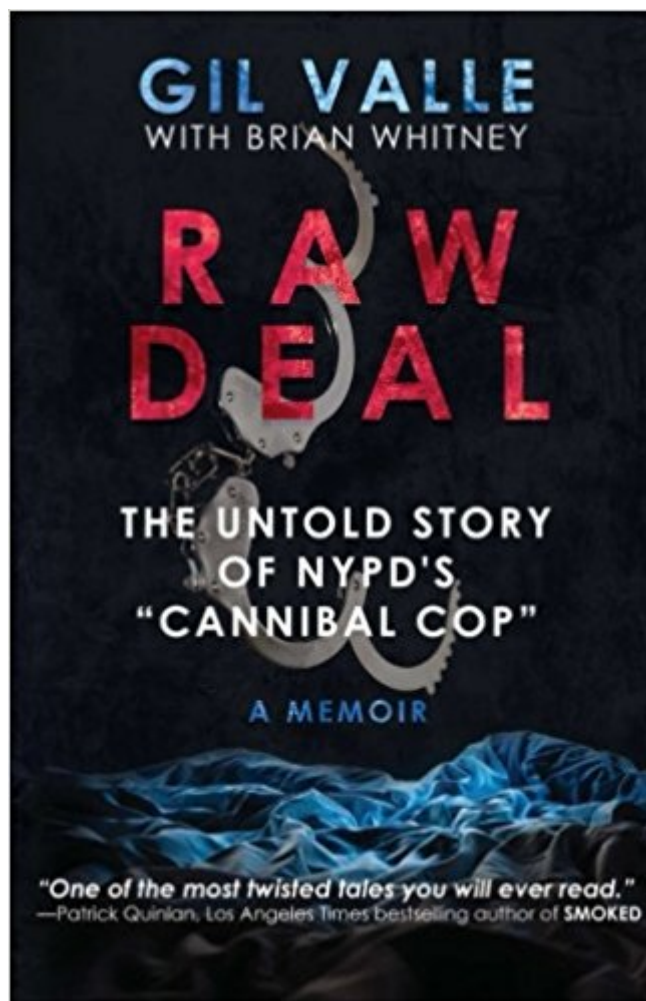


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Raw Deal: The Untold Story Of NYPD's "Cannibal Cop"



Synopsis

"When, if ever, does a thought cross the line and become a crime?" RAW DEAL: The True Story of the NYPD's "Cannibal Cop" is the memoir of Gil Valle, written with co-author Brian Whitney. It is part the controversial saga of a man who was imprisoned for "thought crimes" and a look into an online world of dark sexuality and violence that most people don't know exists, except maybe in their nightmares. In 2012, Valle's wife thought her husband was having an affair because he was spending so much time on the internet, so she decided to sneak a peek at what he was doing. What she saw horrified her. Her husband, she believed, was making plans with others to abduct, torture and ...eat women, including her. He was subsequently arrested at gunpoint by FBI agents and tossed into solitary confinement. After Valle's arrest, worldwide media coverage exploded in a frenzy of lurid tabloid headlines and stories about the "cannibal cop." But here's the fascinating part; there was no such plan in reality. Valle was simply engaging in his own private fantasies, albeit fantasies that are abhorrent and grotesque, with others in online chatrooms. But he was charged for his "thought crimes" and faced life in prison. He was convicted by a jury and incarcerated for 21 months until the judge in his case, overturned the jury decision and he was eventually exonerated of all charges. RAW DEAL: The True Story of NYPD's "Cannibal Cop" delves into the dark world of Valle's violent sexual fantasies. But it is also the tale of his ordeal from his arrest and onslaught of media attention, the devastatingly embarrassing trial and relationship with his female attorney, his wrongful conviction and nearly two years of incarceration, his battle to be free, and his life since. RAW DEAL will certainly test the boundaries of any reader. But it also raises the question of when does thought become a crime? Valle's story will challenge the reader's beliefs about free speech, the right to privacy, and government's role in watching over us.

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Gil Valle is a former police officer who was known as "The Cannibal Cop." He was exonerated of all charges against him. A graduate of the University of Maryland, he lives in Queens, NY with his two beloved dogs, Dudley and Tyson.

