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“Phelps shows how the ugliest crimes can take place in the quietest of suburbs.” --Library Journal

When librarian Martha Gail Fulton was gunned down in a Michigan parking lot on a quiet evening, there were two obvious suspects—Gail’s husband George, a former military officer . . . and George’s mistress, the flashy businesswoman Donna Kay Trapani. Police were baffled to find that both had ironclad alibis. Yet evidence showed the shooter, a male, had an accomplice—a mystery woman. Now, M. William Phelps recounts the compelling real-life drama of a twisted love triangle that ended in bloody murder, and the riveting investigation that brought to light a master manipulator’s trail of deadly deceit.

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graveyardgremlin (formerly faeriemyst) says

I think a better title would have been The Jackass, the Lunatic and the Pushover. No offense to the victim meant, but I still don't understand why someone would stay in a miserable relationship even if they're religious. I can't say this book is well-written. I felt there was too much repetition, especially with the tirades the "She-Devil" had. The author puts too much of himself into the book with snarky comments, although the people were so loathesome I didn't mind very much. Also, the daughter's "psychic" nature, what was up with that? I'm reading true crime, and whether or not she actually has some ability, I couldn't care less and found it completely unnecessary to the story. Overall, the book is too long and redundant but not the worst thing I've read.

L.Y. Levand says

I have to say, I believe anyone who commits murder is insane. But this lady takes the cake. She's completely bonkers and self-absorbed. And I drew this conclusion based on the quotes included, not the description of her by the author.

That's all I really have to say, except that the author really did a great job.

Li says

M. William Phelps is a very good true crime author and this book is a good representation of his work. But...really...dude needs to change publisher/editor or get someone else to title his work or something. What is up with that?

Jane says

Mr Phelps is King of the True Crime story. He does such a great job of pacing, describing the crime, building the personalities of those involved, and taking the reader all the way to the end in a fulfilling manner. This crime was especially horrid and the reader never loses the awful pain of the victim: dying because some crazy woman wants your husband. This is a good read!

Kami says

I have to say, I do not understand the rave reviews of this book. The story is a good one -- if a little predictable. But the writing is not very good. The author inserts himself into the narrative -- sometimes explicitly! with little snarky comments -- and this takes the reader out of the story. I found the writing juvenile and (as one person noted below) pretty sexist (I guess I could have guessed that from the title, but I thought maybe that was just publisher sensationalizing). This author has a pretty serious Madonna/whore

thing happening, which irritated me no end. I won't read another book of his.

Lady ♥ Belleza says

When Martha Gail Fulton left her part-time job at the library and discovered she had a flat tire, she drove back into the empty parking lot, upon leaving her vehicle, a car with three people drove into the parking lot, a man got out, approached Gail and shot her to death.

From the very beginning it was obvious this was not a random shooting, Gail was targeted by persons unknown. Two obvious suspects were her husband George and George's mistress Donna Kay Trapani. Both however, had alibis. As police investigated however, they uncovered a conspiracy and a mistress that was quite the woman scorned. You know what is said about a woman scorned. Donna Kay Trapani would do whatever she needed to 'get her man'.

Despite the lurid title, this is a solidly told tale of an adulterous mate, a long suffering wife and how it led to murder for hire. M. Phelps has done his usual solid job of research and his narrative is captivating and compelling. He has little respect for men who mistreat women and lets you know it, this includes unfaithful husbands. Although George had nothing to do with Gail's murder, his affair set events in motion that led to it. I don't want to say any more. Just know this is a very interesting account and M. Phelps has told it well.

Rabbit {Paint me like one of your 19th century gothic heroines!} says

Disclaimer: This ARC was given to me for free in exchange for an honest review from Netgalley.

This book is far from an unbiased source, instead it's misogynistic and tries to be appear scandalous.

Becky says

Phelps has a great reputation as a true crime writer and he doesn't disappoint in the telling of this true to life fatal attraction. When the sweet, long suffering, loyal, religious, librarian wife won't get out of the way.....she is murdered as she leaves work. Two suspects, each with solid alibis....but where there is an obsession....there is a way! And there are always idiots who will do anything for money! I have no sympathy for this wayward husband. Even if he didn't actually pull the trigger, he was very guilty. As for Donna, a supposedly intelligent, successful business woman, she obviously is a very sick woman. She is textbook for someone with a personality disorder, actually probably several! Great book Mr. Phelps.

Lee Husemann says

This was a great book, one that I had a hard time putting down. Mr. Phelps obviously spent much time researching and writing this book. Donna was a real psycho stalker who was also very unattractive. It is hard to believe George would dump his wife for someone like her which led to my conclusion that he was a read cad. What was also scary was the way Donna manipulated everyone involved in doing her dirty work. I love author Phelps books and this one did not disappoint. I highly recommend this book to anyone who likes true

crime.

Sheryl says

Excellent book By Phelps. I love true crime and the amount of research that Phelps puts into his true crime novels...one of my favorites!

Bobbie Duffy says

Love all of M. William Phelps books

However, this one gave way too much information ,over and over. Sorry, but I felt we didn't need all of the e-mails or all of the phone calls. You know I love all of your books and really miss Dark Minds, but this one was just too long and got a little boring.

Veronica says

Wow, Phelps has the ability to really remind me just how much we don't know about other people. Gail Fulton is murdered as she leaves work one Monday night and at first it seems simple. Her husband George had been having an affair, most likely he decided to take his wife out of the picture. However, as the picture forms and facts come to light, readers begin to understand that George, while not completely an innocent bystander, was blindsided by his wife's death. His mistress, Donna is a different story. When police first call to question her, she doesn't even ask why, as if she knows the crime they are questioning her about.

This is the third or fourth book by Phelps that I've read so by now I'm used to his writing. The only negative, which is especially evident in this new book, is how he inserts his opinions about the guilty parties. By the end of the book, his complete and utter dislike for the guilty is obvious and slightly off-putting. Even so, it isn't off-putting enough to stop reading. Phelps has a way of slightly sensationalizing the crimes he covers without making it into an enjoyable story. It only serves to benefit his books though as many true crime novels can be very slow and dry.

Shannon says

Okay, this book took me forever to read. It's well written, not a lot of twists and turns and no surprise ending.

Gail Fulton died after her husband, George, had an affair with Donna Trapani. It didn't take long for the police to put the puzzle of who put the hit on Gail Fulton and why together...

Hell hath no fury than a woman scorned, and when things weren't going in the direction Donna wanted....she changed the game...

Janice says

Author Phelps wrote a well-covered account of the vicious murder of a Lake Orion Michigan wife and mother resulting from the affair her husband had with a tempting, controlling woman in Florida, a quite compelling story, a good read...

Marcella says

I normally love M. William Phelps books... this one fell short.
