Unremorseful child rapists caged for decades as judge slams their 'wild and wicked' depravity

I don't want to go the route of witness statement porn (and yes there is such a thing; the authorities may have clamped down on it but in my time I knew of cases where defendants in sex crimes sold the witness statements against them, which they were allowed to possess so as to prepare their defence, to other prisoners who enjoyed reading of the suffering of the women and children, in their own words…). But as this <u>Huddersfield Examiner</u>

A jury had previously heard how the gang lured the young girls into a "dark and sinister world" and took nearly 13 hours to convict the grooming gang.

The teenagers were "systematically groomed and exploited" by the men who viewed the girls as "objects to be used and abused at will", prosecutor Kate Batty told a jury yesterday....the jury previously heard how the victims were vulnerable and were deliberately targeted by older men.

The victims were groomed by the men who made them feel special by giving them cigarettes, alcohol and drugs it was previously heard. The abuse, which centred in Huddersfield, happened in cars, car parks, parks, hotels and flats, including a flat belonging to a man who was "involved with drugs and had a gun".

Detectives on the case said the fact that one of the girls was targeted on her paper round "speaks volumes about the sheer depravity of this case". The first victim was introduced to older men by a school friend and by the time she was 15, had sex with up to 300 men, the jury heard during the trial.

Social services eventually told the girl's family that "she must love it if she keeps going back", according to Ms Batty.

In a victim statement read out to the court, the victim said she kept the abuse "buried" for 22 years