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*"Despite the abundance of books available on Ted Bundy, holes remain in his story. Bundy expert Kevin Sullivan has done the painstaking work of filling some in and offering credible notions for those for which information might always be elusive. An important addition to true crime studies."--Katherine Ramsland, bestselling author of **Psychopath** and **The Mind of a Murderer***

Within the pages of **THE TRAIL OF TED BUNDY:Digging Up the Untold Stories**, you'll hear the voices - many for the first time - of some of Ted Bundy's friends, as they bring to light the secrets of what it was like to know him while he was actively involved in murder. The stories of his victims are here as well, as told by their friends, including the information and anecdotes that didn't make it into the investigative files and are being published here for the first time. Two of the former detectives who worked with author Kevin Sullivan during the writing of his widely-acclaimed book, **THE BUNDY MURDERS**, return to aid readers in fully understanding Bundy's murderous career; it's ripple-effect impact on those who came into contact with him in one way or another, and dispelling commonly held myths.

THE TRAIL OF TED BUNDY is a journey back in time, to when Ted Bundy was killing young women and girls in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. It's told by those who knew him, and you'll hear their revealing stories, many being voiced and put to print for the very first time. The friends of the victims are here as well, and they too share their insights about the victims, and some of what they tell here had been held back from the investigators, such was their commitment to their deceased friends. It's also the story of those who hunted Bundy; those who guarded him, and those who otherwise were a part of this strange case one way or another.

From the book:

"Anyone today visiting the house where Lynda Ann Healy lived with her friends, as I did in July 2015, will find it in a very nice neighborhood that is well maintained; perhaps better maintained now than in 1974. Standing in front of the structure, there is no obvious reminder that evil once invaded this dwelling in the middle of the night. Just off to the right of the front door, on the side of the house, is the door leading to the basement. It was through this door that Bundy would carry Lynda out into the chilly night air.

*As I walked up the steps my mind was riveted on that night. I thought of Bundy, and how he also had walked up these steps before slowly turning the doorknob that cold evening to see if it was unlocked. Having already written *The Bundy Murders*, I was well aware of what transpired there, and, at such a moment, it all becomes so very real. Indeed, in my view, the Lynda Healy abduction is the strangest of his career, and I don't ever expect to hear of one more bizarre, either from the past or in the future."*

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Melissa Bateman says

Interesting and Intriguing Quick Read!

Happened to come across a Podcast on a long car ride with an interview with Kevin Sullivan and immediately got home and downloaded this. Took me a half a day by the pool to finish as I could k dent put it down. Can't wait to read the other two books in his trilogy (I read out of order as this was a free download... just downloaded the first one).

Peter Pinkney says

Billed as a companion to the first book with added new facts, and interviews with people who knew Bundy. I can't really agree with that summary, in fact this book really is just a summary of the first book with a couple of updates. Really the author should have just added new stuff to an updated version of the first book. Still it's a well written book and, again, deeply disturbing

Shelagh Rice says

This book could have been great Kevin Sullivan is obviously an expert on the subject of Ted Bundy, and includes all those little details that true crime lovers really enjoy. He has also done his research thoroughly and has great contacts from lots of people who were close to Bundy or close to the investigation. However this book felt like an advertisement for his previous book. Especially in the first third of the book it felt like he mentioned it at the end of every sentence, I can't even bring myself to name it. It was really annoying and distracting and ruined my enjoyment of this otherwise interesting read. Thanks to NetGalley and Wildblue Press.

Andrea says

Excellent!

First and foremost, I highly recommend that you buy and read "The Bundy Murders" by Kevin Sullivan, before reading The Trail of Ted Bundy.

This "extension" is a nice tie of the bow short that delves even further into the mind of Ted Bundy, how others viewed him before his secrets were exposed, and much more.

I have read almost every book about Ted Bundy. In my humble opinion, "The Bundy Murders", is the best and most informative book about Bundy out there, so I wasn't surprised that I equally enjoyed reading more previously unreleased information about him in this book.

Hopefully, Mr. Sullivan will write more true crime books in the near future!

Jeff says

The synopsis of this book makes it sound more interesting and informative than it turns out to be. Perhaps there's new information here, but it seems rather trivial. There's certainly some repetition as well.

