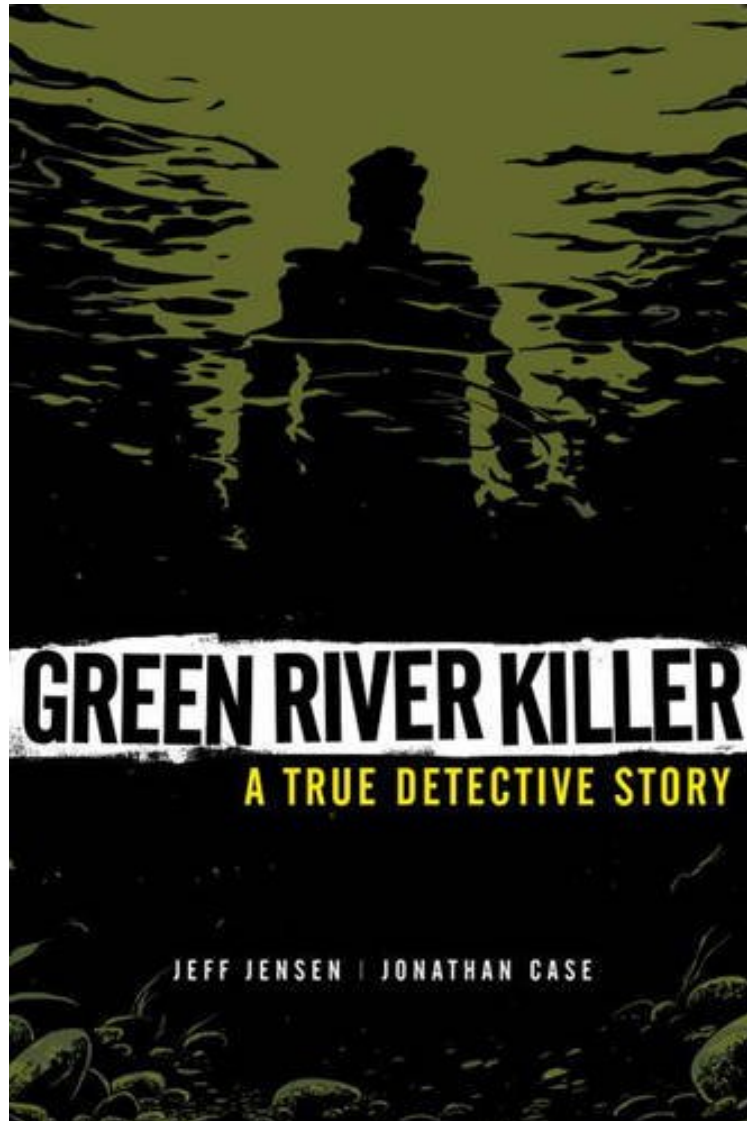


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Jeff Jensen : Green River Killer: A True Detective Story before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Green River Killer: A True Detective Story:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating close look at a disturbing caseBy JensterI found this excellent graphic novel after reading about a similar book, Derf Backderf's My Friend Dahmer. As a long-time reader of the true crime genre, I was intrigued by this pair of books, which take such personal (though very different) looks at two lost souls. Like many of the reviewers of this book, I have limited experience with graphic novels. The format

doesn't turn me off though. This ended up being a terrific read. The book opens with a brief and horrifying look at Ridgeway's early life, which is contrasted with a loving flashback to the courtship of author Jeff Jensen's parents. His father, Tom, was involved in the case from 1984, up through 2003 when he participated in the long and taxing process of corroborating Ridgeway's confessions. I remember how controversial the arrangement was at the time. Shouldn't someone who so casually took the lives of so many women be subject to capital punishment? I admire what the prosecutors did, and Tom Jensen's persistence in following the case through to its end. Another reviewer made a good point about the striking difference between the detective's empathy and Ridgeway's apparent complete lack of it for his victims. That's part of the heart of this book, the illustration of that difference. Jonathan Case's art complements the story well. It's very expressive. What I appreciate about the graphic novel format is its compactness. I'm a compulsive reader, going through 5-10 books a week. I don't always remember them very well, but I have to say that this book made a strong impression on me. I'll remember it for a long time. I recommend it to readers of Ann Rule, and of Robert D. Keppel's *The Riverman*. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. DeliversBy Mike Britton This novel progresses artfully, with focus on the lead investigator as he works on the Green River case. There are some very well done time shifts that link panels together satisfyingly, evoking moods uniquely suited to the form. The artwork is spare and well drawn. I was initially attracted to this book for the shock value, but to my surprise its strength ended up being Tom Jensen, the author's father. Altogether, a very entertaining read. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Great storytelling and quick read By Kevin I picked up "Green River Killer" after the author Jeff Jensen appeared on an episode of RadioLab (podcast) dealing with evil and people who do bad things. My recommendation for this book/graphic novel comes from the ability of Jeff to tell the story in a way that illustrates the common denominator between altruists and psychopaths: empathy. Aside from "The Walking Dead" series, I have never read a story where the hero shows no greater empathy and the villain shows complete lack of empathy. In "Green River Killer", Jeff recounts the past thirty years where his father was the primary detective on the Green River case. Although there are numerous flashbacks, the story primarily takes place in 2003 when Jeff's father has to travel around with the recently captured Green River Killer - Gary Ridgway - to isolate locations where he left or dumped bodies and murdered some of his victims. Overall it is written and illustrated very well where I highly recommend to anyone interested in crime or mystery.

The story of one of America's most notorious killers is revealed in this true-crime comic unlike any other! Throughout the 1980s, the highest priority of Seattle-area police was the apprehension of the Green River Killer, the man responsible for the murders of dozens of women. In 1990, with the body count numbering at least forty-eight, the case was put in the hands of a single detective, Tom Jensen. After twenty years, when the killer was finally captured with the help of DNA technology, Jensen spent 180 days interviewing Gary Leon Ridgway in an effort to learn his most closely held secrets--an epic confrontation with evil that proved as disturbing and surreal as can be imagined. Written by Jensen's own son, acclaimed entertainment writer Jeff Jensen, *Green River Killer: A True Detective Story* presents the ultimate insider's account of America's most prolific serial killer. Praise for a previous edition of *Green River Killer*: "The story Jeff Jensen has to tell about Tom Jensen's pursuit of the Green River Killer, with its artful shifts back and forth in time, operates on two levels: as a spellbinding true-crime story and as a son's deep, loving appreciation of his father's life, work, and code of honor. I finished this book feeling as though I'd read a relentless thriller and a moving memoir: two gifts in one." -Ken Tucker, *Entertainment Weekly* "Terrific. It's got the scariest opening sequence I've read in years, and the novel as a whole makes compelling stay-up-late reading. Great, creepy stuff." - Stephen King

About the Author Jeff Jensen is an American comic book writer who did the bulk of his work in the 1990s. Jensen wrote the four-issue *X Factor* miniseries in 2002 and the graphic novel *Captain America: Red White and Blue* in September, 2002. In 2012 he won an Eisner Award for his 2011 book, *The Green River Killer*. The author lives in Los Angeles.