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Desmond Ellis, Noreen Stuckless, Carrie Smith : Marital Separation and Lethal Domestic Violence before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Marital Separation and Lethal Domestic Violence:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By C. Jackson Got the book really quick and it meets all that I needed for my reading and information is outstanding. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing in its preconceived bias By Peter Bjrn Hansen I approached this book as a useful resource of the incidence of marriage and partner conflicts and violence. After a quick-reading of the highlights and content of the chapters, I found it odd that the descriptions and statistics of violence in conflicts was uniformly of the male-perpetrator-female-victim mold. Further reading came as a significant disappointment to me as more and more of the content turned to be the same, repeated over and over again though in various contexts. After some reading and putting together the lines of survey and underlying lines of argument, the book appears to be a vehicle for radical-feminist ideology into the criminology and study of partner violence. While it does indeed contain a good amount of compiled data and statistics

on crime, domestic violence and conflict, my impression is this to be a dressing-up of a narrative that is preconceived; that is, the conclusions, if one can be said to exist in this case, is that of intrinsic male abusive tendency and perpetrated violence. That it is a work born out of fairly well-veiled radical feminism is given away that the concept on the nebulous 'patriarchy' (and like concepts from wordings) is mentioned as an instigator of violence against women. Other notable part of the narrative is the wording of homicide on women renamed to 'femi-cide', which is once against a hallmark of the author epistemology insofar as specific terms and words must f.x. be split up in ways that clearly separate female from male while it confers little if any difference in the passage, and likewise for terms that superficially alludes to the masculine gender while in reality is completely gender-neutral. This aside, the title and the introduction of the book give the impression that is a balanced survey on domestic violence. It is not, as it is noticeable of its severe bias ramping up during the reading the chapter one, from this on proceeding further on the narrative as male violent and abusive perpetrator with their masculinity (and the veiled concept of emergent 'patriarchy'). The book barely mentions the concept of female-on-male violence. It is not a balanced and properly descriptive work on violence and abuse. I will not recommend this to anyone seeking an objective and balanced treatment on violent and criminal domestic affairs. Again, the statistics of the book are useful, as the only content that is such.

This book is the first to investigate the effects of participation in separation or divorce proceedings on femicide (murder of a female), femicide-suicide, homicide, and suicide. Because separation is one of the most significant predictors of domestic violence, this book is exclusively devoted to theorizing, researching, and preventing lethal domestic violence or other assaults triggered by marital separation. The authors provide evidence supporting the use of an estrangement-specific risk assessment and estrangement-focused public education to prevent murders and assaults. This information is needed not only by instructors in criminal justice and sociology programs, but by researchers theorizing about or investigating domestic violence. In the world of practitioners, family court judges, divorce mediators, family lawyers, prosecutors involved in bail hearings, shelter staff, and family counselors urgently need this resource. Ellis et al. include discussion questions and chapter objectives to support learners in the classroom or in community-based settings, and instructor support material includes PowerPoint lecture slides, additional teaching and research resources, and a test bank. This text advocates convincingly for prevention of domestic violence, and gives academics and practitioners the tools they need. This text advocates convincingly for prevention of domestic violence, and gives academics and practitioners the tools they need.

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