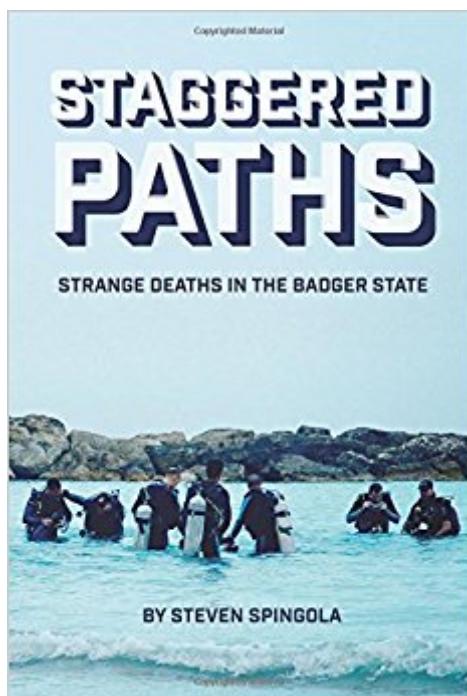


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# Staggered Paths: Strange Deaths In The Badger State



## **Synopsis**

During a twenty year span, over two dozen young men were found dead in Wisconsin lakes, rivers, and wooded areas. Law enforcement officials attribute almost all of these strange deaths to acute alcohol intoxication, but others suspect a shadowy serial killer. Like most readers, Steve Spingola first learned of these tragic incidents from newspaper and television reports. During a career that spanned parts of four decades, the now retired lieutenant of detectives spent fifteen years investigating some of Milwaukee's most complex and heinous murders, including those linked to Jeffrey Dahmer and the north side strangler. In *Staggered Paths*, the stellar sleuth poured through thousands of pages of police reports, dozens of newspaper accounts, and autopsy findings to independently review these strange and troubling deaths. Is a serial killer lurking in college towns, such as La Crosse and Eau Claire, to lure inebriated men to their watery graves? Spingola definitively answers this question and suggests some of these cases should be revisited. This 2nd Edition of *Staggered Paths* includes an update regarding a death of a man in Green Bay, Wisconsin

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## **Customer Reviews**

Just finished reading it this morning, this book should put to rest the wild rumors and speculation about these deaths. It is a very well researched and written book. Very accurate, informative and entertaining at times. While the deaths are tragic it is explained why they are not murders. Mr. Spingola does a fine job of explaining how he came to his conclusions and his investigative techniques.. His experience as an Investigator really shows here. I highly recommend it for true crime readers.

As I read Steven Spingola's "Staggered Paths," I was reminded of the old adage about zebras in Central Park. The veteran detective guides the reader through a seemingly endless list of healthy young men who died in the waters and woods of Wisconsin over a fifty year period. Is there a serial killer at work? Or is the explanation something more mundane? A must-read for amateur sleuths, "Staggered Paths" acts as a cautionary tale against the human compulsion to ignore the obvious in favor of the fanciful, as well as a reminder that the choices we make can have disastrous ramifications.

I am happy to have read this book, it is outside my normal realm for type, but a welcome change. Detective Spingola (ret) researched his topic and provides us with logical explanations for these deaths. May I just add that running a piece through a spell-check program is not sufficient editing.

Spingola puts all conspiracy theories to rest surrounding the many deaths of college aged men in the Badger state with thorough research, supporting narrative, and geographically grounded storytelling. The repeated grammatical errors, spelling, and unexplained breaks warrant a more thorough editing. With additional editing for consistency and readability, I would give this book 4/5.

I would've liked the science to go more in depth, but I liked it.

Great Book and well written by a great investigator. The Drowning abductions continue to happen in the Bager State and across America. The question is, Why won't the media cover these murders of young men?

Awesome book! Steve really has a hold on you from start to finish, and leaves you wondering....

I have read a large amount true crime books that really make the reader ponder several ways that the crime may have occurred. This author does not offer any creative perspective on various ways these crimes could have happened. He states his opinion as truth, and never mentions the possibility that they are all hidden under the guise of "one very drunk young man falling into a body of water". The book was very flat and not at all intriguing. It basically needed a creative element to round it out, and let the reader participate.

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