

The Deadliest Moment

Volume One Part Two

Written To Save Lives

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ACT NOW STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Please write your congress person in Washington D. C. in both the Senate and the House and demand that they pass the Violence Against Women Act as it is written. All women must be protected in this country. Violence against women is not a negotiable issue. The Indian woman living on reservations in Michigan, Oklahoma, Wisconsin or Alaska should be given the same protection as a woman living in Ohio and Mississippi. We should not make a distinction in the woman that we protect under our Constitution. The women brought to our shores for the sex trade or marriage should also be given equal protection under our laws. No woman should be excluded from our protection including illegal aliens. The right to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness is a protection that more than 200 million men and women fought for, were maimed for, and died for in this country and abroad. Women helped to fight a virulent evil in Europe in the 1940's now we must galvanize ourselves to fight this same evilness in this country.

Please take the time out of your busy schedule to attend to this matter. I realize this is an imposing issue and some of you may think your voice does not count. You do count. It does not matter if you are a worker at McDonald's or an engineer at Ford Motor Company, you are important and violence against women is an issue that is both important to you and to me. Women must deal with this issue because violence against women is the defining issue of our times. Our sons and daughter shall ask history, "Why did the women not act in 2012, when their rights were being violated by Congress?" There is no other issue more important than violence against women. What is more important than life? If you want to be respected then you must exercise your power as a citizen and direct Congress to do as you wish. There is nothing more important than the safety and welfare of our female citizens. Each time a woman is murdered in this country at least 27 people are affected by this murder, and often the murdered woman leaves behind at least one child. This child will grow up living a miserable life because of the murder of his or her mother. Yes, the child will grow up go to college, get a job, and marry but a murdered mother is never forgotten. One flashback or thought can bring these children to tears no matter their age. There is a growing population of children of murdered women. Do not sit at home and think you are powerless. You must overcome your lack of self esteem and strike back. Congress is not an indomitable foe. One concerted action by the women of this country and we can take Congress. There is not an entity in this country that women cannot overwhelm.

You are not powerless just because you are a woman and cannot match a man in physical strength. You have mental power and determination that you can direct into a force that no one can withstand. Be willful and tenacious and write Congress directing them to pass the Violence Against Women Act as it is written with no negotiation. All women must be included in the protection under this act. Women do not have time for the posturing in Congress. We are trying to move on with our lives so that we can leave behind strong and healthy children who will remember us with pride.

Go to your husbands, sons, uncles, fathers, grandfathers and male cousins and tell them to write Congress on your behalf to insure the protection of you and every female member in your family. Men too are victims of violence against women. As you read the series of "Do This In Remembrance of Me" you will see more and more men are being affected by violence against women. The letter to your congressman can be short and sweet: It should read, "My name is _____. I live in your state and I am a registered voter. I am writing to request that you pass the Violence Against Women Act as it is written. If you do not pass this act right away as it is written, the next time you run for reelection the women in this state shall remove you from office and I shall run for your seat instead."



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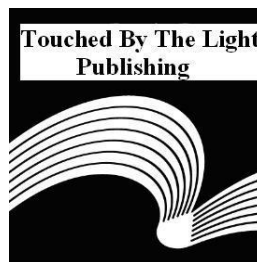
Editor's Note: As a wife and the mother of three young daughters, reading Gloria G. Lee's book was both an eye-opening and harrowing experience. Women of the United States like to imagine that we are safe on a city bus, safe while jogging, and especially safe in our own homes. However, as we see from the case studies of so many women who have gone before us, this is not always the case. It is a mistake to become too complacent. But it is also a mistake to become pessimistic or downhearted, though it is easy to let this happen. Gloria G. Lee also offers hope: that with a change in perspective, a change in attitude, and just a little extra caution, we can "take the stick out of the men's hands" and regain the freedom that we, as American women and women of the world, deserve.

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This book is part of a twelve year study of the murders of 20,000 American women. It contains extremely sensitive information; our apologies and condolences to the reader if this information is regarding a relative, loved one, and/or friend. Although this book contains in certain areas explicit descriptions of violence, extreme care was taken to allow the victims as much dignity as possible. As you read you will realize these descriptions were made to expand the reader's understanding of violence and to prevent violence against women and children and violence in our communities.

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In Memory of

Nikitah Alim, 9, and Jasmin North, 7

"Those two children loved and trusted Arthur Warren. They went along with someone they trusted, and he brutally beat them. I saw their broken bones. I saw what he did. In all my years as a prosecutor, I have never seen, and hope I never will see, anything like what Arthur Warren did to those children."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Katherine Winfree, 1997

Children are so often the pawn of both men and women: the woman when she wants to hurt the father for some perceived betrayal, for example, or the boyfriend when he wants to hurt his girlfriend for her rejection. Each year children die day after day because of the bad behavior of adults. Ten years earlier, on December 31, 1987, Kelly Richards, age 9, and her sister, Holly Richards, age 4, were strangled to death in their home by Walter Green, 43. He was their mother's ex-boyfriend.

