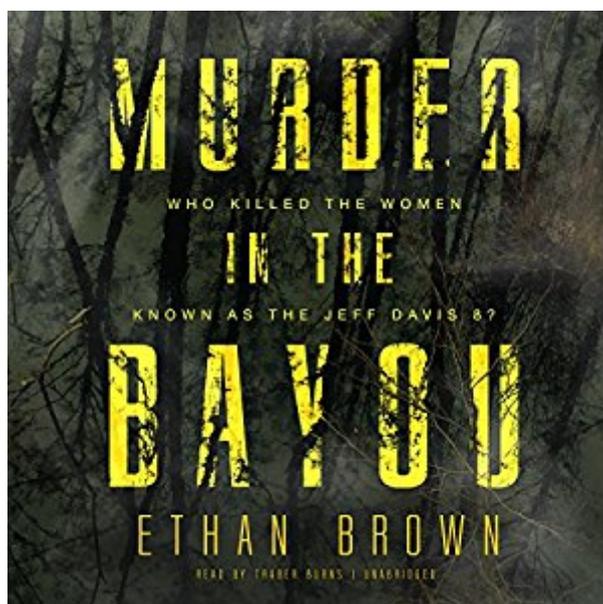


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# Murder In The Bayou: Who Killed The Women Known As The Jeff Davis 8?



## Synopsis

An explosive, true-life southern gothic story, *Murder in the Bayou* chronicles the twists and turns of a high-stakes investigation into the murders of eight women in a troubled Louisiana parish. Between 2005 and 2009, the bodies of eight women were discovered around the murky canals and crawfish ponds of Jennings, Louisiana, a bayou town of 10,000 in the heart of the Jefferson Davis parish. Local law enforcement officials were quick to pursue a serial killer theory, opening a floodgate of media coverage, from CNN to the New York Times. Collectively the victims became known as the "Jeff Davis 8," and their lives, their deaths, and the ongoing investigation reveals a small southern community's most closely guarded secrets. As Ethan Brown suggests, these homicides were not the work of a single serial killer, but the violent fallout of Jennings' brutal sex and drug trade, a backwoods underworld hidden in plain sight. Mixing muckraking research and immersive journalism over the course of a five-year investigation, Ethan Brown reviewed thousands of pages of previously unseen homicide files to determine what happened during each victim's final hours. Epic in scope and intensely suspenseful, *Murder in the Bayou* is the story of an American town buckling under the dark forces of poverty, race, and class division - and a lightning rod for justice for the daughters it lost.

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Violence, corruption, incompetence, intimidation, cronyism, lies, cover ups and back door politics are just some of what this book uncovers in a little southwest Louisiana town. While it shines a

magnifying lens on Jennings, La. be sure that this type of thing goes on in towns small and large all over the country. The book is well researched and well presented, giving the facts that the author has discovered in an entertaining and easy to read manner.

Captivating! Takes you into a mixed up world where dark forces, and the elite of a small rural Cajun town seem to have joined forces, all the while murders, prostitution, corruption, rape, go on. An unsolved case of 8 murders, with 1 degree of separation from the police and the street kings in the Hub of Cajun country.

The deaths of eight women in Jefferson Davis Parish between 2005 and 2009 have been the subject of many news outlets, including CNN and the New York Times. In 2014, New Orleans investigative journalist Ethan Brown published a long-form article on Medium.com titled "Who Killed the Jeff Davis 8?" that caused quite a stir, eluding that law enforcement officials in Jennings and Lake Arthur were involved in a sex and drug operation that resulted in those women's deaths. Naturally, the fallback was intense. Brown was warned about taking the research further. He ignored that advice and his book "Murder in the Bayou: Who Killed the Women Known as the Jeff Davis 8?" hit bookshelves Tuesday. "One of my contacts in southwest Louisiana who is deeply connected to the case told me, 'I've already heard more than once that you'll never get that book out. You can take that however you want to. But is that book worth your life?'" Brown relates in the book. Once again, Brown suggests that the homicides were not the work of a serial killer but the fallout of Jennings' sex and drug trade, linked to police involvement. The book offers in great detail through hundreds of hours of interviews and thousands of public records obtained by Brown that an elaborate system of corruption occurred and is possibly still occurring in Jefferson Davis Parish. He shows us the lives of the eight women and others who have died, pieces together information gleaned from witnesses and interviews and produces a disturbing scenario of crime and injustice. He also suggests that Rep. Charles Boustany, a current candidate for the Senate, had links to the owner of the hotel where crimes occurred. It's a complicated web of intrigue and murder and one that will haunt you long after you put the book down.

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