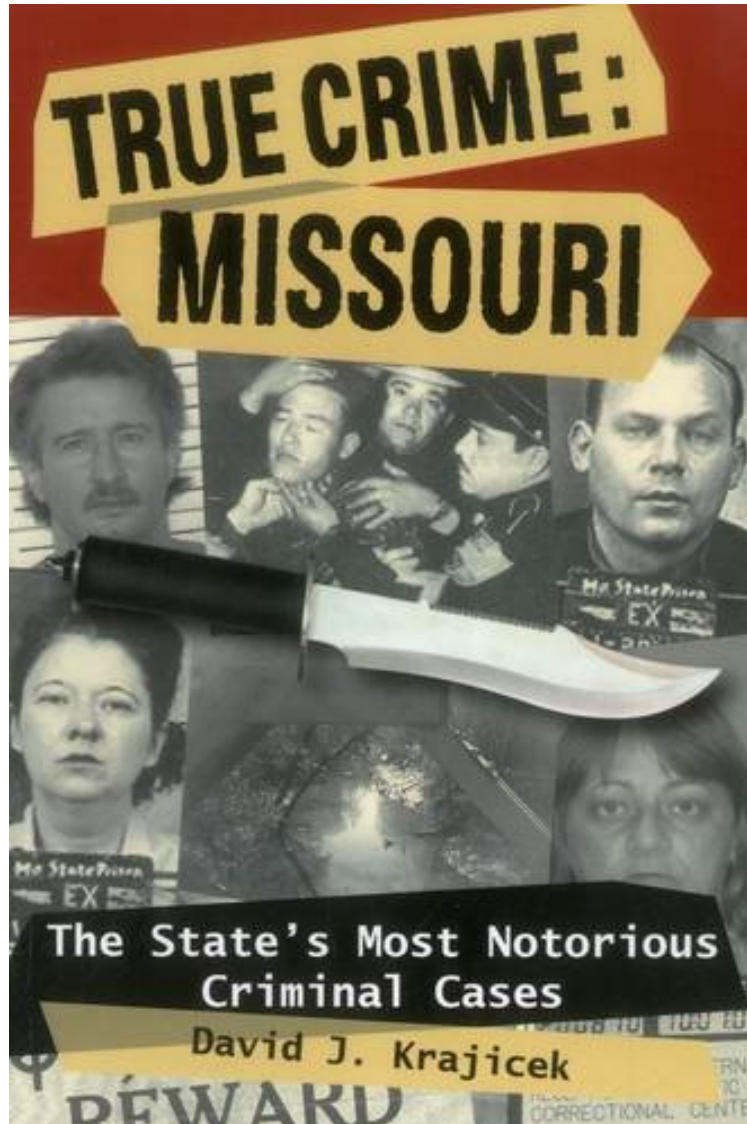


## True Crime: Missouri: The State's Most Notorious Criminal Cases

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lol. The story of Stagger Lee comes out of MO. This book is also a short but rich history of the state that I enjoyed knowing about. It's a good quick read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. EnlighteningBy Mark SutterThe author offers up the stories of some of the most bizarre crimes in the state of Missouri -- some recent and some from quite a few years ago. It was an easy and fun book to read. My only complaint is that it was only 126 pages long and would have been more enjoyable if the author had included maybe a dozen more cases. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. MissouriBy Donna SorensonThis book was well written and well researched. Being a Missouri resident, I was familiar with most of the crimes covered, and it was interesting to read them all.

True Crime: Missouri tells 11 stories of deadly doings in the "Show-Me" state. Author David J. Krajicek also considers whether there is something in the state's bloodlines that makes Missourians a particularly foul breed. One new resident of the state said a neighbor suggested that Missourians like to handle conflicts themselves. His advice: "You shoot, you shovel, and you shut up." Among the featured crimes in the book: Lee Shelton's barroom murder of Billy Lyons in St. Louis, which inspired the popular song "Stagger Lee." The vigilante killing of the "town bully" of Skidmore, Ken McElroy. Did the tiny town, which has shriveled to nearly ghost-town status, curse itself by keeping a secret about the slaying? The heartless kidnapping and murder of millionaire Robert Greenlease's son in Kansas City by a couple of St. Joseph barflies. The Kirkwood City Council massacre. The "throwaway" serial killings of perhaps two dozen young prostitutes in Kansas City by a garbage collector named Lorenzo J. Gilyard. The forgotten story of "Cockeyed" Cook, a lost soul from Joplin who massacred an entire family and dumped them down a mineshaft. The "American Gothic" killers, farmer Ray Copeland and his wife, Faye. They murdered their farm hands near Chillicothe in a bizarre plot to make money, and then made the mistake of planting their human crop too shallow.

"Krajicek is moved by the incongruity of commonplace surroundings and evil deeds...Some themes run through the crimes he has studied. Among them is a recurrence of immorality and buffoonery in the same felonious package...Friends have come to call Krajicek as 'Mr. Murder.' He never considers this an insult."--Ken Newton, St. Joseph (Mo.) News-PressDavid J. Krajicek's work in brief: "Hardboiled lyricism," says Prof. Lynne D. Schneider of Binghamton University. "Lively," says Entertainment Weekly. "Passionate," says Ken Auletta of The New Yorker. "Powerful," says the American Journalism . "David Krajicek's crime writing has branded him Mr. Murder, so it's apt he looks the heavy with his bearded mug, bouncer glare and imposing size. This tabloid poet and rebel hails from a long line of barkeeps and meatpackers. He is a standout writer of terse, staccato prose and vivid details."--Leo Adam Biga, The Omaha Reader"Krajicek is the Catskills' own hard-boiled true-crime writer...Sordid tales of bad behavior, villainous deeds and villainous men."-- Julia Reischel, The Watershed PostAbout the AuthorDavid J. Krajicek has been telling crime stories for more than 30 years. He writes "The Justice Story," a true crime feature, for the Sunday New York Daily News. A native Nebraskan, he also has worked as a newspaperman in Iowa and Nebraska and as a journalism professor at Columbia University. Krajicek's other books include Murder, American Style: 50 Unforgettable True Stories About Love Gone Wrong (News Ink Books), Scooped (Columbia University Press) and the best-selling e-book Death by Rock 'n' Roll (Crimescape/RosettaBooks). He lives in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York and on the GulfCoast.