When will this violence stop?

Author's Notes

I thank you for reading *The Deadliest Moment*. I sincerely hope you believe I did a good job and honored my purpose for this book. This book was not a labor of love. This book was a labor of the will and of the spirit. What kept me motivated was that I felt I was writing something important for the world to see and that my work would make a difference in the lives of those women that will follow me. I believe this work will save lives because it increases our knowledge of what is occurring around us. During the research for this book, I was overcome with a great sense of agony and pain. Reading the information regarding the murders I investigated was a challenge of a lifetime. My life changed with each death I investigated. I felt a deep sense of obligation to bring the story of these women to the attention of the American public. Their deaths deserve much more recognition than just a news blip on our television screens. Yes, there are some murders that affected me more than others. And yes, there were some murders that angered me beyond imagination. I felt that the men who were convicted of these murders were an abomination and I could not believe that we could produce people like this in our country. It is indeed extremely difficult to keep one's sanity and a logical perspective when dealing with so many murders. But we must learn from our human experience, and the women who were murdered in this country deserve to have their lives recognized. No one should die and not be remembered.

The discussion of the murder of women and children is not a pleasant subject, nor is it a subject most people want to talk about because murder is a dark, ugly thing and we all would prefer to ignore it. Many of us would prefer to believe, for the most part, that the victim contributed to his or her death or that their deaths have nothing to do with us. But this is not so. These murders do involve us because the men who commit these murders are related to someone. These men did not live in a vacuum. These men are someone's husband, someone's brother, someone's father, and someone's son. Sometime, in order to murder, these men have to be away from home. And sometimes, in order to murder, these men use their home as the murder site. The only reason why more family members are not caught as murderers is because their relatives are unsuspecting. Hundreds of wives and girlfriends never suspect that they are sleeping with a murderer or that their home was the site of numerous murders. The way we conduct our lives and the laws we enact or fail to enact in this country directly impact the number of women being murdered. When you read *Murder in The Family* and *The Career Rapist*, you will realize that we cannot escape nor absolve ourselves from the conduct of our fellow citizens. Yes, we had something to do with the parolee that murdered Shakeima Richardson, 2, and the parolee that murdered Sabrina Dalzell, 12, in Michigan. We are all responsible for the conduct of our respective state governments. Citizenship brings about responsibility: a responsibility that cannot be negated. Citizenship demands that we remain informed and control the people we elect to run our government.

Please do not be misled into thinking that the number of women being murdered in this country is on the decline. The last murders the Institute recorded were the April 2009 death of Sandra Cantu, 9, in California; the April 2009 death of Florence McCollum, 73, of Illinois; and the April 2009 deaths of Francie Billotti-Wood, 33, and her three young children: Chandler, 5, Gavin, 4, and Fiona, 2. *The Deadliest Moment* was written between 1997 and 1999 and edited in 2003. The book *Hands Across America* presents a look into the murders committed against women during the years 1999 to 2003. In 2003, Annie R. Jones, 62, and her daughter, Waukeena K. Jones, 40, were reported murdered in Alabama; Jovanna Tyrica Jefferson, 17, was reported murdered in Florida; Carrie Lynn Yoder, 26, was reported murdered in Louisiana; Mrs. Macheikia Robinson and her daughters, Rockell Robinson and Taria Robinson, 8, were murdered in Michigan; Shakeima Richardson, 2, and a 21-year-old woman working at a gas station, also of Michigan, were murdered in 2003; Catherine Alexandrowicz, 47, vacationing in Nevada, was murdered in 2003. These cases will be decided in a court of law in 2004. The list goes on and on. There are still many more names that can be added to this list of women murdered in America in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. The only way to stop the number of names being added to this list is to become determined to make a difference in someone's life. We must be determined to stop the violence. In other words: we must change. We must change the way we think, we must change the way we treat one another, and we must change the way we love. If we do these three things, the lives of people living around us will also change, and then maybe man will find another solution to his problem rather than resulting to murder. I pray that my writings will inspire you to act.

Do This In Remembrance of Me has now been written at your instruction:

“ . . . And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, ‘Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, Let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word’ ”

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The section Yesterday's News was introduced to demonstrate that women should always be on the alert. You should never allow your daily tasks or your job or the newspaper or television or the color of a person's skin or a person's relationship with you to prevent you from being observant. You must avoid habituating to violence. Your body and mind will alert you to danger; you just need to pay attention. When you get in your car or leave the mall or sit at a bus stop, you need to assess the environment around you. You must stop being preoccupied with your daily chores and problems. Stop making assumptions as to whether or not a man is dangerous and which men you can trust. Whether a man will rape and murder you has nothing to do with his smile or the cut of his clothes or his occupation. A man's proclivity to murder has to do with his fears and his need for power. You must always remember every rapist is a man therefore every man has a 100% chance of being a rapist.

