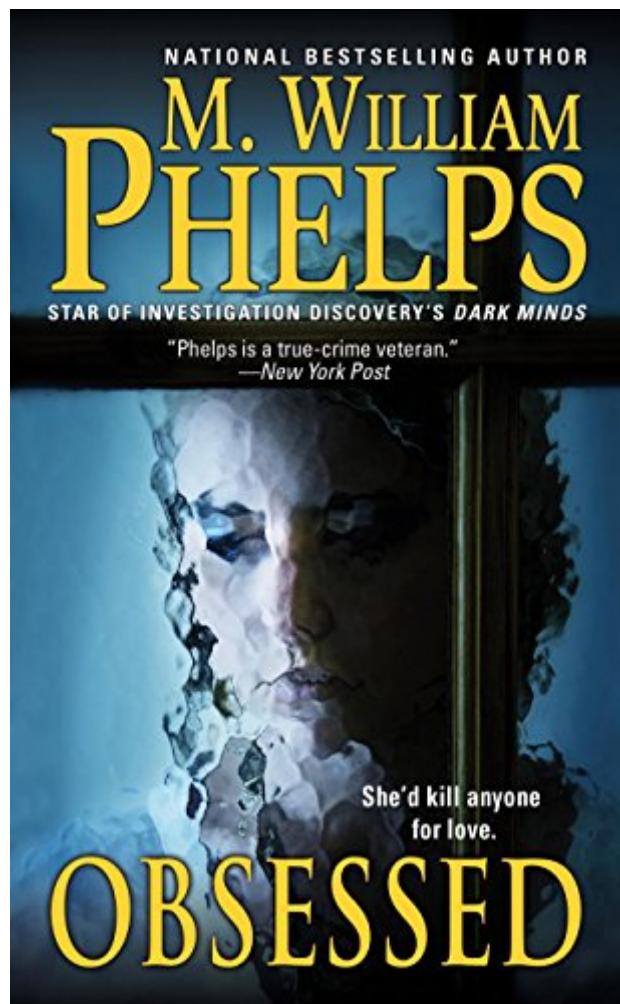


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"Anything by Phelps is always an eye-opening experience." •Suspense Magazine Sheila Davaloo was young, attractive, and successful. When she started a new job at a cutting-edge research lab in Stamford, Connecticut, she met the man of her dreams. Nelson Sessler had no idea how violently Sheila would react when he began seeing a co-worker, Anna Lisa Raymundo. Sheila eliminated her rival in a bloody knife attack•and then turned her rage on another victim she saw as an obstacle to her passions. M. Williams Phelps recounts the riveting story of a white-collar love triangle gone horribly wrong. . .and the terrifying infatuation that drove one woman to kill. "Phelps is the Harlan Coben of real-life thrillers." •Allison Brennan"M. William Phelps dares to tread where few others will: into the mind of a killer." •TV RagelIncludes 16 Pages Of Dramatic Photos

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There is a sameness about many true murder stories, often it is just the time and place that differs. This one is REALLY different. The killer's degree of evilness hidden behind a normal

faÃfÆ'Ã Â§ade is the worst I have read about (and I have read everything I can lay my hands on in this genre!). It is a clichÃfÂ©d term: "it defies belief" but that term applies to this one. The most imaginative writer could not conjure up these characters (killer and associated personalities) if they tried. William Phelps always delivers a good product but he has surpassed himself this time. Don't miss this one.

