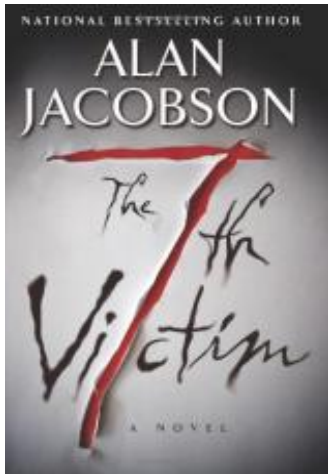


The 7th Victim

by Alan Jacobson



About the Book

The Dead Eyes killer lurks in the backyard of the FBI's famed Behavioral Analysis Unit. His brutal murders, unlike any others previously encountered, confound the local task force, despite the gifted skills of Special Agent Karen Vail, the first female ever promoted to the profiling unit. But along with her keen insight, she brings considerable personal and professional baggage --- both of which threaten to derail their investigation.

As the Dead Eyes killer grows bolder by the unit's inability to stop him, Vail discovers that **The 7th Victim** holds the key to all that stirs this killer?the key that will unlock secrets too painful for Vail to bear. Secrets that threaten to destroy her, that could bring down her storied and promising career. For Karen Vail, the truth rests at the heart of a lie. And uncovering it might just get her killed?

Meticulously researched during seven years of study with the FBI's legendary profiling unit, Alan Jacobson brings dramatic realism and unprecedented accuracy to his pages as he takes readers behind the scenes of the FBI Academy.

The 7th Victim is a terrifying and memorable work of psychological suspense, with rich, believable characters and a chilling, intricate plot that will keep you guessing until the end.

Discussion Guide

1. Based on what you learned about behavioral analysis (profiling), do you feel it is a valuable law enforcement tool for helping to catch serial offenders?
2. Were you emotionally engaged in the characters --- did you care what happened to Vail? To Jonathan? To Robby and Bledsoe?

3. What was your favorite scene?
4. Describe your feelings about the scene in which Vail confronts her biological mother, Senator Eleanor Linwood, about her past.
5. Is Vail's reaction appropriate and reasonable when she discovers her gun is missing after leaving Deacon's house? What about when Vail goes to Deacon's to pick up Jonathan's book?
6. Did you like Karen Vail as a character, and would you like to read another novel featuring Karen Vail?
7. Why do you think the author chose to make Karen Vail a victim of abuse?
8. What did that tell us about her character in terms of how she deals with other events that happen in the story?
9. Did the killer's diary entries, written in the first person, put you closer to him?
10. The film rights to **The 7th Victim** have been optioned by a major Hollywood producer. What actors/actresses would you cast for the main characters in the movie --- Vail; Robby; Bledsoe?

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