insight into their lives. I really enjoyed this book and I highly recommend it to anyone who likes true crime books.

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