

**Review: Ann McElhinney and Phelim McAleer, *Gosnell: The Untold Story of America's Most Prolific Serial Killer*, Regnery Publishing, Washington, D.C., 2014**

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**Symptom of Society's Metastasising Cancer**

This is a book many will understandably shy away from, for it deals with the 'normalised' sin of murder of innocents happening daily across the 'morally superior' Western world. Even Christians are reluctant to broach the topic, partly due to increasing State persecutions around protesting or even praying about abortion outside a clinic (e.g., now a thought crime in the UK!).

However, ignoring it as if mere symptoms of the problem, like Dr Kermit Gosnell, are exceptional causes which the law has now dealt with will get people nowhere. One could just as easily attend church in Auschwitz with a concentration camp running next door. The land is currently cursed from the innocent blood and society will continue to rot.

The most shocking facts are how 'pro-choice' jurists and judges were forced by the evidence to change their minds about abortion, not becoming pro-life *per se*, but recognising their consciences weren't totally seared.

On Gosnell, the reality is his crimes couldn't have occurred without extraordinary approval and oversight lack from the Philadelphia Health Department, and right up to the cowardly Republican Governor Tom Ridge who didn't want to make waves since closing clinics would create a "barrier" for women seeking abortions. At the start, the DA even decided to drop murder charges as it would cause a spike in crime making the city look bad!

A characterisation of the 'doctor' is as one possessed, a cog in an infernal charnel house. A passerby outside the clinic in the street said to the author: "there's evil in that place".

The journalists are to be commended for their research and documentation, which brings to light this great evil.

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## **Foreword (pp. xiii-xv)**

## **Preface (pp. xviii-xx)**

### **I) From Drug Bust to House of Horrors (pp. 1-37)**

Undercover cop Woody would tail known dealers till they committed a traffic violation, then give them the opportunity to go free if they cooperated and became confidential informants.

Drug dealer Robert Carey forged 142K OxyContin and Percocet prescriptions between 2008 and 2010.

Woody: “ When you do these types of investigations, you’ve got to put up the money ... An Oxy 80mg tablet street buy is worth \$80.”

Gosnell ran a pill-smurfing scheme (smurf junkies buy dozens of scripts from doctors). He once wrote patient Susan five prescriptions: 60 X 80mg OxyContin; 90 X Xanax; 8oz X codeine; 60 X Bactrium DS antibiotics; and 60 X Lexapro (antidepressants).

His three patient categories were: seekers (dealers); procedures (abortion seekers); general sick. Seekers had to write their names on a list and wait for hours, then pay a \$150 consultation fee; each ‘prescription’ would then cost \$20. He would write 200 prescriptions on an average night.

Gosnell thought he was improving the local economy with his drug trade.

His Women’s Medical Society abortion clinic at 3801 Lancaster Avenue reeked of cat feces, formaldehyde and urine. When law enforcement raided it, the five women waiting were upset since their abortions were being interfered with. Gosnell was allowed to do an abortion during the raid; he also often ate food during them.

The search took hours and investigators found remains of 47 babies in jars.

He manipulated thousands of ultrasounds to falsify fetal ages *incorrectly*, to 24.5 weeks since he thought the legal maximum age was 24 weeks (not 23 weeks and six days)! He also believed he could just “round down” to 24.

One Patient #6 was having her forth abortion at Gosnell’s clinic.

Nobody found fetal remains at Gosnells’ home; however when they went down to the basement in hazmat suits they quickly came back up covered in fleas.

## **II) “Murder in Plain Sight” (pp. 38-57)**

After a Grand Jury’s conclusion, recommendation is made whether any indictments should be made.

If those 47 babies were had no brains, they were probably killed in the womb via suction, so no indictment for murder would be possible.

Gosnell would use scissors to snip the necks of babies born alive. He also liked to cut the feet off babies and keep them in jars as ‘souvenirs’.

The biparietal diameter (BPD) measure is used to estimate gestational age.

## **III) Dereliction of Duty (pp. 58-98)**

Toilets at the clinic were often blocked with fetal remains.

The place was so bad even the National Abortion Federation turned down its accreditation application (yet they never reported him).

Despite the fact plenty of drugs were left inside, it wasn’t broken into after the department of health shut finally it down. A passerby outside: “there’s evil in that place”.

Gosnell failed an obstetrics and gynecology residency.

Pennsylvania licensed his clinic in 1979.

Women often returned post-abortion with an STD parasite trichomoniasis, possibly contracted from unclean instruments.

He charged \$680 per standard abortion, and claimed to believe in the Hippocratic Oath!

The anaesthetic Nubain is contraindicated for people on methadone therapy.

