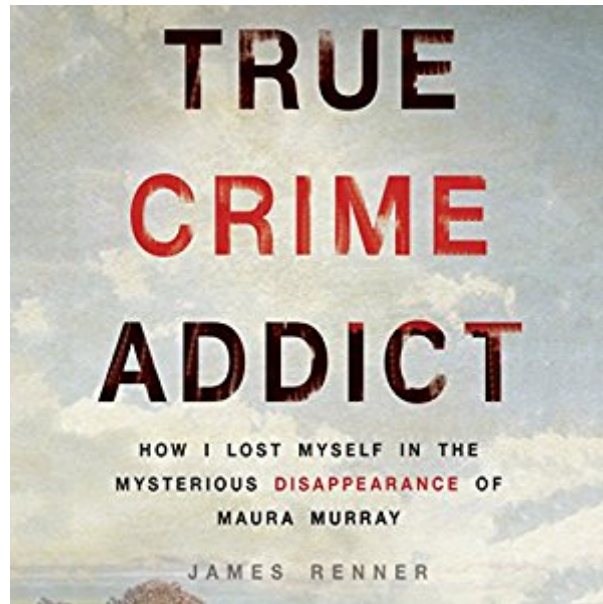


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# True Crime Addict: How I Lost Myself In The Mysterious Disappearance Of Maura Murray



## Synopsis

When 11-year-old James Renner fell in love with Amy Mihaljevic, the missing girl seen on posters all over his neighborhood, it was the beginning of a lifelong obsession with true crime. That obsession led James to a successful career as an investigative journalist. It also gave him PTSD. In 2011 James began researching the strange disappearance of Maura Murray, a UMass student who went missing after wrecking her car in rural New Hampshire in 2004. Over the course of his investigation, he uncovered numerous important and shocking new clues about what may have happened to Maura but also found himself in increasingly dangerous situations with little regard for his own well-being. As his quest to find Maura deepened, the case started taking a toll on his personal life, which began to spiral out of control. The result is an absorbing dual investigation of the complicated story of the all-American girl who went missing and James' own equally complicated true crime addiction. James Renner's True Crime Addict is the story of his spellbinding investigation of the missing person case of Maura Murray, which has taken on a life of its own for armchair sleuths across the web. In the spirit of David Fincher's Zodiac, it is a fascinating look at a case that has eluded authorities and one man's obsessive quest for the answers.

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## Customer Reviews

I've been fascinated by the Maura Murray case for many years, and I looked forward to this book eagerly, buying the audiobook as soon as it came out. Rarely have my expectations for a book been so thoroughly disappointed. This book is *not* about Maura Murray in any meaningful way- certainly

it does not function on even the basic level of coherently presenting the facts of the case. It is primarily a platform for Renner to talk about himself in what he clearly believes is an interestingly gritty way, but which is in fact tawdry and dull, like listening to someone tell you about the new boyfriend they believe is an interesting bad boy but who is really just kind of a loser. If you're interested in hearing in \*great\* detail about the lap dance he once received from a stripper whose sister was murdered (in his view, a clear sign from the universe that he should be writing about crime) or his driving drunk in the name of research (he purports to believe that by driving the route Maura drove before she went missing while drunk himself, he might manipulate time and see what happened, and I guess to hell with any people he might have killed in this process. Spoiler- time does not alter to solve the case in response to his DUI) or constantly portray his wife as a nag for objecting to his VERY objectionable behavior, this book may be of interest. If you were hoping to read any new information, insights, or actual reporting in the Murray case, this book will be a disappointment. I returned it, because the idea of giving this man money had begun to make my skin crawl.

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