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Studies have shown that marriages typically thrive the most in the months after the wedding, a period known as "the honeymoon period."

Not these marriages.

Spousal murder is never acceptable, but newlywed murder seems to be on a completely different level. It is unconscionable to think someone could stand in front of his family and friends, pledging to honor and cherish another person for the rest of his life, and then kill his spouse in cold blood just months, weeks, or even days later. It happens more than you'd think--and, contrary to popular belief, it's not always the husband who acts as the aggressor.

In her third true crime book, bestselling author JJ Slate examines more than twenty true stories of newlywed murders, delving into the past of the victims and aggressors, searching for answers to the question everyone is asking: How does this sort of thing happen? These shocking cases of betrayal and murder might just make you think differently about those five sacred words, "till death do us part."

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Lorie says

I generally prefer

full length novels of true crime, however this collection of stories were short, precise and very interesting....as well as tragic. I've already purchased the internet collection...I might be a convert, at least for these, by this author.

Lynn says

An Interesting Selection of Case Histories

In most of the cases cited in this book either domestic violence and/or financial gain was at the core of the killing. In many cases the victim only knew their spouse for a short time prior to the marriage. The victim sometimes felt the marriage was a mistake or had second thoughts. The families and friends also often felt there were problems. The overall message is before taking this step listen to your feelings and those of family and friends who care for you. Take time to get to know your intended spouse. This is a major life commitment. Ask yourself the hard questions first. If you have the slightest clue something is wrong then don't take that step until your doubts are addressed. And if your spouse to be starts asking you to take out a big insurance policy you may want to run the other way as quickly as possible.

Sandra Burns says

This was sad

So many stories, so sad. Most of them, one of the partners feel that they made a mistake. Unfortunately, too late for the person killed.

Mary Goutermont says

The same story over and over:

Some of the stories were interesting but I was left wanting more information and follow up. There was too much of the same thing over and over. Even though I enjoy a good true crime story this book was just too much of an inferior manuscript.

Ricki Crane says

Till death do us part

Fascinating book. It's unfathomable to me that people would go to the extreme of marrying someone and then killing them. It's so disturbing to read things like this and yet I was fascinated and couldn't put the book down

A'Sian Starr Dotson says

Interesting

The cases were thrilling and the author gave just enough background information to keep it interesting. True crime book lovers will enjoy.

Nyx says

2.5 out of 5, rounded down due to lack of content

I was rather irritated to discover the book ends at the 72% mark. This has certainly affected my final rating.

"Till Death Do Us Part" contains several intriguing cases yet fails to provide each with the flair and detail they deserve. A list of references appear as an appendix, which means I might be able to flesh out the stories elsewhere, but I didn't pick up this book with that in mind.

There isn't much else to say. If you can pick this up for free, I recommend you do, if only to pass the time in waiting rooms or to learn the bare basics of some murder cases.

Lorie says

It is difficult to understand murder. It is especially difficult to understand murder when it happens between two people that are newly married. We all ask why. JJ does an excellent job, in this book, describing the circumstance that led to murder in each of these cases. While it may still not make sense to us, it does answer the question why. I love the style and conversational tone in which this book is written. By the end of each section you have gotten to know that couple, so when the murder occurs, you feel that loss. This book is a brilliant edition to any true crime library.

Jim Dooley says

This is a collection of brief recountings of marriages that have gone criminally wrong shortly after the wedding. These true crime narratives are very short on character analysis and read more like a series of newspaper feature articles.

There is a morbid curiosity in many folks as to how a romance could go from love to murder (or the attempt)

in such a relatively brief time. The writer rightly focuses on early warning signs of physical and/or emotional abuse. However, it would likely also be correct to caution against dating someone with a felony criminal record who comes to your place of work to secure your signature on a life insurance policy.

This is not a style of writing that I find to be particularly engaging. I like to learn about the multiple sides of what is going on and delve into what the characters are thinking. The journalistic approach wears thin after a while.

