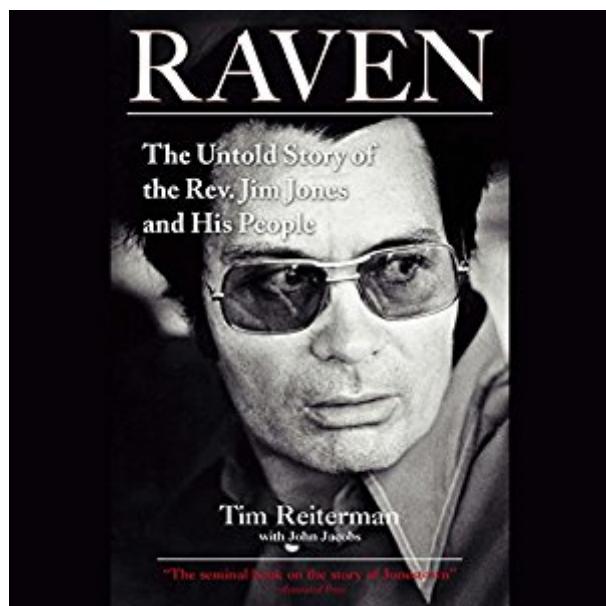


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# Raven: The Untold Story Of The Rev. Jim Jones And His People



## **Synopsis**

The basis for the upcoming HBO miniseries and the "definitive account of the Jonestown massacre" (Rolling Stone). Tim Reiterman's *Raven* provides the seminal history of the Rev. Jim Jones, the Peoples Temple, and the murderous ordeal at Jonestown in 1978. This PEN Award-winning work explores the ideals gone wrong, the intrigue, and the grim realities behind the Peoples Temple and its implosion in the jungle of South America. Reiterman's reportage clarifies enduring misperceptions of the character and motives of Jim Jones, the reasons why people followed him, and the important truth that many of those who perished at Jonestown were victims of mass murder rather than suicide. This widely sought work is restored to print after many years with a new preface by the author.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Excellent book by eye witness Tim Reitermann. I used to think Jim Jones was just crazy, but this book points out the evil in this man from a very early age. If you are at all interested in the phenomenon of The People's Temple, THIS is the definitive work. Read it.

I've got to give this book 5 stars because it is certainly one of the best history books I've ever read - the only one I can compare it to is Hochschild's "Bury the Chains". It's responsible without ever being boring and suspenseful/emotional without ever being sensationalist. Damn good journalism!OK, now for the Kindle Complaints. Reviewer Val (2010) was right on the mark about how poorly Kindle has handled this. Val is right about all the defects (chapter advances, index, etc.) and

he even left out some of the worst defects: Yes, the book has excellent citations, but you can't click back and forth from the text to the notes as you can on better-published kindles. And I still wonder why Kindle, with all its ingenuity, can not manage to synch page numbers - It's embarrassing when you go to a book club and folks cite a page number and you don't have a clue except maybe trying a "search" or an index IF IT WORKS, and, as Val points out --- this one doesn't. One more beef: The Table of Contents doesn't mention photos - they're only at the end ... a ----well, not a PLEASANT surprise, given the subject matter...but a helpful surprise...wish I'd known about them sooner as I was reading the book.

Such a well written book. No one talks about jonestown, other than the infamous "drink the Kool aid" line used to refer to cult mentality. so it was fascinating to learn about this horrible event . It's a disturbing account of the madness and charisma of Jim Jones. The detail the author went into to portray every emotion of not only Jim but his nearest and dearest and of the populace of jonestown , was exquisite. This book did a wonderful job and had me in tears at times. Definitely worth a Read!

This book is fantastic. It provides a lot of information from the very start to the very beginning and I've learned a lot about this piece of history and Jim Jones himself. If you're interested in learning more about Peoples' Temple, I would highly recommend this.

I voice been fascinated by this story, and wanted to read a new perspective about it. This is a good read, authors a little bit windy, but overall a nice way to learn more about a very twisted part of our history.

I have to say there were times I had to put this down and I was not sure if I could continue to read it. It definitely filled in the gaps of the story that is usually broadcast in documentaries. This event has always been upsetting to me due to the magnitude of loss. Reiterman's research is exhaustive but I believe it is as clear a picture we will get until new information is released or brought forward. Overall, I recommend this to people as a definite first read on the subject of People's Temple.

At only 10 yrs old when this tragedy happened, I wanted to find out how & why. So far the book has been delving deep into the people who were his family.

The book is good but some parts were difficult to get through. I know one thing I will never say stop

drinking the kool-aid again

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