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Women Must Always Be On The Alert

We thank you for purchasing Part Two of *The Deadliest Moment*. We hope from your reading of Part One you see that there is much to learn. The overall purpose of the *Do This In Remembrance of Me* series is to cause a change in the United States. Yes, much has been said about violence against women and children, but apparently this information is insufficient because women are still being murdered or raped in this country every day of the year. This violence must stop. The Institute believes that the only way for the violence to stop is to have a national consensus toward change. The United States met the challenge of World War II. We helped fight a global war to stop aggression throughout the world. The United States decided to go to the moon. This challenge was accomplished in a matter of years. The United States decided that smallpox and other childhood diseases should be eradicated. In a matter of years, these diseases were brought under control. The United States decided to fight the deadly consequence of AIDS; now our country is manufacturing protease. When we look at the past, it should be an example for our future. When we establish a goal in the United States, it is full steam ahead. An American commitment is an American solution. Can the same not be done with violence against women and children? Can we not say to one another that it is time? It is time that we begin working together in earnest to prevent violence in our homes and violence in the streets and to stop the enslavement of women. It is time, my countrymen; it is time. Violence in the work place, violence in the home, and violence on the street has a genesis. Violence is not spontaneous; it incubates over a period of time in the minds of men and women. Society can eliminate violence in our lives by examining the way we live and what we teach and do not teach our children. The brief examples below are some of the ways violence is generated and perpetuated in our society. Violence can be prevented, but it will take the effort of all of us. The following are examples of the genesis of violence.

Single Mother

She listens to a girlfriend. She goes out to a bar and becomes intimate with a male. The non-related male becomes a member of the household. He rapes one or all of the children in the bed at night, he rapes the children while the woman goes to work, or he beats the children to death.

Adulterous Spouse

- A. The male commits adultery. The wife finds out. The wife gets a divorce. She becomes a single mother. The father doesn't visit or he rarely speaks to his children. She listens to a girlfriend. She goes out to a bar and becomes intimate with a male. The non-related male becomes a member of the household. He rapes one or all of the children in the bed at night, or he rapes the children while the woman goes to work.
- B. The male commits adultery. The wife is murdered. The children are left motherless. The children are taken to live with a relative and are raped or sexually misused, or the children are placed in foster care and are physically and sexually abused.

Adulterous Boyfriend

- A. A male establishes a relationship with a woman. He begins to associate sexually with other women. The women feel betrayed. One of the women decides to act to eliminate her rival. A woman dies. Children are left motherless.
- B. A male establishes a relationship with a woman. They have children. He does not commit to the relationship through marriage. He visits periodically when the woman has money. The woman feels betrayed. They argue, then he kills the woman. He goes to prison. The children are sent to foster care or to the home of a family member. The children are subjected to abuse. A male establishes a relationship with a woman and she contracts AIDS. The woman dies, and her children are left motherless.

- C. Ask yourself this question daily: "Have I placed myself in a position that can cost me my life, or am I in a situation that presents an opportunity for someone to murder me?" If the answer is yes, then you are to immediately change the situation. Please read the question again; we want you to repeat this question over and over again to yourself until it becomes second nature. The question is: "Have I placed myself in a position that can cost me my life?" If the answer is yes, then you are to immediately change the situation.

If you use drugs, the answer to this question is yes.

If you are driving late at night, the answer to this question is yes.

If you do not practice safe sex, the answer to this question is yes.

If you are committing adultery, the answer to this question is yes.

If you have invited a male to your home, the answer to this question is yes.

If you have more than one sexual partner, the answer to this question is yes.

If you ask yourself this question and you are in a bar alone, the answer is yes.

If you have become pregnant to trap a man, the answer to this question is yes.

If you have a non-related male babysitting your children, the answer to this question is yes.

If you have let a man who you do not know hand you a drink, the answer to this question is yes.

If you have moved a man you just met into your home with your children, the answer to this question is yes.

If your husband is committing adultery and you are ignoring the situation, the answer to this question is yes. If you are returning home from a shelter days after your husband pulverized your face, the answer to this question is yes. If you are having sexual thoughts and are thinking about taking a man home whom you have just met, the answer to this question is yes. We want you to realize:

Women must always be alert.

Remember: you must snoop, listen, and pry.

