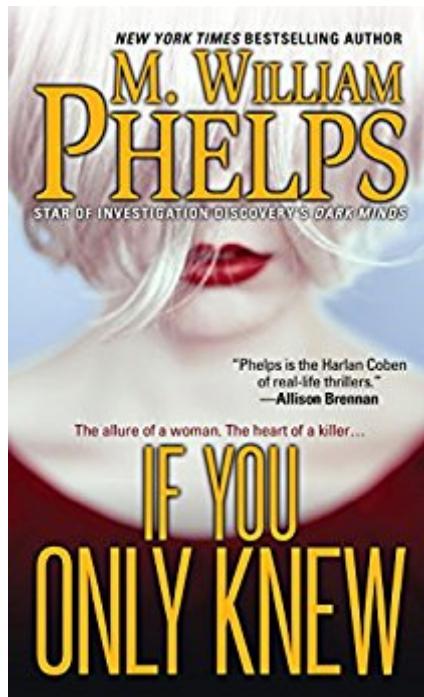


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When Vonlee "Nicole" Titlow and her aunt, Billie Jean Rogers, came home from a night of gambling in a casino near Detroit, they told police they found Billie's husband unconscious on the floor of the Rogers' mansion. Just another of his alcoholic benders, they assumed. But this time, Donald Rogers didn't wake up. The investigation would reveal the sordid story behind the death of a self-made millionaire--including transgender adventures in Chicago and Denver, a tangled web of dueling addictions, a mind-boggling history of out-of-control spending, and how a sex change operation may have fueled a motive for murder. Renowned investigative journalist M. William Phelps exposes the riveting details behind one of the most astonishing real-life thrillers to date.

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Customer Reviews

this book was so terrible. the author repeated things over and over and over. It could have been a much better book by a different author. I have read all of his books, but the last several books were terrible. No longer a reader of his repetitive books.I think he just throws the books together fast, at least that is the impression I get.

I am such a huge fan of this author that I pre-ordered this book. Huge mistake! I do not like true crime when the majority of the book is based in the court room. I prefer delving into the lives and backgrounds of the characters. Usually, Mr. Phelps does that. I am half way through the book and bored out of my mind! I doubt I even finish it. What a disappointment! Guess this is the chance you take when you pre-order. I will not do it again. Mr. Phelps, you have not brought it this time. For me, this book is not a page turner!

I enjoy true crime books very much, and have read many of Mr. Phelps' books. This, however, was disappointing to the point that I thought many times that I was wasting my time and thought seriously about giving up. However, I did read it to the end. First of all, true crime stories should always (in my opinion) contain photographs, but this book did not. I kept wanting to see this beautiful siren of a person. We certainly were relentlessly told how beautiful she was. We also were relentlessly taken to the scene of the crime over and over and over and over. I got it the fifth or sixth time. I became weary of the repetitive confessions/non-confessions/conversations between investigators and Vonlee. There was no literary tension. The one surprising element of the story was relentlessly repeated. If I am overusing the word "relentless," you will have some idea of how reading this book feels. And then, the entire last fourth of the book is about the procedure for appeals and how the attorney was the best and the author wanted to make sure the readers knew every last credential. In fact, the courtroom testimony was much more about the credentials of the "experts" than about the victim or the accused. Oh, and he wanted to again shock the reader over and over with the big secret of Vonlee. Not to be relentlessly repetitive, but other books by this author were so much more engaging, I had to doublecheck to make sure I was reading what I thought I was reading. My final comment is to say RIP Ann Rule. We miss you.

The author used a lot of repetitive information. Not up to the quality of some of his earlier work. I didn't finish reading the book. There are other true crime writers who do a much better job of presenting stories.

I am a big fan of Author M. W. Phelps and he does not disappoint with this book with all of the surprises in it. This really was one of those "hard to put down" books and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. I am not a fan of courtroom drama but the way this author presented it, it was very good and it was easy to follow who was who. I was living in the Flint area at the time of this murder and

do not remember it so this was all new to me. The book was very well researched and well written. I highly recommend this book if you are looking for a fantastic read.

Probably my favorite true crime author, M.W.Phelps pens yet another well researched and well written true account of murder and deceit. As is his style the characters come alive on the pages allowing the reader to get to know all of them as if you actually knew each one of them. A profoundly sad story from beginning to end. There is no "happy" ending for any of them. If a book has Mr. Phelps name on it I don't need to read a sample of it I just buy it.

A good read; I feel some detail was left out or glossed over. Would have like to have known more facts about Vonlee's earlier arrest. I think Aunt Billie was the one who should have 'manned' up and admitted her own guilt in the case, which does not matter now, as she is most likely roasting in a fiery pit, somewhere. I suspect Billie used Vonlee as a pawn in her evil plot, knowing Vonlee's past history. Billie considered Vonlee expendable. One thing I found a bit sad was the photo of the lovely Rogers home; from the outside, no one would ever suspect that two such thoroughly miserable people (Don and Billie) were drinking themselves into oblivion.

The book was great . . . as always. The only suggestion I would make is that I'd love to see the photo pages listed in the table of contents. When I used to purchase books off the shelf, I'd always turn to the photos to get some sense of the subjects, attorneys, investigators, locations etc.

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