From the previews, I could tell that this book was going to be unusual, and it sure is one heck of a journey. The changes happen so fast that it feels like a demolition derby at times. A real life wild ride written by Gil Valle, a NY cop who had a new baby he's crazy about, and is going through a rough patch with his wife, who has moved out for a while while they work on things. He likes his job and is feeling he's becoming good at it, when one one day he is surprised by a bunch of cops as he's getting ready to leave for work. He's taken for questioning about his dirty little secret habit of going onto the Internet and looking at porn while talking about twisted fantasies with others who share his interests. He gets honest with them after seeing they know a lot and to his shock, he's arrested, not for these things he's only thought about and talked about...but for actually kidnapping women and doing horrific things to them that were only fantasies that he'd made up. So they charged him with being part of a conspiracy. This book shows that thought crimes can and do happen and did happen to this ex cop in 2012 when he found himself in prison, convicted and facing possible life in prison just for his thoughts. There is graphic adult language. Very eye opening about intellectual crimes.

This book Raw Deal (cannibal cop) is exceptional well written and fascinating reading. When I first started reading the prologue about Gil I thought you were going to turn out to be a serial killer, a sick pervert, who was a policeman. Then I carried on reading. Gil starts explaining himself you suddenly you realise this is all fantasy, of fetishes rather disturbing and frightening if followed through BUT THEY WERE NOT FOLLOWED THROUGH. That was the difference. Everyone is allowed to have thoughts even if we do not agree with each other but when was it a crime to fantasise. A part of the world would be locked up if someone could read our fantasy. Yes, you should have told your wife Kathleen & I can understand why she left you as you never really explained your online chats about your fantasies properly before when you had plenty of chances. Secrets will always catch you out in relationships. Putting photos of her online was very wrong on your part (different if you had her permission) and lying to her that you did not put any of Kathleen online is worse but you do not need anyone to tell you that now. Kathleen's misguided loyalty with the prosecution makes her just as bad in my eyes as the prosecution Hadassa Waxman, and it is unbelievable the prosecution could lie the way it did and convict Gil Valle. Gil lost everything / His job, his wife, his daughter but most of all Gil lost his freedom for just HAVING A FETISH and going online chatting to other people. Gil spent 21 months in jail several in solitary confinement. Gil Valle was lucky he had a good lawyer who believed in him, and the judge who finally exonerated GIL of all charges. Gil has had to do this at a great cost. I think you are very brave telling your story and I wish you well and hope you get

compensation for time served. Yes I believe your daughter should read this book when she is older and can understand and make her own mind up. May you be reunited one day. I read all true crime books and this one will challenge the reader's beliefs about free speech, the right to privacy. The scary thing is THIS COULD HAPPEN TO ANY OF US

A gripping yet easy read, *Raw Deal* gives the inside first-person account that was so desperately needed to countercheck the jokes, distortions, lies and half-truths perpetrated by the media and many of the stakeholders described in the book. While the book touches on the philosophical and legal questions raised by this unique case, the text mostly allows Valle to share with the reader not only the facts of his experience but also the angst and tangible losses that he still grapples with today- and will for the rest of his life. Until this point, Valle writes, he was stymied in his attempts to tell his story by our legal process and later by those in the media he wrongly trusted. Many who do not know the full facts of the case are revolted by what they think they know about this former cop's fantasies. Some will probably walk away after reading his story with the same revulsion they felt going in. No matter where one's emotions settle, what's clear is that a young man paid an exorbitantly high price for what the author always said - and the legal system eventually agreed with - was pure fantasy. This narrative needed to be told, and Valle tells it well. Highly recommended.

You may never read another book like this one. It's a combination sexual-escapades memoir, the history of an interesting and important legal case, a fable about the dangers of trusting the media, an object lesson about knowing who you can really count on in this life, and a 100-page love letter to the author's daughter. All of this is packed into less than 250 pages. Well and believably written. I kept hearing (even from the author!) about how graphic and horrifying this book would be, but it wasn't grisly -- it was straight from the shoulder and to my mind lacking in horrifying details, except the parts about life in prison. The legal issues alone should make this required reading for every American. Read it!

It is up to each of us to form our own opinions about this story but especially about corruption in the justice system. I can tell you this book totally opened my eyes to how the innocent, until proven guilty, can be condemned as guilty through prosecutorial mis-conduct. Through corruption in law enforcement This book was RIVETING I cried a dozen times. I felt as if I was in his shoes. This could have been me, or you or anyone of us. If my thoughts were put on trial, I'd be convicted of multiple life sentences. Best book I have read in a very long time. I read it in about 3 hours. That's

how good it is!!Just a regular everyday guy. I still don't see how it became this big deal, I just done!!!
Wish Gil all the best in his future!!!!

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