To support this point that women must always be alert, we offer this example. In the year 2000, Ford Motor Company attorneys argued in a civil suit that Mrs. Tracy Thomas of Middle Township, New Jersey did not die on February 9, 1997 from an accident due to the deployment of an airbag. She died at the hands of another. The attorneys argued that Mrs. Tracy Thomas was strangled and that her husband was having an affair with Stephanie Haley at the time. The attorneys introduced a list of 140 telephone calls from a home in Austin, Texas, to the three telephones belonging to Dr. Eric Thomas, Mrs. Tracy Thomas' husband, around the time of his wife's death. Dr. Thomas and Stephanie Haley married after the death of Tracy Thomas. Remember Mrs. Jeannine Glanda of Lake Placid, New York. She supposedly died in 1997 when her 1995 Ford Explorer went off the road. Authorities later learned that Mrs. Glanda's death was prearranged. Her death had nothing to do with a malfunctioning car. She had \$130,000 worth of life insurance policies. As you continue to read, you will notice that there are trends in criminal cases involving the death of women. These trends are picked up from the newspapers. For a while, to get away with murder, men used the excuse that the state could not find the body of the missing woman; later, the excuse of rough sex was used to avoid prosecution for the murder of a woman; during another period in our history, men used gun accidents as an excuse for the murder of women; during another period of time, men used accidents during a vacation to account for the murder of a woman. Black men have also been used by white men to get away with murder, and lately, faulty manufactured cars are used to account for the death of a woman; now some men are saying that their wife just walked off, leaving her children behind, to account for the murder of a woman. The excuses go on and on; just keep reading. As you read, please keep an eye out for those cases in which we indicate the first wife and the second wife. If you read slowly and carefully, the information we provide may help save your life or the life of your child.

During the civil suit, the Ford Motor Company attorneys told the court that there was more than one explanation for the death of Mrs. Thomas and it did not have to be a faulty manufactured car. The attorneys showed that Mr. Thomas had a motive to murder his wife because it was possible that Tracy Thomas was in the way of her husband's happiness with another woman. Ford Motor attorneys said that Tracy Thomas' injuries, which included tiny hemorrhages in her eyes, were consistent with strangulation and that an air bag would not have caused such injuries. Ford further contended that Eric Thomas had increased Tracy

Thomas' life insurance policy shortly before the accident and that he collected more than \$400,000 in insurance proceeds following her death. Ford attorneys also contended that there was evidence of an extramarital relationship between Thomas and his current wife, Stephanie, whom he married in July 1998. Dr. Thomas's first wife, Tracy Rose Thomas, 37, died on February 9, 1997, after the couple's Ford Explorer sport utility vehicle struck a utility pole on a back road not far from Mrs. Thomas' home. Court documents showed that Dr. Thomas told the police that the couple was taking their sick eighteen-month-old daughter to the hospital on that snowy night, and that his wife, who was six months pregnant, had insisted on driving. Dr. Thomas, who was in the passenger seat, and the child, who was strapped into a child safety seat in the back seat of the Explorer, survived the crash. On February 1, 1999, Dr. Thomas filed a wrongful death suit against Ford Motor Company, charging that his wife was killed by the force of an air bag opening at 200 miles per hour. He asked for unspecified compensatory damages for the loss of his wife. Is it not possible that Mrs. Thomas was in the way? During his appearance in court, pathologist, Dr. Michael M. Baden said, "In my opinion, Mrs. Thomas died of compression of the neck by the hands of another." Dr. Baden is a renowned pathologist. While working as the Associate Medical Examiner in New York City in 1969, it was Dr. M. Baden who asked police to reopen the case of Christine Gallant, 19. Christine Gallant died under peculiar circumstances. Dr. Baden believed that Christine Gallant was a victim of Mr. Antone Costa. Mr. Costa was suspected in the murders of four other women: Patricia Walsh, 23, Mary Ann Wysocki, Susan Perry, and Sidney Monzon. On July 6, 2001, Eric V. Thomas, 35, of Middle Township dropped his suit against Ford Motor Company, citing economic reasons. When asked why Thomas dropped his case, Ford attorney William J. Conroy said, "We asked too many questions." Doris Rose, Tracy Thomas' mother, said, "I believe Eric is responsible for my daughter's death. I want the truth, and I want justice. The truth seems to be getting put under a rug." During a deposition, Mr. Thomas admitted to conducting an extramarital affair. For your information we would like for you to know that men do murder their pregnant wives when the wives get in the way of their happiness. Mr. David Mark Temple, 39, was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for the January 1999 murder of his wife, Belinda Tracie Temple, who was eight months pregnant. Mr. Temple was conducting an adulterous relationship with a woman who he married after he murdered his wife. After he married his mistress he had his son, Belinda Temple's child, call her mommy and Belinda Temple's parents were not allowed to see their grandchild; so there would be no memory of Belinda Temple in her child's mind. How is that for debauchery?

On May 6, 1996, Mrs. Sherri Dally, 35, of California, was abducted from a supermarket. Her abductor posed as a police officer; he handcuffed Sherri Dally and put her in a car. Mrs. Dally's body was found on June 1, 1996 in Ventura, California. She was stabbed and beheaded. Unbeknownst to Mrs. Dally, her husband was having an affair with Diana Haun, 36. The two adulterers conspired to kill Sherri Dally to avoid a costly divorce. Mr. Michael Dally and Diana Haun were convicted in 1997-98. Witness testimony stated that the person posing as a police officer was a woman. Most assuredly, Mrs. Sherri Dally was in the way.

We now ask: Do you know the following women?

