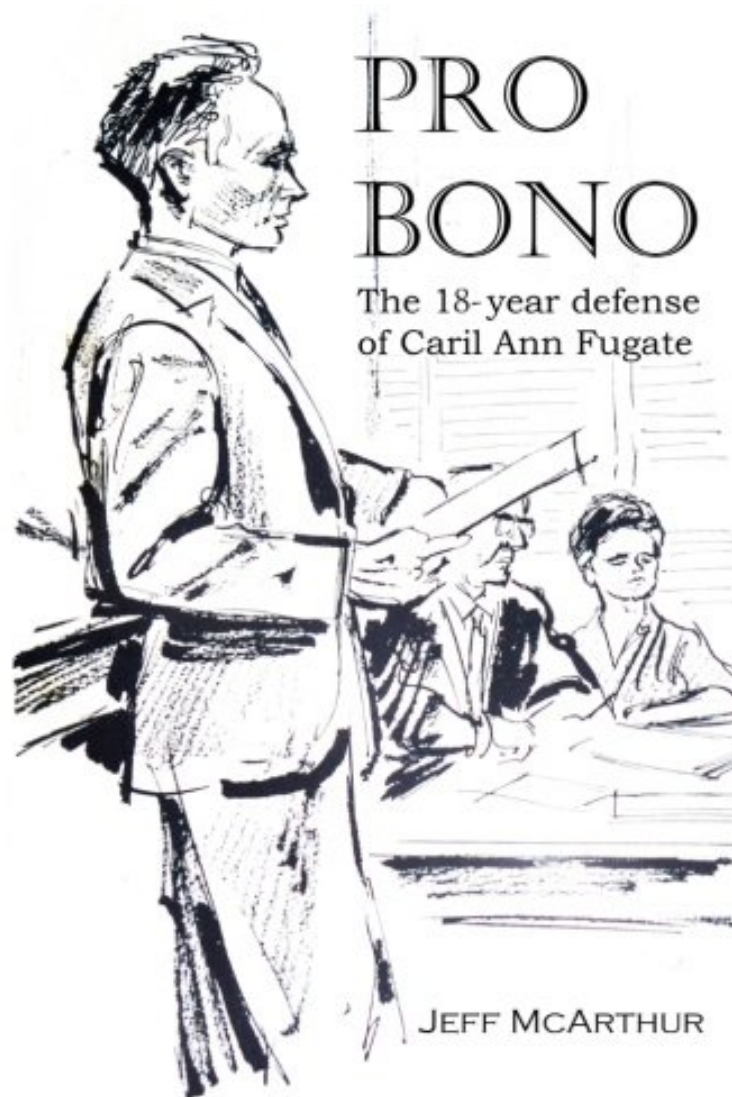


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. InterestingBy DebSince I have lived in the Lincoln vicinity my whole life I have heard all the Starkweather stories. It was interesting to read because I am familiar with the locations,and have heard of the people that were involved with the police department and the judicial system at that time. I don't have a first hand memory of this because I was a baby at the time it happened. I have always felt that Starkweather must have been a crazy person and very guilty of the murders. I always figured Caril played some part in

the murders but didn't know how much. I have heard various versions of what happened, but always wondered what the true facts were. I think this book gave a good accounting of the facts and leaves the reader to form their own opinion. I have changed my feelings about Caril after reading this. A young girl living in Nebraska at that time was probably very innocent and gullible and not too street wise. It is easy to see how she could have been manipulated by him and forced to see and do horrible things. I learned quite a bit of history by reading this. There was so much more to the story than I had ever heard before. Overall I thought this was an interesting book to read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Surprisingly quite good. By Sabra I will admit I did not expect much from this book, given the cover looks like something that was slapped together and that, as others have stated, it is badly in need of a copy editor. However, I was soon sucked in by the story and its continuing relevance to current times. We like to think that media sensationalism and police overreaction when searching for a fugitive are new problems; this book shows unequivocally that such is not the case. I'll admit that at times the writing makes for a difficult slog; such, I think, is the nature of a book of this sort when not sensationalized--and the lack of sensationalism was obviously a conscious choice on the author's part. Still, it's fascinating stuff for any student of history. I could wish for a little more information on Caril's side of the story directly, but I understand the choice to utilize only official sources. Those used to a continuous narrative centered around the (alleged) perpetrators in their true crime stories, please use that last sentence as a warning that this may not be to your taste. As I think the title of the book makes clear, the "main character" here is Ms. Fugate's defense team. So do not expect lurid details. As a final note, I want to assure readers that the photos do indeed show up in my version of the ebook. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the Best Books on the Subject By Clinton Hill I have not only read most of the books on this subject, but also spent time in various official archives in Lincoln, Nebraska studying the case and its legal documents. This author is biased but very upfront and honest about this -- he is, after all, the grandson of Caril Ann's defense attorney. Still, the "case" that he makes for Caril's (possible) innocence in this book is compelling, well-researched and well-supported. And even still, in the end, he admits that only one person alive in the world today knows what happened -- Caril Ann herself. Great book.

In 1958, 19-year-old Charlie Starkweather went on a murder spree that paralyzed Nebraska, shocked the nation, and left 11 people dead. With him when he was captured was his 14-year-old ex-girlfriend Caril Fugate. The question soon arose, was Caril a kidnapped victim, or a heartless accomplice? Appointed to her case, Attorney John McArthur initially accepted the assignment out of a sense of constitutional duty. But as he delved deeper, he found that the truth was far more complicated than anyone was letting on. Up against incredible odds, and with a strong conviction of her innocence, McArthur remained with Caril and fought for her freedom for 18 years. For this service, he took no pay, accepting the case pro bono. This book follows the long struggle of McArthur, his partner Merrill Reller, and John's son James as they took on the Nebraska legal system and a public that had already determined Caril's guilt before ever hearing a word of testimony. The story continues through all it influenced, such as Stephen King, who became a horror writer because of it, Bruce Springsteen, who wrote a whole album about it, Terrence Malick, Oliver Stone, Martin Sheen, and Peter Jackson, who wrote his first major movie based on the Starkweather-Fugate incident. Pro Bono explores aspects of this incredible story that have never been revealed before, and sheds new light on these terrifying and complex events.

About the Author Jeff McArthur grew up surrounded by the story related in Pro Bono. His grandfather was John McArthur, who represented Caril Fugate through the '50s and '60s, and his father represented Caril through her parole in the 1970s. Jeff McArthur then moved on to New York where he went to school studying film. Afterward, he moved to Los Angeles, where he worked in the film industry for 15 years before coming back to the story with which he grew up and placed it into a book entitled Pro Bono. He has also written the drama 'The Table of Truth' and the sci fi series 'Relic Worlds'. He has also made the documentary 'The Forgotten Grave', all available on .