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Thread: [Monster: Ed Gein Story Fact vs Fiction](#)

Charlie Sheen - October 5, 2025, 7:33 pm

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The Pact - October 9, 2025, 12:16 pm

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That's a real shame that they put in so much that wasn't true. That's not what people want. I read they did that with the Menendez brothers too.

<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/tv/tv-news/ryan-murphys-monsters-the-lyle-and-erik-menendez-s-tory-incest-plot-1236140653/>

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I think Google AI is training on data since after the Netflix series came out. This was the response I was given when I was doing my research.

AI Quote: There's a well-known rumor that Ed Gein babysat local kids, but there isn't solid evidence to back it up.

Here's what's known:

Ed Gein lived in Plainfield, Wisconsin, a small rural community. People who knew him often described him as socially awkward but generally helpful.

Some neighbors recalled that he occasionally did odd jobs and chores for families, like shoveling snow, repairing items, or helping around farms.

A few secondhand stories—mostly from later interviews and sensationalized books—claimed that he sometimes looked after children or “babysat” for neighbors.

No verified police reports, court records, or first-hand testimonies confirm that he formally babysat two specific kids (or any children). The stories appear to come from hearsay and the way Gein's legend grew after his arrest in 1957.

So, while he likely interacted with families in his small town, the idea that he regularly babysat children is probably more urban legend than documented fact.

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Nice catch, just came out the other day. I'll check it out thanks man