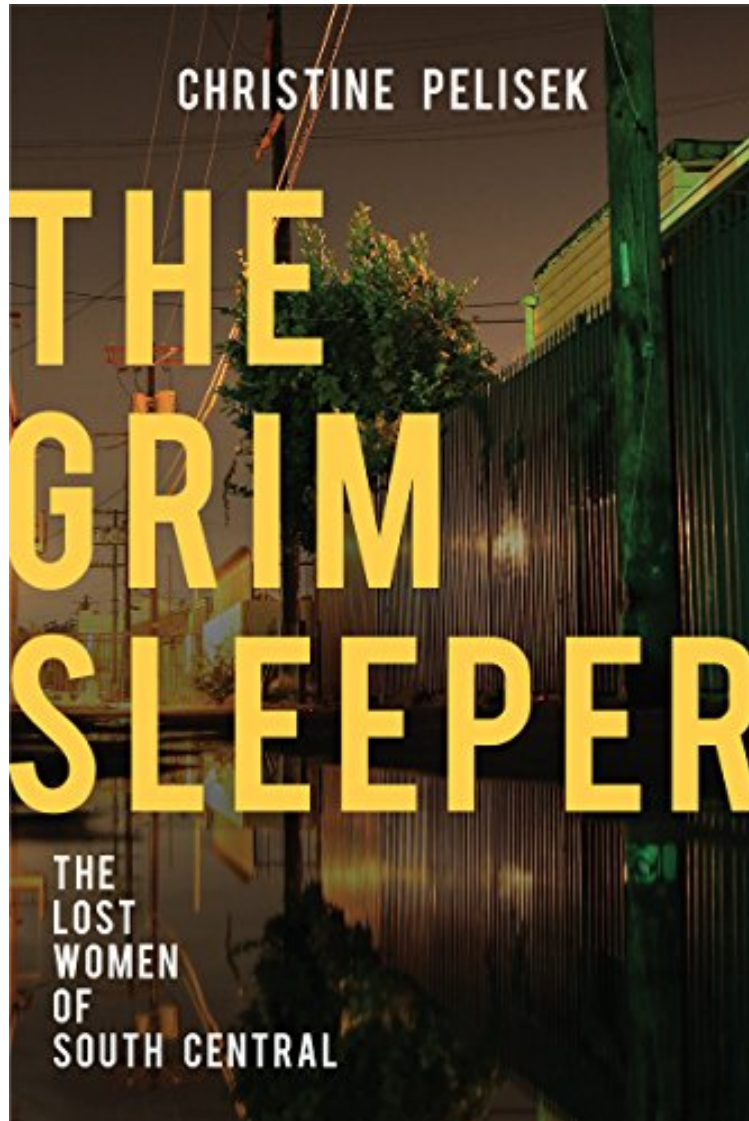


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group and the fact that a black serial killer was captured after having killed three white women in West Los Angeles. But 100 African American women had to die before the fires of active investigation were lit that led to the capture of the Grim Sleeper. The absence of and in depth exploration of racism and classism in the investigation of the Grim Sleeper and the other killer operating with impunity is a glaring omission in an otherwise discourse on this daring killer. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Justice Prevailed By Colby Boyd This book was devastating to read, but nonetheless needed to be told. Christine should be commended for putting her heart and soul into this story and the families affected by this tragic tale of events. So glad Lonnie Franklin is behind bars. He is a monster. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. not bad By rich schmeizeri wouldve liked to hear more about what man himself was like -his thinking-his thoughts;

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