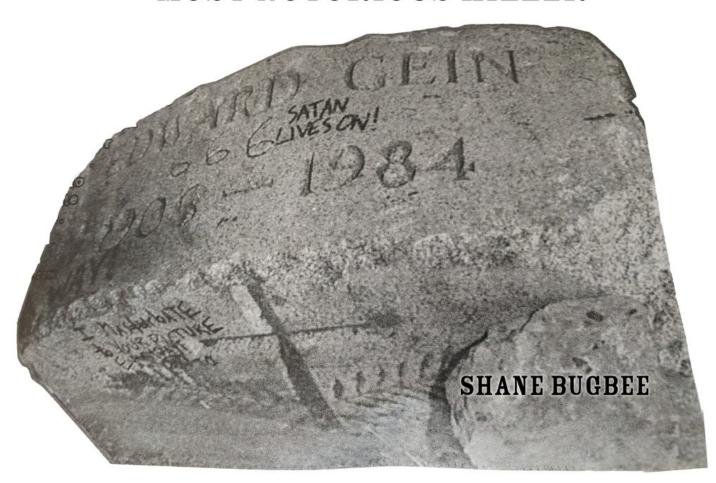
## **Artist Confesses To Ed Gein Tombstone Theft in New Tell-All Book**

Memoir Reveals Shocking Details of Crime, Aftermath, and Surprising Reaction from Victim's Own Family 25 Years Later





## MY OBSESSION WITH AMERICA'S MOST NOTORIOUS KILLER



Chicago, Illinois Oct 15, 2025 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - More than two decades after the audacious crime made international headlines, artist and provocateur Shane Bugbee has released a definitive confession in his new book, I STOLE ED GEIN'S TOMBSTONE: My Obsession with America's Most Notorious Killer. The memoir provides a stunning, unapologetic account of the 2000 grave marker theft, detailing the planning, execution, and complex psychological motivations behind the act that reverberated through the killer's hometown of Plainfield, Wisconsin as well as the world.

The book's most shocking revelation centers on the raw, uncensored phone calls Bugbee recorded with the families still living in Gein's shadow. These include the Worden family, relatives of Gein's final victim Bernice Worden, and the Hill family. In a stunning twist, the book reveals a private admission of approval for the stone's removal from a member of the Worden family, significantly complicating the narrative of victimhood and community outrage.

"This wasn't just about a stolen rock; it was about confronting America's sick fascination with its own monsters," says Bugbee. "I wanted to hold up a mirror to the hypocrisy of the true-crime world and the commercialization of tragedy. The results were more chaotic and revealing than I ever could have imagined."

I STOLE ED GEIN'S TOMBSTONE is a document of provocation and a direct challenge to the truecrime industrial complex. It provides an unflinching look at the human cost of digging up ghosts and the ongoing struggle between historical memory and a community's desire for peace. The narrative includes:

- THE CONFLICT: The full story of Bugbee's infamous 2005 showdown with the Mayor of Salem,
  MA, over an exhibit featuring the alleged Ed Gein "death truck."
- THE OBSESSION: A deep dive into the psychology of the act, connecting Bugbee's motivation to his life's work and his claim of an impossible, interview with Gein himself from beyond the grave.
- THE HYPOCRISY: An exploration of the dark, often fraudulent world of "murderabilia" collecting and the outrage over the eBay auction of a truck alleged to have been Gein's.

About the Author: Shane Bugbee is a central figure in the transgressive art movement, a publisher, and a cultural provocateur. He co-founded The Satanic Temple and has spent his career exploring controversial aspects of American culture.

Availability: The e-book is NOW AVAILABLE on Amazon. For signed hardcover copies and exclusive content, please visit the official site: <a href="edgeinfanclub.com">edgeinfanclub.com</a>

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