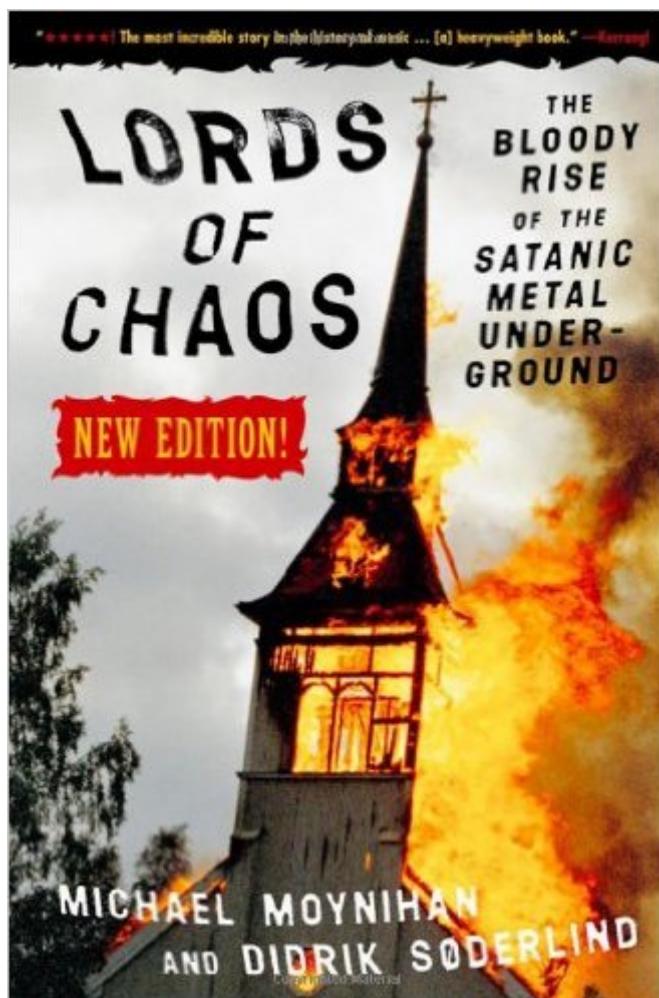


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In the mid-1990's Norway was scandalized by a series of church arsons. The true nature of the crimes became a media sensation when it was revealed that a number of native Black Metal musicians were tied to the crime spree. Murders soon followed arson as the crimes became even more bizarre and shocking. Lords of Chaos is an in-depth look at the scene that spawned these incidents. Moynihan and Soderlind's book is probably one of the oddest true crime stories that I have ever read. It's clearly an ambitious work, and it often suffers from trying to cover too much ground at once. It's a Black Metal history that turns into a true crime novel and finally morphs into a sociological treatise on Satanism and nationalism. It profiles a number of the prime movers in the Norwegian Black Metal scene, and has an amazing number of interesting photographs and illustrations that provide tremendous depth of detail into the subjects at hand. Moving quickly from a short history of the development of Black Metal, the authors begin to delve into the tragic events surrounding the band Mayhem. Mayhem's leader Oystein Aarseth (stage name Euronymous) and

his cohorts set out to form the most sinister band imaginable, setting a cartoonish Satanic image up against a furious wall of metallic sound. Mayhem would provide the blueprint for a generation of followers, not only in sound but in background philosophy. Mayhem intended to live out their Satanic image to the hilt, proving to all that they were no mere posers. This desire for authenticity would eventually lead to a crime wave that still reverberates today, as grave desecrations and church arsons eventually led to murders and a rise of nationalistic imagery not seen since the heyday of the Nazis.

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