



*Calie Books With a Focus on Domestic and Dating Abuse; It could happen anywhere, anytime, to anyone!*

**It is NOT your fault! You are NOT alone! Take action now!**

**Every 9 seconds, a woman is battered in the U.S!  
95% of all victims of domestic violence are women!  
Abuse is about POWER and CONTROL, NOT about passion or love!  
Abuse is NOT okay!**

A common characteristic of unhealthy and abusive relationships is the control that the abusive partner seeks to maintain in the relationship. This includes telling someone what to wear, where they can go, who they can hang out with, calling them names, humiliating them in front of others. Over time, the isolation from one's social network increases, as the abuser insists on spending time "just the two of us," and threatens to leave or cause harm if things do not go the way they want. "You must not love me." Creating this isolation and dissolution of one's social supports (loss of friends, disconnectedness from family) are hallmarks of controlling behaviors. In addition, abusers often monitor cell phones and emails, and for example, may threaten harm if the response to a text message is not instant.

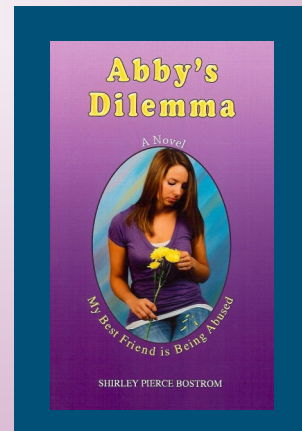
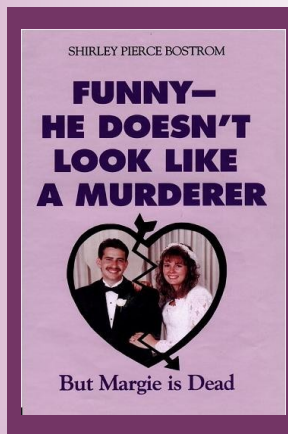
**The victim could be nine years old. The victim could be 35 or 82.  
It could happen anywhere, anytime, to anyone!**

It can happen to anyone, at any age, no matter what race or religion they are, no matter what their level of education or economic background. Dating violence also occurs in same-sex relationships.

It is NOT your fault! You are NOT alone! Through our books and workshops we offer you help, in many forms. Here you will hear our story, of how our daughter was abused and then killed by her husband. One of the best ways to fight abuse, whether domestic or dating violence, is to become aware of:

- ~ **What abuse is, a WARNING list, how to watch for it and identify it.**
- ~ **How to learn ways to protect yourself and your loved ones.**
- ~ **Where to look for help, and find safety.**

**Please learn from our painful research and experience.  
Don't become a victim.  
Don't let someone you care about become a victim!  
Take action now!**



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