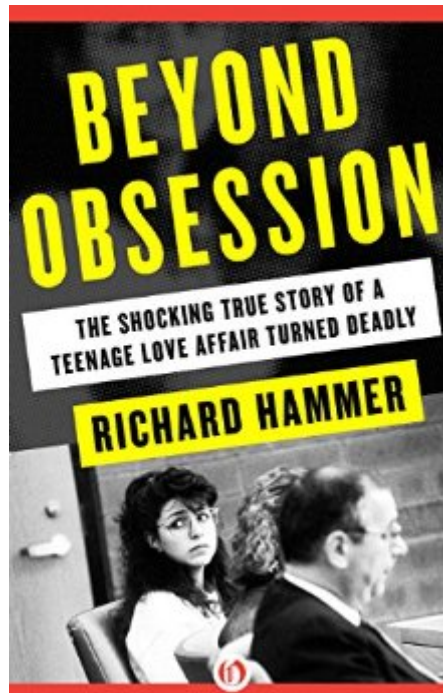


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# Beyond Obsession: The Shocking True Story Of A Teenage Love Affair Turned Deadly



## Synopsis

The chilling true story of a beautiful violin prodigy, her devoted boyfriend, and the devastating family secrets that led to a brutal murder. Joyce Aparo seemed to be the perfect single mother. She doted on her sixteen-year-old daughter, Karin, encouraging her musical ability and lavishing affection on her. But behind closed doors, Joyce was a terror. For thirteen years, she beat Karin savagely, kept her away from other children, and demeaned her relentlessly. When Karin met the troubled yet brilliant Dennis Coleman, the two fell head-over-heels into lustful infatuation. But Joyce disapproved—so she had to die. On August 5, 1987, Joyce's body was found under a bridge near the Connecticut–Massachusetts border. She had been strangled, and was covered in bruises, with paper stuffed in her mouth and pantyhose knotted around her throat. The police investigation soon dragged her horrific treatment of Karin into the open, and the teenage lovers became the prime suspects. Dennis eventually confessed to the murder, testifying that Karin begged him to kill her mother. But Karin had a very different story to tell, claiming to have no knowledge of Dennis's plans. Was she manipulating the police the same way she manipulated her former boyfriend, or was she an innocent victim? Based on meticulous research, court transcripts, and interviews with the survivors, *Beyond Obsession* is the definitive account of an American tragedy and the basis for a popular TV movie starring Victoria Principal and Emily Warfield.

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## Customer Reviews

I was working at the Glastonbury Police Department when this murder occurred and have first-hand knowledge of the details. This book was quite accurate but, sometimes, included unnecessary phrases causing the book to drag on. Could be more concise. This shipper was top notch, though.

I enjoyed this book immensely. I am from Glastonbury where the murder took place and I remember all the news stories about it the book is well written by mr hammer and gives a good recounting of what happened

Joyce Aparo seemed to be the perfect mom to 16-year-old Karin. She encouraged her daughter to be everything she could. At least that was the public perception. According to Karin, her mother beat her, kept her isolated from other people her age and criticized and demeaned her on a regular basis. But then Karin met Dennis Coleman and fell in love. But Joyce didn't approve. On August 5, 1987, Joyce's body was found under a bridge near the Connecticut-Massachusetts border. She had been strangled, and was covered in bruises, with paper stuffed in her mouth and pantyhose knotted around her throat. Dennis was a primary suspect from the very first. And when Karin reported to the police that he had confessed to her, the police were ecstatic ... until they started pulling at Karin's story. This is a very well written account of what can go wrong in just a heartbeat. And what kids can do when their hormones are running rampant. When a person can go from being a victim to being a cold blooded killer. And what a young man can do when masterfully controlled by the girl he loves. I don't read true life crime often .... reading Beyond Obsession makes me ask myself ..Why Not? Many thanks to the author / Open Road Integrated Media / NetGalley who provided a digital copy in exchange for an honest, unbiased review.

This read was all about lies and deception. Karin may have been a victim of abuse by her mother and may have rage and hate toward her but she was also a manipulator and a liar. There was sufficient evidence that pointed to her involvement in the murder. She was the ring leader in my opinion. The real victim in this murder case was Dennis Coleman!

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