Kevin Pierce delivers his usual expert narration. Fortunately, it's a short listen at a bit more than 4 hours, so it's pretty quick and easy to get through.

NOTE: I received a free copy of this audiobook in exchange for this unbiased review.

Jazmine says

This book could've been so much better than what it was. The writing was decent enough, but I felt like the majority of this book ended up being the author constantly plugging his *other* book. It was a lot of "I covered this topic in my other book so I won't repeat it here" (not in those exact words but close enough). Seeing as I haven't read anything else by this author, I was totally clueless.

I might try to find the other book then come back to this one.

Diana says

Book received from NetGalley.

This book could have been a great book, one of the many true crime writers explaining how he researched his first book on Ted Bundy. The author giving us the insight into how Bundy lived, worked and functioned as a supposedly normal human being while going out and kidnapping and murdering multiple young women. The author also mentioned some updated information that wasn't in the first book. It was interesting to hear how things have and haven't changed in the various places Bundy lived, and what people have done to change the areas he abused and murdered his victims. While the book did some of that, most of it was the author plugging the first book he wrote on the subject. There was a lot of "I mentioned that in the other book I wrote so I won't repeat it here. If you want to know more refer to it." Since I hadn't read the first book and this book in no way stated it was a sequel or addendum to it, I was a bit let down since I had never really read anything about Ted Bundy prior. I know little about him as a serial killer other than he murdered multiple women in multiple states, I was still a teenager when he was executed, so my parents tried to keep the worst of what he did from me though I remember hearing his name mentioned on the news. If you have already read the first book, definitely get this one for the extra material. If you haven't read the first book I suggest giving this one a pass until you read it.

Aunt Meanie says

This is an excellent expansion-companion book to the author's previous 2009 book "The Bundy Murders: A Comprehensive History". I do suggest that readers start with his first book to get a complete background and history of the actual murders.

The first book can still be purchased on amazon both new and used, from several sellers:
https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss...

This book takes it a step further and gives previously unreleased information. The author did a lot of research for both of his books – visiting the States, cities, and locations where Ted Bundy grew up, lived and where he stalked his many victims. The author discusses new theories, new possibilities, circumstances that seem to have a very high probability of being accurate. Ted Bundy refused to admit to the murders of children, or recanted what he did discuss, and lacking enough physical evidence, the killer has taken these secrets to his grave. The author attempts to get into the mind of Ted Bundy and understand the actions of a killer, to help the reader understand the impossible.

This book, along with the author's first book, shows the level of both discipline and dedication the author has devoted to the subject. I look forward to reading his next book about the Bundy murders. This subject; the people, the places, the murders, the killer, will no doubt be a part of the author's life forever. Whether that's good or bad is a question only the author can answer. Some things are destined to haunt you forever.

Thank you to the author, and netgalley for allowing me to read this book in exchange for an honest opinion.
My review will be posted on amazon, netgalley, goodreads and moonshineartspotblogspot

Valerity (Val) says

The Trail of Ted Bundy by Kevin Sullivan
I was given an ARC of this book by Netgalley and Wild Blue Press.

After previously reading Kevin Sullivan's book on Bundy titled The Bundy Murders: A Comprehensive History, I decided to check out his next book on Bundy, The Trail of Ted Bundy : Digging Up the Untold Stories. Whereas the first book is one that is a full biography on Ted Bundy that is good for a first time reader about Bundy, and enjoyable too for those of us who have been reading books on him for decades. This next book, Trail is a companion book, sharing stories from people who knew him during his active killing years, stories from friends of Bundy's, friends of his victims, detectives who spent so long hunting him, and the people who guarded him, all giving their personal take on the serial killer.

The book is about Sullivan retracing Bundy's trail from when he first started killing in Washington, taking photos of the various sites surrounding the killings, like the college campuses or other places where Bundy abducted the different women. There is new information from interviews Sullivan has done that tell more about the cases. He next followed the trail to Utah where Bundy moved after things got too hot in the Northwest with the cops. He shares some interesting stories from Mormon friends that Bundy took up with and spent time hanging out with, while he pretended to attend law school. More pictures of Bundy sites in Utah and Colorado. There are many references back to the first book, but lots of new from people

remembering him. Then came his arrests and escapes, and following the trail to Florida where more women pay the price for Bundy's being allowed to escape, despite the jailers being warned.