Mrs. Susan Crowley Moyers, 52
Mrs. Trish Willoughby
Mrs. Marianne Slater
Mrs. Rebecca W. Vargas, 27
Mrs. Kathleen Lipscomb, 29
Mrs. Miriam Illes, 42 (RN)
Mrs. Carol Bruce
Mrs. Nannette Hanson, 34
Mrs. Wanda Cowger Kuzmichev, 60
Mrs. Jennifer McGrady, 30 (RN)
Mrs. Liana Mae Duke and son
Mrs. Juliana Mae Schubert, 30

If you do not know these women, let us introduce you to them. The above twelve women were all married women who were allegedly murdered either because they were in the way, because they did not do as they were told, or because their deaths allowed for a great financial windfall for their husbands to start life anew. Many of these women were mothers. Remember: most men who plan the murder of their wives are only thinking of how great their life will be after their wife is dead. This fantasy is the driving force to their actions. They picture all the good times that are ahead of them. The police officers who investigated their murders learned that their spouses were committing adultery and that the women were in the way or carried large life insurance policies. Some husbands solicited an assassin. Some husbands told their girlfriends that their marriage would not interfere with their ongoing relationship.

Authorities believe that when Susan Crowley, 50, got married, her husband was already committing adultery. She died less than a year later, shortly after moving from Florida to California. Her body was cremated, destroying all physical evidence. Her fatal car accident was believed to be a murder. She had a personal fortune of \$800,000. By the time Susan Crowley Moyer died, six months after she was married, the \$300,000-plus that Crowley had put into joint accounts with her husband was down to \$50,000. Her best friend, Freida Cushman, said, "Susan was probably the most virtuous person God ever put on the face of this Earth."

Mrs. Trish Willoughby was murdered in March 1991 while on vacation in Mexico. She was an entrepreneur. Her life insurance policy was worth millions. Her husband and his girlfriend are now in prison.

Mrs. Marianne Slater's body was found in her home. Authorities believed her death was staged as a fall down the stairs. Later, the coroner said she was beaten to death. Her body showed signs of strangulation, multiple blows to the head, and defense wounds to the hands.

When the body of Mrs. Rebecca W. Varga, 27, was found in Utah in December 1995, the authorities believed the death scene was staged. Becky Vargas wanted a divorce. During a preliminary hearing on February 28, 1996, Stephen Vargas' aunt testified that he had said he would kill his wife rather than go through a divorce. His bother, Robert Esquivel, told Judge Roger Dutson's court that Stephen Vargas, 41, approached him about killing his wife in exchange for money to get away.

Mrs. Kathleen Lipscomb, 29, lived in Texas and was murdered in June 1986. She wanted a divorce. Allegedly both marriage partners were committing adultery.

Mrs. Miriam Illes, RN, lived in Loyalsock Township, Connecticut. She was fatally shot through the kitchen window of her home on January 15, 1999. Mrs. Illes was talking on the phone when she was killed. She and her husband were estranged. Her husband attempted suicide after being convicted of her murder.

The body of Mrs. Carol Bruce was found in her home in Virginia on December 11, 1991. Authorities believed her death was staged to appear to be a suicide. He husband was arrested and charged with murder. There was a \$100,000 life insurance policy on Mrs. Bruce's life. Her husband was in debt. She was the mother of two children.

On February 2, 1996, it was reported that Mrs. Nannette Hanson of Mineral City, Montana was trampled by a horse. Her friends did not believe her death was an accident.

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Mrs. Wanda Kuzmicev of Boise, Idaho was found murdered on September 21, 1995. After an extensive investigation, her husband, Veniamin Kuzmichev, former Ballet Idaho artistic director, was convicted of second-degree murder. Wanda Kuzmichev wanted a divorce.

Mrs. Jennifer McGrady of Belpre, Ohio was reported missing. Her husband was a state trooper. Actually, she was buried on a hillside several miles from her home. When her body was found, she was dressed in her pajamas.

Mrs. Liana Mae Duke's husband asked a friend to help him do away with his wife and son. He wanted the friend to help him establish an alibi. Imagine a husband believing his friend would consent to helping him commit murder. Diane Duke's husband is now in prison.

We have not mentioned those women who were attacked and yet survived. On December 14, 2000, Mr. Terry L. Fors, 38, used a shotgun and blasted his way into his wife's home. The couple was estranged. Mrs. Diane Fors struggled with her husband for the gun. She survived the attack. The prosecutor said that Mr. Fors terrorized his thirteen-year-old son and sixteen-year-old daughter and asked the judge for a longer than normal prison sentence. The prosecutor lost the argument. The judge said no one was actually shot.

Also, we have not discussed the number of murder trials ending in hung juries, such as the trial of Mr. David Charles Schubert, 62. He was tried on December 2001 for the death of his wife, Juliana Mae Schubert, 30. She was reported missing in 1989. Her body was never found. Mrs. Schubert was the mother of two boys. The trial ended in a deadlock; he was to be retried in 2002. In 1998 during a wrongful death lawsuit filed by Mrs. Schubert's mother, the jury ruled that Charles Schubert, 59, killed his wife. The court award the estate \$1.7 million.

