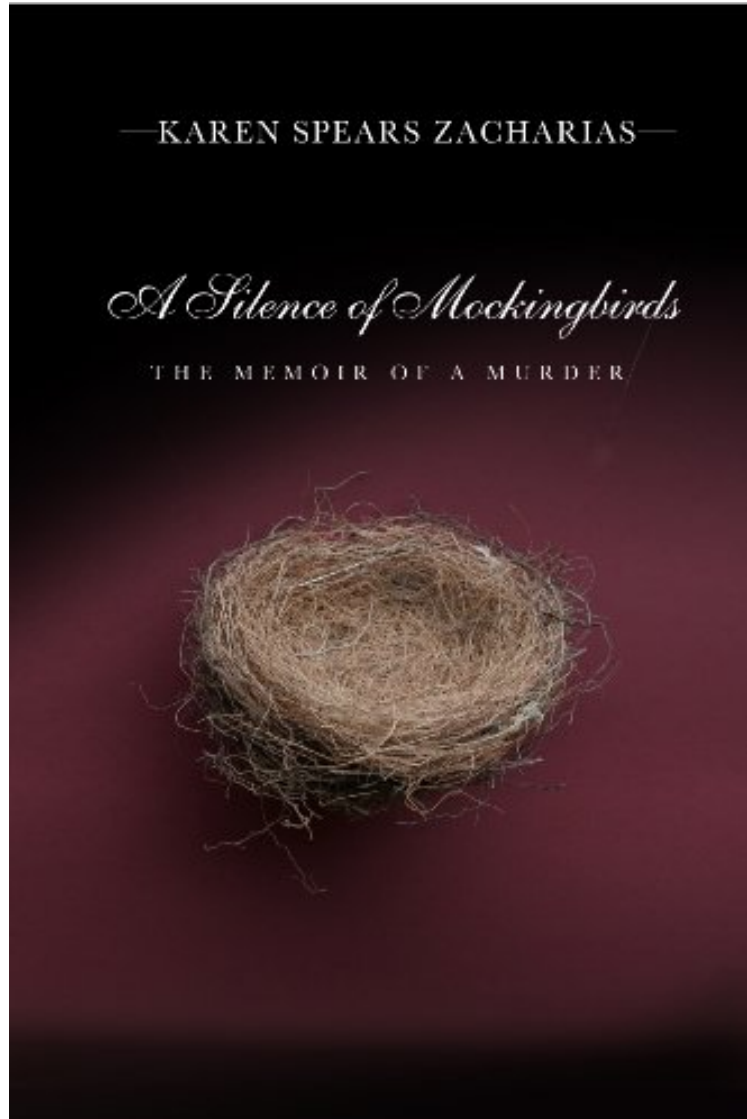


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Karen Spears Zacharias : A Silence of Mockingbirds: The Memoir of a Murder before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Silence of Mockingbirds: The Memoir of a Murder:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Could have been an interesting story, but no. By LJezardI really wanted to get into this story, but alas I quit after 150 or so pages. I wasn't expecting great "Big Literature", and was okay with the writing. What stuck for me was, as other reviewers mention, the author's own emotions. While she, on one hand, concedes her own guilt, she makes sure we understand everyone around shares that guilt. She mentions how she lost contact with Sarah and how bad she felt about that, that she abandoned Sarah. But then she promptly reads a

sentimental Hallmark card she got from Sarah, and how much Sarah loved her. The whole thing felt like a self-justification of the author's role in the tragedy, under the guise of some kind of confession. And, through it all, I couldn't understand why Zacharias was constantly inserting herself and her family into Sarah's life. Was it some kind of backfired Christian thing where everyone, with best "do-gooder" intentions, meddles with everyone else? That, at least would be interesting but there was no honesty there. It was all very incestuous and tiresome, sprinkled with some prayers and other religious references that, I guess, are supposed to assure us all as to the author's goodness. I do think the author had the intention of writing a frank story about how she and everyone else failed Karly, but instead, Karly was buried under the author's self-indulgence. Someone completely out of the emotional loop should have written the story. Or it least someone with some honesty.

42 of 45 people found the following review helpful. A Father's Love
By Don I first met David Sheehan in the late 90's. I was working for an automation company building equipment for HP. It's hard to be just a business acquaintance with David and much easier to be a friend. We worked together off and on until I left the company in March 2004. An associate and I traveled to Corvallis OR sometime in early 2005 to meet with an automation company for a potential project. We planned to meet David in Corvallis prior to the meeting. We met David for breakfast and he brought Karly along. In times past I had seen the light in David's eyes when he talked about Karly, completely understandable after meeting her. But that morning he had a worried look as he explained the issues he had been going through with Sarah and the emotional well being of Karly. He was very distraught about her hair falling out and seemed to be at his wits' end. I was shocked upon receiving news of Karly's death. Anyone having been around David for a short period of time would never question his love and devotion to Karly. After completing the book, I look back at that meeting with much sorrow in my heart. It hurts to think of what Karly and David had to endure. They both were, and are, so very brave and strong. Karen Spears Zacharias has taken what must be a very personal tragedy, and so very accurately, and eloquently delivered it to the world. This book will move you. Please share Karly's story with all.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. very good
By JILL This book was very good but also very sad. I just found it hard to believe that the abuse of a child could go on for so long and not be found out. I think that everyone should read this story so that we can see the signs of abuse more clearly. Maybe this book will help save another child's life. Karen is an excellent writer and describes the people in this story very well.

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