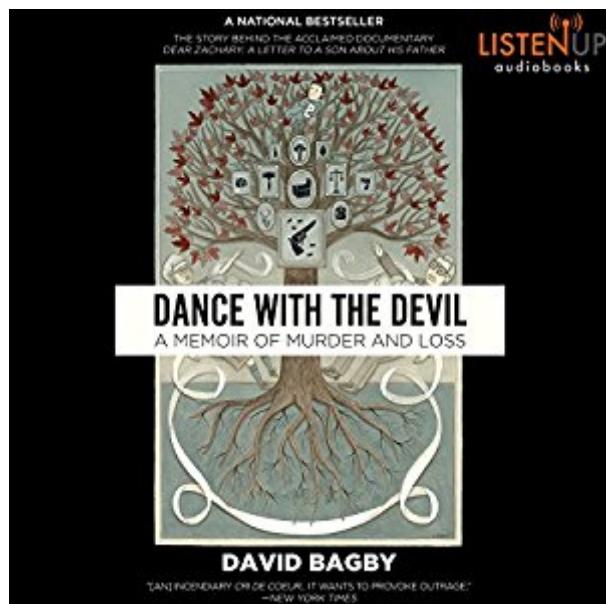


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Dance With The Devil: A Memoir Of Murder And Loss



Synopsis

Immortalized in the spellbinding documentary Dear Zachary, this angry, raw, and brutally honest true crime memoir of murder and loss chronicles a system's failure to prevent the death of a child. In November 2001, the body of a young doctor named Andrew Bagby was discovered in Keystone State Park outside Latrobe, Pennsylvania, five bullet wounds in his face, chest, buttocks, and the back of the head. For parents Dave and Kate, the pain was unbearable? But Andrew's murder was only the first in a string of tragic events. The chief suspect for Andrew's murder was his ex-girlfriend Shirley Turner? Whom was also a doctor. Obsessive and unstable, Shirley Turner lied to the police and fled to her family home in Newfoundland before she could be arrested. While fending off extradition efforts by U.S. law enforcement, she announced she was pregnant with Andrew's son, Zachary. The Bagbys hoping to gain custody of Zachary moved to Newfoundland and began a long, drawn-out battle in court and with Canadian social services to protect their grandson from the woman who had almost certainly murdered their son. Then, in August 2003, Shirley Turner killed herself and the one-year-old Zachary by jumping into the Atlantic Ocean. Dance with the Devil is a eulogy for a dead son, an elegy for lives cut tragically short, and a castigation of a broken system.

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Customer Reviews

David and Kate Bagby are not human, they are a Force of Nature right up there with lightning bolts and tidal waves. How someone can go on with their lives after an episode such as this is beyond ANYTHING I have ever witnessed or heard of. David Bagby is a man of remarkable intelligence,

resourceful, practical and that shows in his writing. There are no fillers, only a highly detailed description of events and the Canadian judicial system, where the cracks are and how to fix them. You get it all. How the events unfolded, his surprise (and shock) at many judicial decisions but immediately devising a strategy to address them. An engineer in everything, even in the face of this monstrosity. The Bagby family have become my most recent personal heroes. Their tenacity is simply breathtaking and their endurance to withstand such MASSIVE amounts of pain is something other people can only dream of. I am not a very religious man. Or lets say, my faith goes through many ups and downs. But I have no doubt that David and Kate went against pure evil. That monster who killed their son and grandson was not sick, was not demented - she was dark to the core, something beyond this natural world. How they kept their sanity after facing it, is something quite remarkable.

You need to first see the video "Dear Zachary" and then read this book - the book is great and fills in a lot of detail that couldn't be included the video. This is a heart wrenching story that leaves you crying for David and Kate Bagby.

The documentary about the Bagby's travails, "Dear Zachary" blew me away. I had to read David's personal account of this story and it did not disappoint. The Bagby's are extraordinary human beings who personify the terms grace and perseverance in the face of unfathomable tragedy. Read this book and let it inspire you to get involved.

This is very personal to my heart since my very good friend is very close to the Bagby family & I am from Pennsylvania where this tragedy took place. David Bagby's writing is very eloquent, considering the circumstance. I hope this story of how the Canadian Government failed this family will help change the laws in Canada. An EXCELLENT read.

I've watched this documentary probably 6 times in the pass few years. Kate and David are why I keep watching. It's them who I want to see and draw my strength from. Kate and David are one of the strongest people I've ever seen. This film makes me wish I had Andrew as a friend and Kate and David as parents. What they went through is unimaginable. It's a story in a story. To Kurt Kuenne, what a friend you must of been to Andrew. This documentary was done so well, I will never forget.

I caught "Dear Zachary" (the movie version of this story) a few years back. I cried and cried, and then I had my daughter watch and then a friend. No one made it through without bawling their eyes out. You cannot help but fall in love with both Andrew Bagby and his son Zachary Andrew. In this book David Bagby does an excellent job retelling the horrific story from start to finish of losing both son and grandson to the same deranged woman. An absolute must read.

I watched the documentary, Dear Zachary. Which had such a profound effect on me that I wanted the book. It took forever to find it at a decent price, but I finally got my hands on my very own copy. Watching the documentary seems like a walk in the park compared to the book. So much pain and suffering for just one family to endure. It just angers me to no end the loop holes this woman was able to get through and the amount of courage and bravery Kate and David showed during this time. Truly, they are inspirations and I hope I have the strength they have, if I should ever encounter this nightmare. Kate and David, thanks for making the book available for a small time. Thanks so much for being a strong resounding voice and pushing forward. You are definitely my heros and who I strive to be like.

This is one of the most gripping, unfathomable, gut-wrenching stories I have ever heard. It was painful to read, but I just couldn't put it down; I was in such awe of the Bagbys. They have to be two of the strongest, most inspirational people in the world. It is also a reminder to us all to be very careful about who we trust, & a painful wake-up call about the seriousness of untreated mental illness. I pray that the Bagbys have found some peace, somehow, & that their efforts for bail reform will be successful. No one should ever have to experience the hell that these wonderful people have had to live through.

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