Still, there is the curiosity factor. A cautionary tale is a good thing now and then.

Jeanine says

Concise, well written vignettes of newlywed couples where one ends up dead. Chilling.

Sherrie says

Shocking and Heartbreaking Cases

Till Death Do Us Part is true crime at its best, well researched and well written it manages to give detailed accounts of spousal murders in a succinct format. Some of the cases I was familiar with but most were new to me. Since most of these cases were preceded by hints of domestic violence in these relationships the author included a number of resources for people who know someone who is being abused or might be experiencing abuse themselves. These resources also include tips for spotting an abusive relationship which I thought was a smart addition to the book. While this subject matter is tragic I find true crime fascinating and have purchased another book by this author.

Newbee (JoAnn) Brown says

The new face of domestic violence!

I love the way this author writes... Not only does she give you all the facts, but she tells a story as she does it.

Domestic violence is becoming more and more out in the open then it did years ago.

What I loved about this book, among other things, is it addressed a part of domestic violence that hasn't been explored very much.

She told about the female being abusive... And I'm sure there is a lot more out there then most know about.

In my opinion women can be more vicious and abusive in many ways then men. They can be subtle and conniving about the abuse. Especially mental abuse.

When a female finally, and I say finally because statistics show it usually takes a long period of abuse before she steps forward, does step forward, she most likely will get sympathy, support and help through family and

friends.

A male on the other hand, even if its not true, will think his friends and family will snicker or laugh at him because he wasn't man enough to stop the female.

Tho I'm sure some would snicker at him... I'd like to think that males would also be sympathetic and supportive to their male friends in this sistutation, and would commend the male for not taking violent action against even a violent female.

That in my opinion makes him even more of a good man.

What makes these crimes so very hard is that they occur so soon after marriage!

It is mind boggling to try to understand how you can harm some one so soon after wanting to marry them or why you'd even marry into that type of sistutation!

But I guess like my grampa always said... "If love goes up a cows butt.. Thats just were it is!" Lolol.

Great book and very thought provoking... This book will help others to face what is happening in the shadows of life!

Patricia Ibarra says

This is the story of several couples that instead of celebrating their honeymoon were so desperate that found a way to kill their partner. Obviously I do not advocate murder but what I cannot understand is how people act and behave. No wonder they say that love is blind. Most of these couples were not of teenagers and the victim was usually the woman. Many of them were so infatuated, desperate to get married or "so much in love" that they never took the time to learn a little more of their "love". Many of them had been in jail, were crooks, junkies, had never worked, had several failed marriages, were abusive, and similar wonderful qualities. Some of them saw warning lights, but with their love they would change their spouse. I am sorry to say but many of them got the honeymoon they begged for.

Katherine McCarthy says

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Its astonishing how often this happens. And sadly, I get the impression this book just gives us a hint as to how often it really does happen.

The cases chosen for this collection are diverse, well-researched and extremely compelling. Be prepared for an all-nighter my fellow crime buffs. In this book, you'll see cases where both men and women are the perpetrators; where a history of violence was visible, and some not; and where the couple were married for a very short time - as little as 4 days - when the murder took place, while others were almost a year. Some cases had the most intriguing circumstances surrounding the murders that they left me dumbfounded and

speechless. Most have a resolution, however, there are a sad few where the victims families are still looking for answers.

Well-written and commonsensical, ***Till Death Do Us Part*** is a fabulous read for anyone - whether a true crime fan or not. In many of these cases, the warning signs are there before the couples got married. At the end of the book the author includes a list of these warning signs of domestic violence and where you can go for help. If you or a friend are in a situation like this, please seek help. Marriage will never make your situation better.

Alicia Huxtable says

People are twisted

What drives people to do this within months of marriage?? Seriously, reading this was disturbing. The cold, calculated way it was done and the clear misleading way the partner tried to cover it up.
