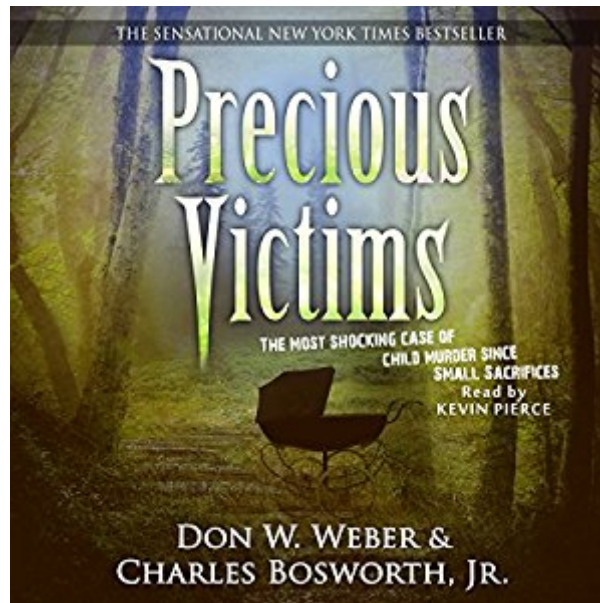




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# Precious Victims: Penguin True Crime



## Synopsis

This is a New York Times best-selling true crime book considered by many to be a classic of the genre. The police in Jersey County, Illinois, accepted Paula Sims' story of a masked kidnapper who snatched her baby girl, Lorelei, from her bassinet. Three years later, her second newborn daughter suffered an identical fate - and this time the police were unable to stop searching until they had discovered the whole horrifying truth. This is the full terrifying story of twisted sexuality and hate seething below the surface of a seemingly normal family and of the massive investigation and nerve-shattering trial that made the unthinkable a reality. Written by the lawyer who won the case and the reporter who covered its entirety, the listener is given a unique close-up of the riveting drama that unfolds, painting a dark picture of the depraved family who lived with a murderous secret.

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## Customer Reviews

I appreciate the research put into the details of the tragedies and the trial - both are quite interesting, however sad. It's apparent the author did his homework and you will not be disappointed. I'm giving this read 4 stars because of the very obvious typos such as "sheis" instead of "she is", "Lew is and Clark Bridge" instead of "Lewis and Clark Bridge" (there several like this and some of them were repetitive). I would still highly recommend this book - informative and interesting!

This book is great. I couldn't put it down. It held my attention. It was well written. I read some of the reviews and some people had agendas. They didn't like it when Mr. Weber was hard on the

defendant and their families. They deserved it. The families stood in the way of justice. Two little girls were murdered. And the family was jerking the police around. Good job Mr. Weber...

Paula Sims just about got away with murder, even though her stories were far fetched. No one wants to believe that a mother could kill her own babies, but this cold woman proves that it does happen. This is an exceptional true crime where the cops and prosecutors go above and beyond to put the evil behind bars. Well told story, this strange family dynamic seemed to just set up the climate for murder.

I don't read a lot of true crime books and some that I have read are not especially well written. That said, *Precious Victims* was very well done. It is a chilling story of a very strange couple and their attempts to cover up the murders of their two infant daughters. It would have been interesting to hear what psychologists finally diagnosed Paula with - I'd be willing to bet that she did not suffer from postpartum depression or psychosis. Anyway, the book was riveting and the efforts of law enforcement and prosecutors to speak for and find justice for the 'precious victims' was most admirable and very touching.

Illinois couple claimed that two separate newborn daughters were kidnapped by masked men in two separate incidents! A young mother called police to claim that a masked man entered her home and took her newborn daughter. She and her husband had no money, and no ransom was demanded. The police suspected the whole story and the couple's emotional response and demeanor, but had no proof to file charges. The remains were found in the woods nearby. The couple then had a son, who was 3 when another newborn girl was reported kidnapped from their home by another masked man! Again, the emotional responses and circumstances were off. The remains were found in a trashcan at a rest stop. The parents seemed to only want a son.

This book has a lot of information and is very detailed. At times it is too detailed veering off on topics that do not add to the story and are sometimes repetitive. There were several grammar, punctuation and sentence structure errors that drove me nuts. But the story is, over all, well told.

This is a well written, sad story of 2 infant girls murdered. Mom stated that a man broke into her home 2 different times. Each event was a bit different, but each child was kidnapped and found dead. This is one cold stoic woman who thinks anything she says will be believed. However, the

police know something isn't right, and keep investigating. Paula Sims leaves you shaking your head throughout this book.

If you want to read about an exciting investigation and trial of an unsolved murder from start to finish read this book. Truth is stranger than fiction and when Charlie and I wrote this we wanted to present the reader with all the clues as they occurred-- not like other books where they spring the most important fact on you at the end so the main characters look brilliant (see Hound of the Baskervilles). It's all here for you to figure out as you read along. (PS I love Sherlock Holmes but Doyle always springs something on the reader at the end.) Does anyone believe the part about freezing the baby while the press looked on? The jury did but I'm still undecided after all these years. Paula filed for Clemency November 1, 2015 and that petition is pending as of this moment. Should I comment on the petition or remain silent? I think silence. What do you think?

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