Due to state approval and lack of oversight, he likely felt invincible.

Republic Governor Tom Ridge believed closing clinics would create a “barrier” for women seeking abortions.

DOH chief counsel Christine Dutton to the Grand Jury: “ people die”. The Grand Jury showed how public servants were completely unwilling to admit responsibility, and everyone lawyered-up at taxpayer expense!

Gosnell was also enrolled in the childhood vaccination program [‘helping’ children at the same time he was killing them!].

Second trimester abortions require 2-3 days; seaweed laminaria are inserted the first day to expand the cervix.

Gosnell claimed he burnt the babies after abortions.

He was charged with 25 offences.

#### **IV) Willing Accomplices (pp. 99-140)**

Pro-abortionists are on a “moral crusade”.

Gosnell taught workers how to kill live babies with scissors.

He was also a philanderer, having relations with his staff.

He treated white women quite differently, offering better ‘care’.

Gosnell hired intern Steve Massof who went to Grenada to study medicine after failing to get into a U.S. school.

At 27 weeks, the baby's lungs enable breathing ex-utero.

Gosnell would often try unsuccessfully to kill the baby via a heart Digoxin injection (successful contact as called a "good shot"). His kill rate was so poor since he never used an ultrasound.

Massof admitted to killing babies alive; a "transection".

#### **V) "The Indian Woman" (pp. 141-157)**

Karnamaya Mongar was Nepalese but from Bhutan. These are predominantly Hindu, but Bhutan is Buddhist, and in the 1970s King Wangchuck began promoting his country as a "Buddhist Shangri-La", replacing GDP with "Gross National Happiness". However, the Hindu minority of a hundred thousand had to be expelled under this new regime.

Mongar was taken in by the U.S. as a refugee, but her support only lasted three months.

Gosnell's staff gave Mongar five sedatives and an IV *after* she was already asleep. This was a "twilight" of: 75mg Demerol; 12.5mg Promethazine; and 10mg of diazepam (Valium).

The pulse oximeter never worked, and the clinic's emergency exit gates were locked.

Therapeutic hypothermia is often used after heart attack to improve brain activity.

#### **VI) The Babies (pp. 159-174)**

Gosnell was charged with seven first-degree murder counts and two of infanticide. The DA decided to drop the murder charges since it would cause a spike in the statistics and made the city look bad!

A BPD of 75 indicates seven months. A baby of 24.5 weeks would be ~62.

## **VII) Gosnell on Trial (pp. 175-212)**

One patient was amazed that, “nobody ever complained about the screams”.

Gosnell rejected the plea deal, and never even took the stand.

In the 1972 Mother’s Day Massacre, Gosnell and experimenter Harvey Karman tried out a 97-plastic-razor-bladed ball (the “super coil”) on fifteen women. The blades were set in a gel which, after insertion, would thaw and release the blades to slice the fetus apart. It failed, injuring nine of the woman with one having a hysterectomy.

Since Gosnell was convicted none of his children have visited him. In 2014, his son was shot and wounded in an attempted house burglary.

Expert witness OBS/GYN Dr Karen Feisullin would do 2-4 abortions per week; using the pill [Mifepristone and Misoprostol] up to nine weeks.

Abortions can tear the cervix causing future pregnancy problems.

Births at 23 weeks have at least a 40% survival chance.

KCl and Digoxin are used by abortionists so they don’t have a live birth; since any child born alive is just left to die on a table.

For breach positions the abortionist suctions out the brain first to collapse the skull.

## **VIII) Gosnell Versus Gump (pp. 213-226)**

The defense sought to question whether the seven babies really were born alive.

In regards to determining life, the law states: “the beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, definite movement of the voluntary muscle or any brain wave activity”.

The judge dismissed the abuse of corpse charges.

### **IX) Profiles in Courage? (pp. 227-241)**

Pennsylvania hadn't executed anyone since 1999.

Gosnell decided to waive his appeal rights and take life in prison without parole.

### **X) Media Malpractice (pp. 242-267)**

The trial began March 2013 amidst a media blackout.

Planned Parenthood gets \$500M p.a. in tax payer funding.

### **XI) America's Biggest Serial Killer? (pp. 268-280)**

Many killers simply hide in plain sight.

Gosnell had six children by three wives.

Staff claim he had a ferocious temper, was spiteful, narcissistic, and miserly (the reason why the premises were filthy).

### **XII) Meeting the Monster (pp. 281-308)**

When visiting Auschwitz and Birkenau, Gosnell found the clothing bins used for Jews as "very impressive".

In jail, he goes to Muslim Nation of Islam services, and studies the Koran

### **XIII) Aftermath (pp. 309-318)**