I enjoyed Sullivan's telling about revising the different abduction sites and places Bundy lived and at times took the victims to, experiencing what it was like being there and thinking about what had happened so long ago. Several of the sites are no longer standing and more will be gone with the passing of time

Wyldrabbit says

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Companion to The Bundy Murders, Kevin Sullivan does it again, and brings to light more disturbing dialog and facts about one of the most notorious serial killers who ever lived. Sociopath Ted Bundy has an unusual story, and has sparked attention throughout the years. I posted a image on social media this morning with his image, assuming that he would be quickly recognized, and found that few people knew who he was. They know the name, at least most do, but not as many people as I thought would. I then posted this image:

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Thinking it to be a dead giveaway. Nope. No one knew. And I know it was early, maybe all the people who would know were still asleep. Maybe it was the fact that no one remembered? I don't think that was possible, but maybe it was. Just as I hardly saw posts about remembering Pearl Harbor this year, Maybe Ted Bundy is now just a fading memory. But, like Pearl Harbor, it should not be one we forget.

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He was an attractive man. Some on the internet say he was hot. Here, above he looks like a cross between Rob Lowe and Christian Bale. Either of them could play the part, and it would be believable. After reading

the book The Trail of Ted Bundy, I watched the interview with him on Youtube, His last interview. He seemed unusually normal. Who would have guessed a guy that talked and acted like he did murdered 36 known women and young girls. He bludgeoned them, usually with a tire iron, and in the act of strangling them, raped them from behind, both vaginally and anally before and after death . A lot of it, after death. He also did some things that go even further to horrify me, including keeping some women's heads in his apartments with him to enjoy later. In the interview he seemed uncomfortable in his own skin, but I guess anyone would be, knowing they were going to die in less than 24 hours.

From the book I read, I don't believe it would have been wise to keep the man alive any longer than necessary. Not only had he escaped twice before, he was a true monster. A man who would definitely kill again. In the interview I saw, he expressed over and over how pornography was breeding more and more Ted Bundy's, but he wanted to stress, that he took full responsibility for his actions. Honestly, after reading what he had done, I have no idea how the man could sleep at night, and when he was asked if he thought he deserved to die, I was expecting him to say hell yes. But he didn't.

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I would love to read the book that companions this one. It would be nice to see the images and photographs that were talked about, but not put into the Trail book. I only have the review copy, and it is possible that the one that will be published will have more, but I am not certain of this. It is expressed that the pictures I wanted to see are in the first book, and if you search the internet, you will find them, like the pic of him and Carol Bartholomew.

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Seemed like such a normal kind of sociopath. None of his friends believed he did the horrible things he was accused of. Although, finally they all realized he was truly not the person they thought he was. What a wake up call that must have been.

The book is an excellent true crime read, and I recommend it to you. I read it in less than 3 hours, I could not put it down. I also recommend you pick up a copy of The Bundy Murders also by Kevin Sullivan, as it meshes with this book. I found The Trail of Ted Bundy both frightening and insightful. Mr. Sullivan did an excellent job of pulling together more evidence and more insight than the previous book had, many of the people involved in the Bundy case and in his life coming forward with more, including the Library tie in.

I found that when I was a teenager in the late 70's and early 80's, that I could have easily have been lead off to help someone, just as most of the women he killed had. I was very trusting, and I have many times, gotten into strangers cars for one reason or another, completely unaware of the danger that I could have been in. It makes me very thankful that it was not my fate. I can remember once, my friends and I had asked a man in his late 20's to buy us beer, and then rode in his car to another parking lot to do the exchange of money vs beer. We were around sixteen. It was one of many stupid moves I had made as a kid. I must have had a dutiful guardian angel, or I guess I just got lucky. Kind of like Ted did with his victims. I truly hope that I have done a good job of making sure my son does not make the same mistakes I made. I can only hope. But, I guess that is the only thing we can do. Always be aware of your surroundings, and be cautious of strangers, or in this case... just about anyone. In the end, it all has to do with luck. But Karate and swordfighting skills might be a good idea.

