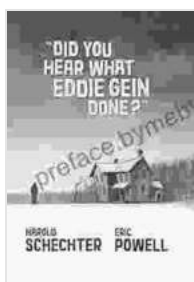


Did You Hear What Eddie Gein Done? The True Story of the Butcher of Plainfield

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Gein was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, in 1906. He grew up in a strict religious household, and his mother often preached to him about the evils of sex. As a child, Gein was shy and withdrawn. He had few friends and often spent his time alone in the woods, hunting and trapping animals.

In 1944, Gein's mother died. This event had a profound impact on him, and he began to spiral out of control. He lost his job, and he started to drink heavily. He also began to develop an unhealthy obsession with death.

In 1954, Gein committed his first murder. He killed a local tavern owner named Mary Hogan. He then took her body back to his farm, where he dismembered it and kept parts of it as trophies.

Gein went on to kill two more women, Bernice Worden and Evelyn Hartley. He also robbed graves and dug up corpses, which he used to create macabre decorations for his home.

In 1957, Gein was finally arrested. He was charged with murder and was found guilty in 1958. He was sentenced to life in prison, where he died in 1984.

Gein's crimes were so shocking that they made headlines around the world. His story has been told in numerous books, articles, and films. He has become a symbol of evil and depravity, and his name has become synonymous with madness and murder.

The Butcher of Plainfield

Gein was known as the "Butcher of Plainfield" because of the gruesome way he butchered his victims. He would often skin them and remove their organs. He would also make furniture and other objects out of their bones and skin.

Gein's crimes were particularly disturbing because they were so senseless. He did not kill for money or for sexual gratification. He simply killed because he enjoyed it.

The Inspiration for Psycho

Gein's crimes inspired the character of Norman Bates in Alfred Hitchcock's classic horror film Psycho. Bates is a mentally disturbed motel owner who murders his guests and keeps their bodies in his basement.

Hitchcock based the character of Bates on Gein after reading a newspaper article about his crimes. He was particularly fascinated by Gein's obsession with death and his use of body parts to create macabre decorations.

The Texas Chainsaw Massacre

Gein's crimes also inspired the character of Leatherface in the horror film *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. Leatherface is a masked killer who wears the skin of his victims. He is also known for his use of a chainsaw to kill his victims.

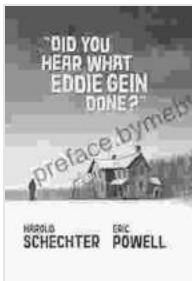
The filmmakers behind *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* were inspired by Gein's crimes when they were developing the character of Leatherface. They wanted to create a character who was as terrifying and depraved as Gein.

Ed Gein's Legacy

Ed Gein is one of the most notorious serial killers in American history. His crimes were so heinous and bizarre that they have fascinated and horrified people for decades.

Gein's legacy is one of violence and madness. He is a symbol of the darkest side of human nature. His crimes are a reminder that even the most seemingly ordinary people are capable of great evil.

If you are interested in learning more about Ed Gein, I highly recommend reading the book *Did You Hear What Eddie Gein Done?* by Harold Schechter. This book is a comprehensive and well-researched account of Gein's life and crimes.



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