

How did one man convince hundreds of followers to swallow this fatal concoction? Where did the Jonestown experiment—which had attracted young and old, Black and white, with its shining promises of equality and justice—go so terribly, tragically wrong?

Tracing Jim Jones's life from Indiana to the uncharted Guyanese jungle, master nonfiction writer Candace Fleming depicts in heart-stopping detail the ways in which Jones slowly indoctrinated, then murdered, his innocent followers. In these pages, readers will meet an unforgettable cast of characters, including Carolyn Layton, Jones's mistress and second-in-command; Congressman Leo Ryan, who tried to rescue Temple members; and Stephan Jones, Jones's own teenage son, who stood up to his father's tyranny . . . but not before it was too late.

Peppered with riveting first-person accounts from those who escaped, as well as transcribed recordings of that terrible last day in November 1978, here is the chilling, un-put-downable story of one of the worst mass murders in U.S. history, perfect for true-crime fans and anyone who wants an utterly engrossing read.

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