The deaths of the women discussed above are not anomalies as you have been led to believe. Although shocking, their murders are commonplace and are supported by society. No one may want to admit that the murder of women has been supported by society, but this statement is true. Murder is supported by society when certain men are believed incapable of committing murder. Certain men have previously been excluded as suspects in the murder of women. Their race, nationality, religion, and station in life were used as an excuse that these particular men would never commit murder. For years, the death of women went unnoticed and uninvestigated because of these beliefs. The next sentence is going to upset you, ladies, but it must be said. You have been snookered. You have been betrayed by the very institutions you have supported. If you do not believe this statement, keep reading. Thousands of women have been murdered in this country, and their husbands have cashed in on a large insurance policy and used the money to start life anew or to salvage their business. Also, thousands of women have been murdered in this country because they were in the way and their husbands, who did not want to share the marital assets or be bothered with a divorce, decided to play crazy and kill the wife.

Think about it: is not the continued enslavement of women profitable? Many of the murders we discuss in the series *Do This In Remembrance of Me* were not committed by people of color; they were committed by men who look just like you, men who have failed in life and seen their wife's insurance policy as the only way back to financial health. Men who have grown tired of marriage and want to begin again. Men who have grown weary of their boss and believe freedom is just around the corner if they can get rid of their wife and children. The number of unsolved murders and the number of spousal deaths that were not investigated as murder is directly related to the fact that the American press has made stereotypical assumptions about violence. Because murder was viewed stereotypically until the 1990s, a

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specific group of women was not as alert as they should have been to the dangers around them. They were lulled to sleep thinking that their husbands were honorable men, that their husbands would not kill them. They were lulled to sleep believing that they were a member of the most fortunate group in the world, believing that if a man is poor he has no character and will kill, but if a man is well-off he has character and will not kill. Poor people have all the bad characteristics of mankind, and rich people or middle class people have all of the good characteristics of mankind, yet no one ask themselves if there was any verifiable data to support these conclusions.

From this day forward, you must stop telling yourself that your husband is not violent, that he would never hurt you. The police in Virginia believed that Mrs. Bruce was shot to death after she lay down on the sofa to take a nap. In 1997, businessman and multi-millionaire Allen Blackthorne arranged for the murder of his ex-wife: his motive was that he did not like to lose. He lived in Texas and his ex-wife, Mrs. Shelia Bellush, lived in Sarasota, Florida. Mr. Blackthorne hired a private detective to find his ex-wife, then he arranged through three men to have his wife murdered. There was no compassion in Mr. Allen Blackthorne's heart. He destroyed the lives of his daughter, his ex-wife's new husband, and their four children. This man was pissed off. He wanted revenge. No one would defy him. He had been led to believe that he was God. He had been led to believe by society's attitude toward his previous behavior that he was above the law. He believed his money and influence would insulate him from the charge of murder. He had succeeded at business; why could he not succeed at murder?

On May 18, 2001, Mr. Fredrick Radford walked into the Greater Oak Missionary Baptist Church in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, carrying his son on his hip, and shot his wife, Adrienne Nichole Radford, 25, and a woman trying to stop the shooting, Mary Ann Turner, 47. Mr. Radford was a Baptist minister. When he murdered his wife, he let the world know that he believed murder was the only solution to his dilemma. We guess in his mind the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Turner was collateral damage.

In 1997, Mr. Eric Bechler told authorities that his wife, Pegye Bechler, 38, died in a boating accident. The police were not satisfied that there was a boating accident because Pegye Bechler was an accomplished swimmer. In 2000, when Mr. Bechler was being tried for murder, Mr. Kobi Lasker, a friend of Mr. Bechler, told the jury that Mr. Bechler asked him point blank: "What do you think about the possibility of killing my wife?" This conversation took place four months before Mrs. Bechler was murdered. Mr. Kobi Lasker did not participate in the murder. When Mr. Kobi Lasker learned that Mrs. Bechler was dead, he called Mr. Bechler and told him he was suspicious. Mrs. Pegye Bechler was a millionaire. Why did Mr. Lasker not report Mr. Bechler's request to the police before the murder?

The deaths of schoolteacher Miss Fannie Lillian Madison and Mrs. Henry C. Beattie should demonstrate how long violence against women has gone unchecked in this country. The body of Fannie Madison was found on March 14, 1885 in Richmond, Virginia. She was eight months pregnant. Her assailant was executed on January 14, 1887. He was engaged to another woman, and apparently Ms. Madison was in the way. Mrs. Beattie was murdered on the Midlothian Turnpike at 11:00 pm. Her husband said she was shot to death by an angry motorist. Mr. Beattie was committing adultery. He was executed on November 24, 1911. After his death, two preacher told authorities that Mr. Henry Beattie confessed to them that he murdered his wife. His wife was in the way. He was having an affair while his wife was pregnant. He killed his wife shortly after she delivered their child. He was anxious to begin life anew with his mistress.

