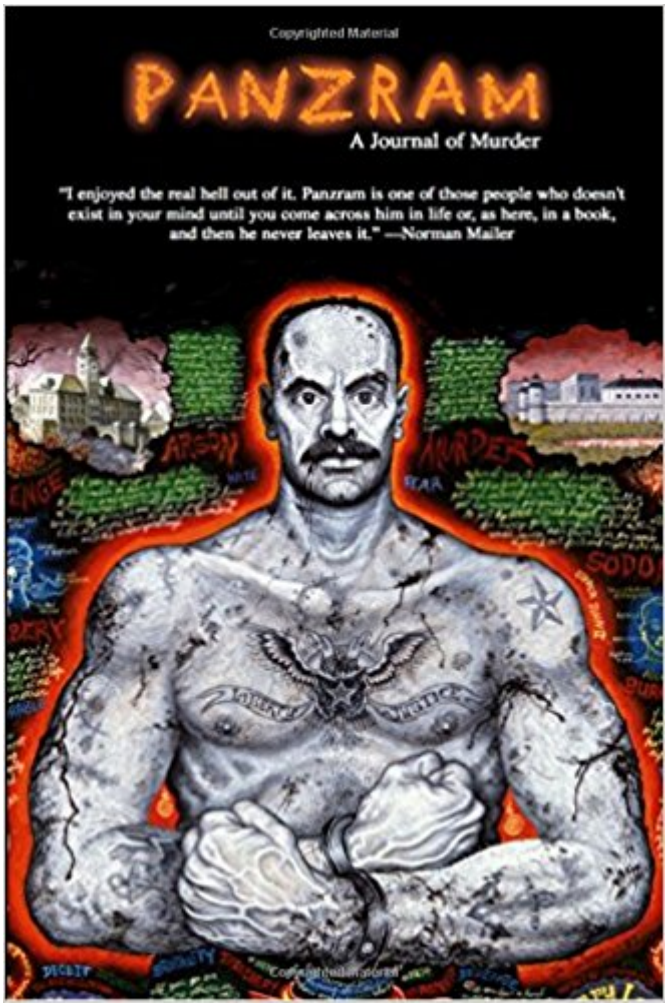
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Synopsis

A detailed memoir and self-analysis by a mass murderer. Panzram was born in 1891 on a Minnesota farm and died in 1930 on the gallows at the U.S.Penitentiary, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Imprisoned for most of his life from the age of twelve and brutally punished, Panzram's keen insight into the arbitrary cruelty of his fellow human being is graphically illustrated with a litany of prison abuses, as well as the details of his own sordid, tragic life. Panzram arrives as a gripping warning from America's past to new prison-industrial complex era. The authors add an historical and sociological framework for Panzram's words.

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Thomas E. Gaddis was most noted for his book about convicted murderer Robert Stroud, who was known as the "Birdman of Alcatraz."James O. Long is an award-winning newspaperman and Pulitzer Prize nominee noted for his investigative and feature articles in the Portland Oregonian.Harold Schechter is a professor of American literature and culture. Renowned for his true-crime writing, he is the author of the nonfiction books "Fatal, Fiend, Bestial, Deviant, Deranged, Depraved, " and, with David Everitt, "The A to Z Encyclopedia of Serial Killers". He is also the author of "Nevermore" and "The Hum Bug", the acclaimed historical novels featuring Edgar Allan Poe. He lives in New York State.

This is a very interesting book, as much for what it tells us about the conditions and pratices of

American prisons in the first half of the 20th century as it does about Panzram himself. One thing worth noting, though, is that some reviews of the book mention that it includes the complete text of Panzram’s autiobiography along with the editors’ supplemental material. However, I don’t believe that to be the case... what we get are only excerpts from what is likely a much longer autobiographical work. The web description of Panzram at the University of San Diego (where his original papers are stored) mention that only "parts of Panzram’s manuscript" were used in the book. It’s a shame we don’t get the whole text (and USD hasn’t put it online).I do think it’s unfortunate that the book is subtitled "A Journal of Murder", because Panzram’s actual acts of murder are only minor elements of the book. It’s much more about his life, his time in prisons, and the prisons themselves.

I write about serial killers. I have to try and see through their eyes. This is a fabulous book, probably THE book that started the nurture vs nature discussions by psychologists and psychiatrists around the World. Panzram holds nothing back. You can’t be squeamish and read this book. It is riveting and hard to put down. You get a brutal view of how hard and difficult life was an 1800’s pioneer/settler. The saddest thing about this book for me, is that Panzram was as brilliant a writer as Jack London was.

Interesting book, but a sad story. Panzram’s early life was ....no life. He was abused physically and mentally - from early childhood to the very end of his life.For someone uneducated, he had a great way of expressing his feelings through words.

This book is a must read, but only for the strong with a stomach of iron.

Twisted, if this guy can’t rob it or burn it he is going to f*** it. But like all criminals, he blames society for the way he is. That theme gets old fast. The book unfortunately aged quickly also. I almost tossed it after reading fifty pages or so.

A truly mesmerizing book about a man who truly hated the human race--because from the very beginning he knew nothing but pain and cruelty..the penal system, which practiced cruelty and torture (what you would normally expect from China or North Korea) only intensified his hatred. It makes you understand how he ticked, and who knows if you were in the same circumstances.... Once you pick it up and start reading, you will not want to stop reading it. Amazing considering this

individual was never formally educated he wrote with the skill that would make any professional writer envious. It is an intense read..but also heartbreaking how inhumane humanity is.

An absolute enlightening book that grabs your mind and makes you question so much about life. LOVE IT

A thrilling and tragic story from one of America's most fearsome serial killers. An indictment of America's penal system. Panzram is an amazing writer. I honestly believe Hemingway stole his whole shtick from this guy. Check it out!

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