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A Note From the Publisher

A writer of history and true crime, Kevin M. Sullivan is the author of eleven books, a former investigative journalist for both print and online media, and is a recognized authority on serial sex killer, Ted Bundy. Indeed, his "break out" book, *The Bundy Murders: A Comprehensive History*, published by McFarland in 2009, was the catalyst that brought him much attention in the true crime world, leading to appearances on numerous radio programs and contacts from documentarians both here in the United States and the United Kingdom. Portions of his biography of Ted Bundy also appear in the college textbook, *Abnormal Psychology: Clinical Perspectives on Psychological Disorders*, published by McGraw-Hill in November 2012. His current work on the killer, *The Trail of Ted Bundy: Digging Up the Untold Stories*, is a companion volume to *The Bundy Murders*, and contains a lot of new and previously unpublished information about Ted Bundy and this most infamous case.

Advance Praise

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Debbie says

This book was an addendum to his previous book. It still had parts from his other book as well. He had added things from witnesses that had come forward after the book had been published. Also people who had forgot things.

I was in high school during Ted Bundy's rampage of terror. I had heard of him, but this was way past his reign. As I was reading this, I recall my years of naivety. I had no idea this was going on. However, I was living in Kentucky, so I suppose I was out of harm's way.

In reading the book, like I say, I was aware of his abducting females, but not aware of his viciousness and utter lack of remorse or of the number of women he killed. I found this book to be interesting and informative. While it was short, I think it was just the right number of pages as I wasn't looking to be inundated for Ted Bundy's complete history.

Thanks to Wild Blue Press for approving my request and to Net Galley for providing me with a free e-galley

in exchange for an honest review.

Donna Maguire says

I am a massive fan of true crime and Ted Bundy is one of the serial killers that fascinates me so I was really keen to get my hands on a copy of this book. I did enjoy this book and have added the first book that is referred to so often by the author to the top of my "to read" list as I imagine it contains quite a bit of the information that I felt was missing from this one as the follow up/sequel, that said I still enjoyed it very much and it deserves the 4 stars I have given it.

Danielle says

Was not very impressed with this book. I'm always hoping to find something new about Ted Bundy, but no chance so far. It's just an ok book.

Shelley says

This book is meant as a companion to Kevin Sullivan's excellent "The Bundy Murders" and it's a great read. I just love all the new tidbits and I appreciate the author putting it in a book for posterity and adding to the history of Bundy.

Dina says

This book is an excellent companion piece to Kevin Sullivan's 2009 book 'The Bundy Murders: A Comprehensive History'. 'The Trail of Ted Bundy' contains previously unpublished information such as witness reports from police files, correspondences between detectives and Kevin Sullivan, statements from old acquaintances and friends of both Bundy and his victims, and more. Some of these reports are incredibly fascinating and shed an interesting light on Bundy and his infamous crimes. Mr. Sullivan did a fantastic job going over the case again, literally traveling the same roads that Bundy had travelled so many years ago, finding new information and witnesses and putting together this very interesting book.

Let me add that this IS NOT a biography of Ted Bundy nor a retelling of his crimes, it is a companion piece of additional information if you are already familiar with Bundy and his crimes. If you are not familiar with the Ted Bundy story and are looking for that information, I highly recommend that you read Sullivan's previous Bundy book, 'The Bundy Murders: A Comprehensive History'. That is also an excellent book that will carefully take you through Ted Bundy's life, his crimes, his various arrests and prison escapes, and his eventual execution in 1989.

As I said, if you are already familiar with everything, I do highly recommend 'The Trail of Ted Bundy', not only does it contain interesting new information, it is obviously very well researched and put together.

I also just want to say that if you are not familiar with Ted Bundy and his crimes, in addition to 'The Bundy

Murders', I also recommend Ann Rule's 'The Stranger Beside Me', and the Steven Michaud/Hugh Aynesworth book 'The only Living Witness'. Not only do they cover Bundy's life, they also contain personal conversations, letters, and interviews that take you into the mind of one of America's most notorious serial killers.