Let the book and story speak for itself William Phelps is an excellent writer and draws you in from the first page of this book. It is unbelievable what one women's obsession with another man will lead her murder and attempted murder. we get up close and personal with a sociopathic mind.This crime was especially heinous in its senselessness and absolute disregard for anyone but herself. Sheila Davalloo's obsession for a man who didn't want her led her to kill the woman standing in her way and then later attempt to kill her own husband - who did love her. Anna Lisa Raymundo the innocent victim whose only crime was to go out with a two timing looser called Nelson.It was equally unbelievable the way Shelia, her husband and "boyfriend" of the killer thought - especially since they are all highly intelligent and educated people! It makes you wonder about trust and communication within relationships.Can people be that gullible when Shelia talks so openly about the 3-way triangle to both her husband and friends and nobody catches on. Paul you should have opened your eyes their where plenty of red flags warning you. The way your wife carried on and got you to leave the house so she could be with her brother who was supposedly suffering from a mental illness. No matter how many times you asked her to tell him about the two of you, her excuses should have been a warning and you never got to meet him. Why didn't you confront her parents? Removing all trace of you from the house night after night when she was seeing her lover not her brother and you coming home to find men's clothes in the house that were not yours.Nelson didn't tell police about his affair with Sheila, because he didn't want anyone to know what an unfaithful bloke he delayed justice for years, hurting Anna Lisa's family and Paul. Paul did not catch on to Sheila lies and deception before she played a game handcuffed and tied him willingly to a chair and stabbed him in the chest. Nelson you can take some responsibility here for hiding your torrid affairs which would have alerted police much sooner.Readers You simply have to read this book to believe people like her actually exist. This stuff can't be made up. The courtroom drama into the tangled web of deception gets unravelled and the prosecution does an excellent job. Only Shelia who has the narcissistic tendencies would represent herself.I loved this book but I am still shaking my head in disbelief of the gullibility of 2 men who are supposed to be bright but are nothing but stupid when it

comes to believing one women's word.

OBSESSED by M. William Phelps is an excellent true crime read. It is the story of the murder of Anna Lisa Raymundo. The narrative encompasses a wild toad sort of ride to the ultimate identification and conviction of the killer, Sheila Davaloo. Nowhere is a better example of the bizarre behavior of a true narcissist evident than in this story. It not only speaks to the egotistical grandeur of this type of individual but also to the desire to "win at all costs" even at one's own expense and ultimate demise. Phelps does a superb job of capturing this personality disorder in its multi faceted complexity.

This is the second true crime book I've read by M. Phelps and both have left me tepid. I'm not sure why exactly, except to say he relies heavily upon what I consider weak material to make suppositions about the killers. In the previous book "Too Young To Kill" he used 'writing exercises' by one of the young girls as source material throughout the book. He tried to make it sound like a journal of sorts (to get inside her head) when it was nothing more than 5 minute free writing assigned by a teacher. Here he uses the visits to a social worker by Sheila (I think there were 2 visits in total) to base much of his material upon. He even goes so far as to create conversation between Sheila and the social worker. I'm sorry, but that's just not good fact finding IMO. Sure as a part of the book, but to use it throughout??? Especially to bolster his own armchair psychology. I've not seen his TV shows, but other reviewers seem to be swayed by this. The books should be judged as stand alone, not based on how much you dig his show. I might try another by him, as I am a fan of the genre. Maybe third time will be a charm.

I am typically a big fan of true crime books so I purchased a bunch of books from this author. I hope the others I bought are not a slow going as this one. I am accustomed to true crime books filled with more...excitement I guess. Or perhaps it is drama that I am missing in this one? Either way, the crime itself and the trial was interesting, but there were way too many really slow moments to trudge through to make me give this book more than three stars. I'll read the other books I purchased with the hope that they are more engrossing. If not, I'll be really disappointed considering the cost of the author's ebooks.

Sheila Davaloo takes narcissism to the extreme. It's hard to imagine how her mind works, but Phelps did a fair job telling her tale. I had a hard time with his overly dramatic writing style, with one

word paragraphs that was reminiscent of the clipped speech of Sgt Joe Friday on Dragnet. Writing flaws aside, the story is so fascinating that even though I had seen the Dateline account of it, I couldn't stop reading. What was that woman thinking? I wish I knew.

I wonder who cares less about their readers-- Kindle or Mr Phelps? If you sift down through the reviews you will see many that say the photos are wrong, that Kindle was advised, and promised they would be updated. Ah, no. In addition, the commentary by Mr Phelps is childish and unprofessional, but worse is his writing. I wish I had jotted down some of the myriad examples but his analogies are clunky and ham-fisted, and the book at times weighted with tedium--especially in the endless description of the love triangle. Do not bother with this book- not worth it, even for two bucks.

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