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You must not habituate to violence. You must begin examining the information being given to you. You must make certain adjustments in your life so that you can procure information and have time to digest the information, and to reflect on the day's events. You must stop being so involved in your life that you cannot see the forest for the trees. Ladies: you must begin to take a look to discover what is occurring around you. Take a day off and sit and think about what is happening in your life. Reduce the busy work in your life. Work to conserve your time so you can think and pay attention to phone calls, absences, etc. You do not want to be the last person to know. It is not beneath you to snoop, listen, and pry. The deaths of Mrs. Trish Willoughby; Mrs. Susan Crowley Moyers, 52; Mrs. Marianne Slater, 49; Mrs. Becky Vargas; Mrs. Kathleen Lipscomb; Mrs. Miriam Illes, 42; Mrs. Carol Bruce; Mrs. Nannette Hanson, 34; Mrs. Wanda Kuzmichev, 60; Mrs. Jennifer McGrady, RN, 30; Mrs. Juliana Mae Schubert, 30; Mrs. Shelia Bellush; Mrs. Adrienne Nichole Radford, 25; Mrs. Mary Ann Turner, 47; Mrs. Pegye Bechler, 38; Fannie Madison; and Mrs. Henry C. Beattie proves that you are not insulated from violence. We realize that this information is disturbing, but please keep reading. You will find your life may depend on what you do not know. Yes, there are good men living in this country, but you need to make certain that you are married to one.

Violence against women and children is not a pleasant subject and not readily discussed because traditionally it is a subject that has been used to divide men and women. But violence against women is a very important subject because the death of a woman leads to so many other social problems. Violence against women and children is a national issue and should be viewed as such. Since the turn of the century we have had over 22, 598 women murdered in this country. These women were murdered because they were pregnant, because a man was angry, because their husband wanted a divorce but did not want to share the family assets. Children were murdered because their fathers wanted revenge or the mother's boyfriend was tired of babysitting. Here are the names of a few children who weremurdered by their mothers' boyfriends. They too are recorded in the figures above.

Kataryna Perry, 19 months, 2001
Liana Sandoval, 20 months, 2001
Asia Wheeler, 10 months, 2002
Breanna Nicole, 4 months, 2002
Jazzlynn McNeil, 2 months, 2002

Andrena Uruchima, 6 months, 2003
Megan Levon Douthard, 2 months, 2003
Shakeima Richardson, 15 months, 2003
Karrisa Lynn Shaub, 7 months, 2004
Paris Johnson, 4 months, 2005

In 2000	3,169 women were reported murdered	In 2003	3,251 women were reported murdered
In 2001	3,314 women were reported murdered	In 2004	3,137 women were reported murdered
In 2002	3,316 women were reported murdered.	In 2005	3,155 women were reported murdered
In 2006	3,256 women were reported murdered. UCR Estimates 2007- 3,177 2008 3,078		

These figures do not include the 591,699 women forcibly raped in this country since 2000, nor the 58,571 attempted female rape victims who were brutally beaten, nor the women forced into prostitution or other sexual crimes. The figure 22,598 also represents approximately the number of children left motherless in this country: a fact that is often overlooked by many in this country. If a family member is not available, society snares the children from their natural environment and plunges many of them into years of misery and loss. Just because a child survives foster care physically does not necessarily mean that the child has survived foster care mentally. A motherless child is a wretched person ,spending years in agony. This violence has to stop. If you are appalled at the number of women and children being murdered in this

country and the circumstances of their deaths, please read this book carefully. Every time a woman is murdered in any community, social problems emerge. This book was written to bring public attention to these problems. It is important that women be alert at all times and have sufficient information to save their lives. As you know, murder can occur in anyone's family and at any time. We now ask:

Do you know Mrs. Judith Sinks? Judith Sinks worked in the circulation department of the *Dayton Daily News* in Ohio. Her body was found entombed in concrete on the top floor of the newspaper's building. An anonymous caller phoned the police and told them that her husband had had a 55-gallon drum delivered to the *Dayton Daily News* building in November 1987.

Do you know Victoria Stefanski, 85? Victoria Stefanski was an elderly person living alone in her home on Eastburn in Detroit, Michigan. On March 12, 1991, she invited her paperboy into her home to share a snack and a little conversation. Instead of visiting with Victoria Stefanski, her paperboy followed her into her bedroom and killed her. He first knocked her down, dislodging her dentures; then he tore her clothes off, stuffed a nylon stocking into her mouth, and crammed the stockings down her throat with a kitchen broom. He then proceeded to cut her throat. The youth offender got away with \$178.00. The next day, he went shopping with his friend and purchased a gold earring, a \$35.00 membership at a Muscles Gym, a \$20.00 jacket, and \$20.00 to pay off a paper bill. He and his friend split the remaining money. Victoria Stefanski had asked the paperboy to read a section of the newspaper to her and to thread a needle for her. The paperboy did odd jobs for her, so she trusted him. Her son, Eugene Stefanski, discovered Mrs. Stefanski's body.

