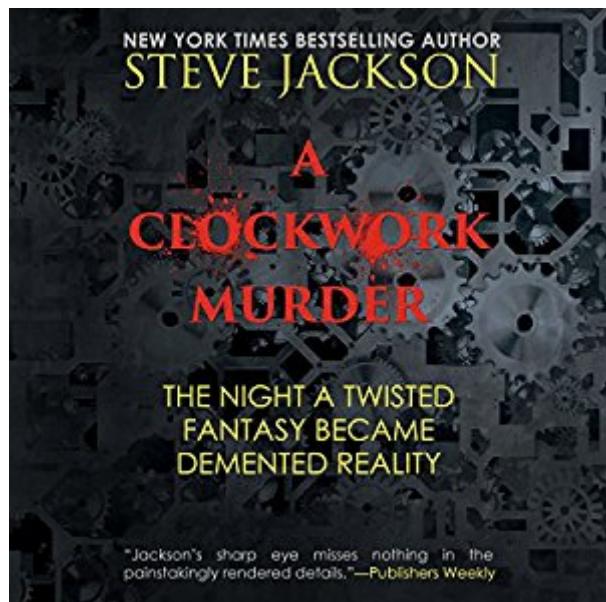


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# A Clockwork Murder: The Night A Twisted Fantasy Became A Demented Reality



## **Synopsis**

They thought about their evil fantasy for months. Then wound up like clockwork toys...they acted. In April 1997, pretty, 22-year-old Jacine Gielinski stopped her car at a red light in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She had no idea that the two young men looking at her from the car next to hers would in that moment decide she would be their target for unspeakable horrors. George Woldt and Lucas Salmon were an unlikely pair of best friends, much less killers. Woldt was a fast-talking, well-dressed ladies man who boasted of his sexual conquests. Salmon was deeply religious, and socially misfit, obsessed with losing his virginity. Woldt was the leader, Salmon his willing follower, but neither had been in serious trouble with the law. However, inspired by the cult movie *A Clockwork Orange*, with its dystopian violence, they fantasized for months what it would be like to abduct, rape, torture, and murder a woman. Then, aroused by watching ultra-violent pornography, they decided to act upon their evil thoughts. Revised and updated with a new afterword from the author, *A Clockwork Murder* recounts the steps that led to an unthinkable crime and its impact on a community, as well as the friends and especially the parents of an innocent young woman who paid with her life for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Fair disclosure, the author is also one of my publishers. I paid for my copy of my book and no influence was applied for my review. WildBlue Press has been exploding as of late, releasing four or five true crime books in the last three weeks alone. I encourage you to go to their website and follow

them on Facebook. They often offer books at discounts upon their release. If reading true crime is a guilty pleasure than I plead such your honor. I write true crime because I like reading true crime. I like the gambit of topics too. This book caught my attention because Jackson wrote it and I liked his book *Bogeyman*. Jackson has peeled a page from Truman Capote in setting up this book's flow. Most true crime stories are formulaic. There's a brutal crime (or the body is found), then there is the background of the victim, the investigation, the arrest and profile of the killer, and justice is served. Some true crime books are like watching the *Dukes of Hazzard* that way. You know that at least one commercial break will be the General Lee mid-jump. The pattern is so embedded in most true crime books they can have a cookie cutter feeling. Steve Jackson tossed out that formula, much like Capote did with *In Cold Blood*. Instead Jackson takes us on a journey, starting with a pair of killers. One dominant and demented, the other just bizarre. They live in a world right next to our own, a dark one filled with blackened minds and souls. Whenever our world of light and theirs of the darkness touch, death often follows. Much like *In Cold Blood*, these men alone would not have been a risk to society. Together though, they became a single killer. The reader is drawn into their dark and depraved world twisted around the movie *A Clockwork Orange*. The way the killers play off of each other, feed each other's strange fantasies, takes a long hard left down Highway Crazy. In doing so, Jackson builds a tension. You know a crime is coming—it is only a matter of time. When it does happen you are stunned as a reader by the quick resolution about 48% of the way through the book. How can that be? Where is the dogged investigation, the pursuit of leads and misdeeds? As an author I found myself wondering, "Where is the author going to go from here?" Jackson subtly and slyly turns the case and his narrative on its edge. This is about the victim's family and the gnarled and contentious death penalty. The trial is something that leaves even the most ardent law-lover hating the defense lawyers in this case. I refuse to ruin the book for you the reader. To do so would be a crime in and of itself. This is a wonderful and dark summer read not for the light of heart. It is a journey into the minds of two men who together become one killer. It is an unpaved roadway through the legal system and what the survivors of such crimes are forced to endure. A solid five out of five stars.

I read many genre including true crime and this book literally gave me chills. This could happen to anyone. This young girl was loved and cherished by her family and friends. She was intelligent, kind, pretty and was doing absolutely nothing wrong when she was abducted. This is every parents worst nightmare. Grab a tissue because this chilling book will bring tears.

This book gives an in-depth look at both the crime and the aftermath. We read of the mindset that both of these men possessed and how it led to kidnapping and murder. The bold and unexpected way they were able to abduct Jacine gives one pause. No one anticipates being grabbed off the street especially when there are witnesses about. The book is divided into 3 parts. In Part One the focus centers around the culprits, giving us background and present day aspects of what makes them tick. In Part Two we are introduced to Jacine and her family. Here, we also read of how the crime occurred and the arrest of Woldt and Salmon. Part Three delves into the trial, Jackson manages to give us a good look at the court proceedings without bogging it down with a lot of dry technical jargon. All in all, I found this a fascinating read, one that I think most true crime readers will find both detailed and interesting.

Sometimes I truly hate defense attorneys and their star witnesses. The defense attorneys in this book stoop as low as any I've ever read about. Steve Jackson tells this heartbreak story in great detail. And it is very heartbreak. Totally senseless, as murder usually is. Jacine would have been a great asset to the world had she not had the bad misfortune to cross paths with these two sickos, who thought it might be fun to kidnap, rape, and murder a young woman. I would have fully supported the death penalty for both these guys. God bless Jacine's family. I truly hope that she and her mom, wherever they are, are there together.

WHY DO I DO THIS TO MYSELF? I'm interested in true crime books/documentaries, but some murder cases get to me more than others and this is one of them. I cried twice throughout reading this book. A Clockwork Murder is about the brutal rape and murder of Jacine Gielinski, a beautiful and kind young woman who made many people very happy. She was killed by two young men - George Woldt and Lucas Salmon. Luckily, Woldt and Salmon were caught just hours after the murder and confessed quickly. This book tells all about how the lives of the killers, the life of the victim, how the killers came to meet each other, details about their sick friendship, the aftermath of the random, brutal, horrible murder and the lengthy court battles as Jacine's parents want the killers to get the death penalty. I thought that this book was very well-written! The author clearly knows what he's talking about and even though the subject matter was sad and hard for me to read at times, it was interesting. It showcases some of the problems we have with our justice system sometimes, such as defense attorneys! My jaw literally dropped at parts of it when I read what some of those lawyers did in the courtroom, making things more miserable for Jacine's family, all because

they didn't want to lose the case. If you're a fan of true-crime books, I definitely recommend this one! Copy provided by Netgalley for an honest review.

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