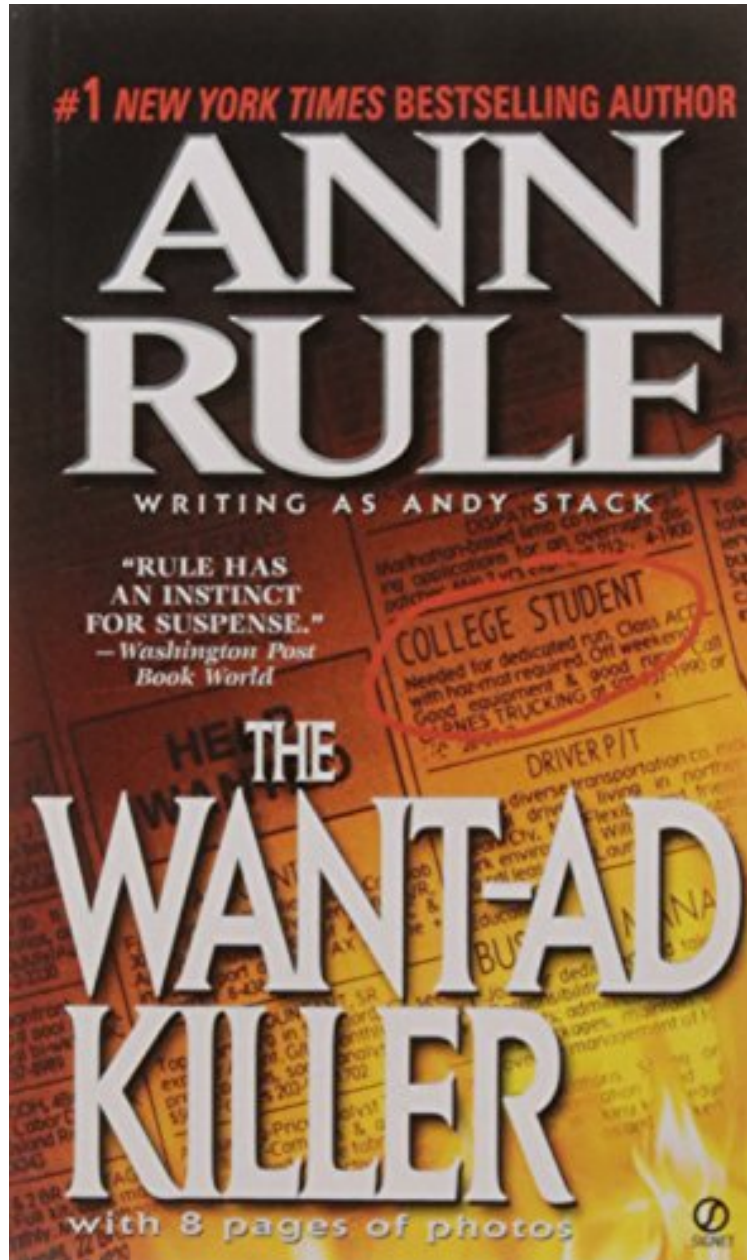


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Ann Rule has long been my favorite true crime author. I was deeply saddened to hear about her recent passing. This is one of her older books, but it displays her unique talent to keep you on the edge of your seat throughout the book while she recounts the horrific events and delves into the psyche of the person behind the crimes. This is the heart wrenching true account of a very troubled man who despised women throughout his life and ended up leaving a trail of blood that extended through several states. It highlights the flawed legal system that existed at the time which allowed convicted criminals to be paroled and back on the streets after just a few years. You won't want to read this when you're alone.  
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The title of this true crime account of Harvey Carignan's vicious assaults and murders is a little misleading. You might think Carignan lured young women to respond by repeatedly placing ads in match-up/lovelorn columns. Actually, he didn't often seem to use newspaper ads to attract victims. On the few occasions he did use that ploy, he was advertising for help at his gas station. So don't read this book expecting to find another "Lonely Hearts Killer." Many of Carignan's victims were victims of opportunity - hitchhikers or girls stranded by the side of the road. Also, don't expect to read about a lot of fancy forensics. This book was an early entry in Ann Rule's true crime series. She wrote it in the 1980's, and it describes crimes committed in the 60's-70's and before. So there's no DNA or other high-tech investigation. Most of the detective work is simple dogged persistence. It is a relief though that the detective work described here, unlike the investigations of so many other crimes you read about, didn't involve a lot of miscommunication and leads that got lost in the smoke of inter-departmental rivalries. There's a little of that, but most of the frustration involved in the Carignan case centers around the official need to allow Carignan his legal loopholes and to delay arresting him pending the accumulation of solid evidence. Meanwhile, the suffering of victims mounts. So as you read this, you might find yourself thinking of ways in which the balance can be restored between the public's right to safety and the accused's right to due process. Most of your attention though will probably be absorbed just reading about and fearing for the victims. As ever, Ann Rule paints you into the scene, watching, waiting, worrying. Rule has the gift of evoking the tragedy with telling detail. One mother long had premonitions of some horrible fate that would befall her daughter. Her unease increases as she waves what she still thinks is a routine good-bye to the girl, looking at her through the "smudged" window of a bus. Such simple common details as the obscuring, erasing smudge on a bus window is what gives these chronicles their special poignancy. This "Updated Edition" includes some of the results of a revealing interview with Carignan.

Long before the Craigslist Killer was Harvey Louis Carignan, the Want-Ad Killer After committing his first grisly crime, Harvey Louis Carignan beat a death sentence and continued to manipulate, rape, and bludgeon women to death, using want ads to lure his young female victims. And time after time, justice was thwarted by a killer whose twisted legal genius was matched only by his sick savagery. Written by true crime master Ann Rule, the stories of Carignans gruesome assaults and murders are rendered in nail-biting detail along with the dogged efforts of the talented detectives whose harrowing work predates DNA testing and modern forensics. Here, complete with the testimony of women who suffered his unspeakable sexual abuses and barely escaped with their lives, and of the police who at last put him behind bars, is one of the most shattering and thought-provoking true-crime stories of our time. Includes 8 pages of photos.

About the Author  
Ann Rule has drawn on her experience as a former policewoman to become one of Americas top true-crime writers. The author of over 1,000 articles and numerous books, she has lectured widely to law-enforcement schools and agencies. She has also serves as a consultant to the FBI's Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VI-CAP), which is used to track and apprehend violent criminals. Her bestselling books, Lust Killer, The Want-Ad Killer, The I-5 Killer, and Small Sacrifices, are available in Signet editions.