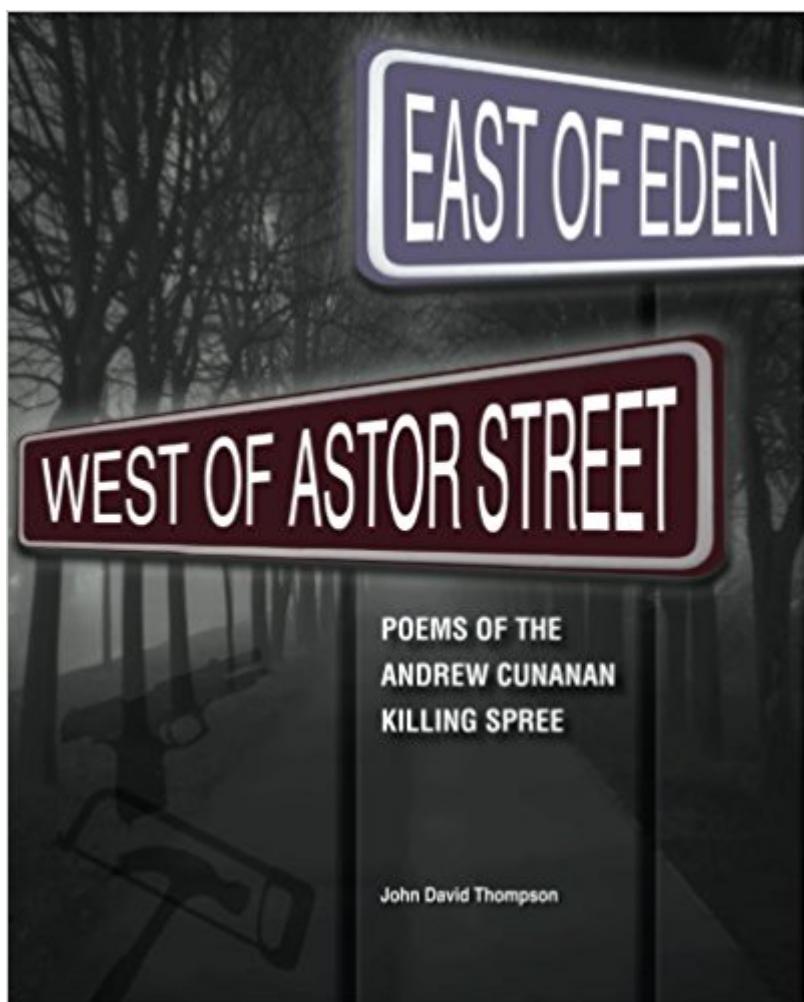


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# East Of Eden, West Of Astor Street: Poems Of The Andrew Cunanan Killing Spree



## **Synopsis**

EAST OF EDEN, WEST OF ASTOR STREET: Poems of the Andrew Cunanan Killing Spree covers the 1997 series of tragic events in poetic form from California to Florida, ending in the deaths of 5 victims in the wake of this serial headliner, including international fashion designer Versace.

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John D. Thompson has done it again! One of the most prolific poets today, his book *Titanic: A Centenarian Voyage in Verse* was a tour de force, with a poem for each of the one hundred years since the sinking of the *Titanic*. Now, Thompson follows that massive missive with another book of poems based on historic events. Most people know the story of how iconic designer Gianni Versace was brutally murdered on the stairway leading to his Miami mansion by a young man by the name of Andrew Cunanan. Some may know that Cunanan was listed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitive's list in the summer of 1997. John Thompson give us, as Paul Harvey would say, "The rest of the story," beginning with Cunanan's life in California before embarking on a killing spree that lasted less than three months, but ended the lives of at least five individuals (including prominent Chicago real estate developer, Lee Miglin). As always, Thompson's poems range from serious to sarcastic, with some of the most inventive titles with which poems have ever been graced: "Spree At Last, Spree At Last," "California Scheming," "Scarborough Fairy," among them. The poems are rich with irony and wit, yet tell a story of horror and mayhem. I heartily recommend *East of Eden, West of Astor Street* to anyone who enjoys true crime stories and/or poetry. It's not an easy thing to combine the two, but Thompson does it brilliantly. 2017 the twentieth anniversary of Andrew Cunanan's

murderous rampage across America. You should have this book. Live a little!

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