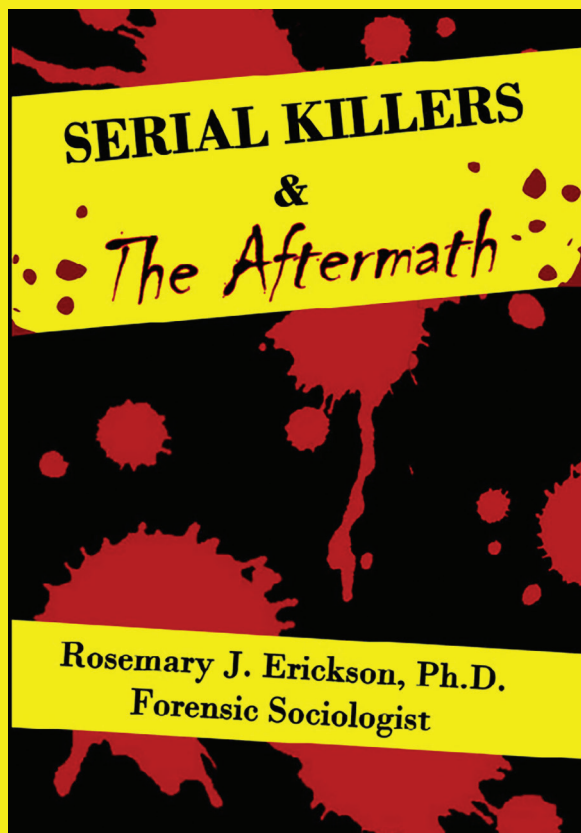


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SERIAL KILLERS & The Aftermath

by Rosemary J. Erickson, Ph.D.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Four of the serial killer cases, for which I was an expert witness in the civil suits, are the centerpiece of this book. As a forensic sociologist and expert witness, I am involved in the aftermath of such a violent event. I may be hired either as a defense expert witness or a plaintiff's expert witness, when a civil suit follows a violent event, such as these serial killings. Depending upon the location in which the murder or rape happens, the location's owner may be sued in a premises liability suit claiming lack of security and not providing a safe environment. My research on the case includes understanding the mind of the perpetrator and how and why he selected a particular place or victim.

An earlier book of mine – *Prairie Patriarch: A Farmer's Daughter Who Becomes an Expert Witness on Violent Crime* – is about my father and the changes in the Norwegian-American farm family in South Dakota in the early to the mid-1900s. It is also about my "roots" and how I became who I am, which is a forensic sociologist, researcher, and expert witness on violent crime. I was an expert witness in some of the most heinous crime cases in the country, and I will share with the reader how a female survives in a man's world of criminal violence, security, law enforcement, and the justice system.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rosemary J. Erickson, Ph.D. grew up on a farm in South Dakota and went on to become a nationally renowned expert witness on violent crime. She received a B.A. in psychology at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She later received her M.A. in Sociology at San Diego State University, and then her Ph.D. in Sociology: Justice at the American University in Washington, DC. She has taught at the American University and San Diego State University. She has also consulted and trained corporations and government agencies worldwide in crime prevention and written other books on crime and its causes. Because this book is written by a sociologist, it is believed to be suitable as a supplementary text for students studying sociology, criminology, psychology, forensic science, law enforcement, and the law.



LET'S GET OUT OF HERE

That is what Dr. Rosemary J. Erickson most frequently says when she's at a crime scene. You'll understand why when you read about what has taken place at these sites. When the civil suit is filed, in the aftermath of the criminal act, Dr. Erickson goes to work. These cases are premises liability security civil cases to determine if the place where the crime occurred has liability for a perpetrator's behavior.

Reviews

Dr. Erickson's newest book, *Serial Killers and the Aftermath*, is unique from any book I have ever read. Dr. Erickson successfully blends three book-types into one book. In the first chapters, she shares with the reader her life-journey that took a little girl who lived in a rural, South Dakota farmhouse, with no electricity or running water, to being a well-respected, professional woman who obtained her Doctorate and became a nationally known security-consultant and expert witness. They also introduce her husband and professional business partner—Arnie Stenseth. His written contributions to the book provide a down-to-earth perspective, from the criminals he has interviewed, which he writes with wit and a first-person candor. The book then transitions to study of a Forensic Sociologist and how it differs from the other social sciences and psychology-related sciences. This portion of the book is written like a text book, but with personality and a sense of humor. The next chapters take us into four of her serial killer cases. Presented with a cool, gritty professionalism, the cases are sometimes disturbing, even to a former Detroit cop like me. Her book provided me with information on the why behind the creation of serial killers, psychopaths, and other violent criminal types that I've never seen. When you read this book, you'll never feel the same about a crime novel again.

— Patrick DeVine, Security Expert and Author of *Blood Brothers*

Dr. Rosemary J. Erickson leaves no doubt about the existence of depravity in her chilling behind-the-headlines stories of serial killers. Dr. Erickson is especially adept at showing how the traits of psychopathy and drug-and-alcohol fueled mental distortions produce serial killers. Outside the guilty-not guilty of the criminal trial, the victims and their families also have their day in court through civil suits. As a forensic sociologist, and expert witness, she shows how the places where crime takes place may abet or deter those acts.

— Mark Young, Licensed Addiction Counselor

Serial murder is rare and largely unforeseeable. Dr. Erickson, with her collaborator and husband, is a deep researcher, faithful chronicler, successful arranger of facts, harmonizer of conflicting perspectives, and a clear-eyed advocate committed to understanding this most vexing of crimes.

—James D. Jackson, Author

For more information about Dr. Erickson's work, visit her website, www.rosemaryjerrickson.com. Her book is available in both hard-copy and Kindle at <http://amzn.com/1983402869>, barnesandnoble.com and your local book store.