

Discussion Questions

1. What are your initial reactions to this book? How did it differ from other true crime books you may have read? Would you recommend it to others?
2. Do you participate in hiking, camping or other wilderness activities? If so, how did this affect how you experienced this book? Did this book influence you to change your behavior during wilderness activities?
3. What difficulties do you think law enforcement could face investigating any crime that occurs in the wilderness?
4. This crime occurred in 1996. How do you think the crime and/or the investigation would be different if it took place today?
5. How did the unique customs of "trail life" affect the investigation?
6. Discuss the attitudes of the initial investigators of the murders and their conclusions, as well as how they communicated to the public about the case.
7. What do you think about the possible alternative suspect the author explores, serial killer Richard Marc Evonitz?
8. How did you feel about the author's participation in the story? Did it affect the narrative--either positively or negatively?
9. Talk about the victims, Lollie and Julie. Did you relate more to one than the other?
10. Which National Park is located closest to you? Discuss what would you like to see done to ensure the wilderness is safer and more inclusive for everyone.