Do you know Mrs. Beverly Wedding, 56? Beverly Wedding lived in a rural area in or near Greenville, Kentucky with her husband, Todd, and son, Terry Todd Wedding. Beverly Wedding worked as a circulation manager of the *Evansville Courier & Press*. Her husband, Todd, 59, ran a Sunday newspaper delivery route. Their son, Terry, was a mental patient. Beverly Wedding's nephew, Joey Vincent, and his wife, Amy, lived next door. Joey Vincent, 29, was a member of the Greenville Police Department and a full-time Baptist minister at the New Cyprus Baptist Church. His wife, Amy Vincent, 22, was pregnant with the couple's second child. In June 1999, Mr. Todd Wedding was beaten to death with a baseball bat near his mother's grave at the Vernal Grove Cemetery. His wife, Beverly Wedding, was shot to death while sitting inside of a truck. During the early morning hours of June 27, 1999, Joey Vincent and his wife Amy Vincent were shot to death in their driveway. The couple was leaving the house to take their sick daughter to the hospital. Authorities were to later learn that the two couples were murdered in retaliation for their roles in committing Terry Wedding to the state mental hospital a couple of weeks earlier.

Do you know Edith Perchman, 12? Edith Perchman delivered newspapers with her father every morning. It was her way of working and earning extra money. On August 18, 1974, she was completing her deliveries when she was shot after going onto the porch of Rudolph Acosta's home. Mr. Acosta was afraid that men were coming to kill him. When he heard Edith Perchman on his porch, he thought she was a killer and shot through the door. Edith Perchman died on his porch.

Do you know Brook Elizabeth Baker, 19? Brook Baker lived in Indiana. In 1997, she was a senior journalism student and the editor of the university's student newspaper. She survived all the hurdles experienced by high school graduates to be accepted to Vincennes University. She was murdered in her home on September 7, 1997. Her assailant is unknown.

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Do you know Mrs. Viola Olson, 58? Viola Olson lived in Patterson, New Jersey. Like so many people, she had the daily newspaper delivered to her home. A newspaper boy is someone to talk to and to greet each day. This behavior brings human interaction into the home. Viola Olson was assaulted and murdered in her home in August 1973. She was stabbed 35 times. The trial of Viola Olson's assailant caused the first insanity plea for a juvenile in the state of New Jersey. The case went to the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Do you know Deborah Sykes, 26? Deborah Sykes lived in Harmony, North Carolina. She worked as a copyeditor for a newspaper. She was abducted on August 10, 1984 as she was walking to work. She was raped and stabbed sixteen times. Her assailant's case was adjudicated in January 1999 before the 4th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia.

Do you know Anne Scripps Morell Douglas, 47? Anne Douglas was an heiress. Her family made millions of dollars in the newspaper industry. She was married but estranged from her husband, Scott Douglas, 38. When the couple separated, she filed for divorce and a restraining order. She was found murdered in January 1994. On March 31, 1994, Scott Douglas's body was found in the Hudson River in New York. It is believed he committed suicide after murdering his wife.

Do you know Verna Gholston, 39? Verna Gholston was an advertising representative for a Michigan newspaper working with travel agencies. She was on the board of trustees of the Second Canaan Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan. She had two sons. When she did not report home after a business meeting in March 1992, her boyfriend went looking for her and found her body inside her car in a parking lot. She was shot in the head.

Do you know Debra DeAnn Polk, 26? Debra DeAnn lived in Orlando, Florida. She worked at a local newspaper. Debra DeAnn was ambitious so she took a job at a local convenience store; she wanted to get ahead. Debra wanted to buy a house, pay for a new car, and open a business. She believed working at the convenience store would help her realize her dream. On February 4, 1990, she reported to work for the midnight shift. According to witnesses, Debra DeAnn was in the convenience store until 3:30 a.m. She was missing when a friend came to talk to her at 4:00 a.m.

Do you Alicia Reed, 11? Alicia Reed was murdered on December 25, 1996, while delivering newspapers with her mother's boyfriend, Emmanuel Cole. She was shot in the head. Alicia was killed because her assailant felt he could fire a gun at 2 o'clock in the morning. Her assailant used a rifle. Denise Booker, Alicia's math teacher, said, "Alicia always had a smile on her face. When she came into my room, she would lay her head on my shoulder and say good morning. It was just like Alicia to get up early Christmas morning to help her family deliver newspapers."

As you can see, violence is pervasive. All of the above females were murdered during the simple act of handling a newspaper or procuring a newspaper. Think of the number of women murdered while working at a convenience store, riding a bike, jogging, or holding their child. The categories of murder victims can go on and on. Should you not join us in preventing violence because violence can visit anyone, including you? Would you not say the situation in our country requires extraordinary character and integrity? Should we all not be concerned with citizenship? Is this not a time for extraordinary character? We are asking everyone in this nation to help us try and fight the violence in the country as a public service. An entire gender in the United States is being attacked, and this situation must change.