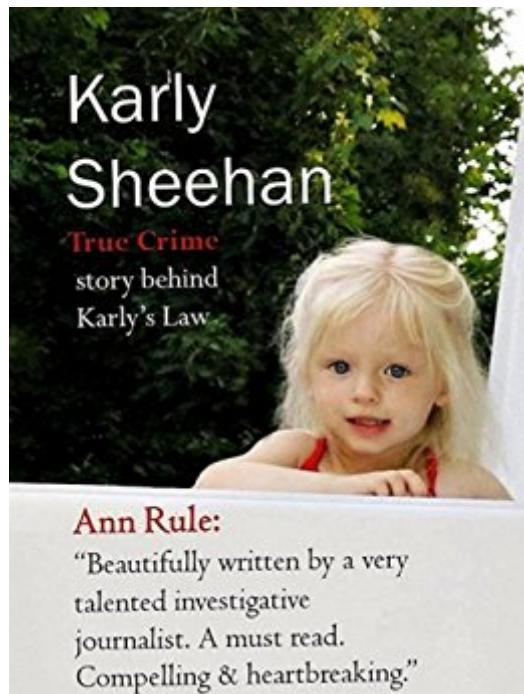


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# Karly Sheehan: True Crime Of Karly's Law



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## **Synopsis**

Karly Sheehan was a bright and beautiful and articulate girl, yet, she never revealed who was abusing her. Why? And why did all those investigations by the state fail to identify Karly's abuser? Part memoir, part investigative journalism, this is the true crime book Ann Rule called "A Must Read." Soon to be a TV special, this is the story behind Karly's Law.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book was very well written and informative! The author handled this sensitive subject very professionally, and kept the interest of the reader from beginning to end. I am appalled at the lack of help for this poor baby girl. The system failed her over and over again. I was happy to see that the law realized the depth of this child's father and his side of the family unit and I am glad the law came to the correct conclusion the father was only guilty of loving his child with all his heart and soul. I hope he has found some peace in his life, I know how hard it is to figure out why this had to happen, I, too, have lost a daughter and some questions we will never know the answers to. While this is hard, sad in parts, I would still strongly recommend this true crime book to all true crime readers!

Such a tragedy is hard to fathom. Karen Spears Zacharias has done a wonderful job of making Karly come alive for the reader. This book packs a powerful punch. We all need to watch and listen more to the children we come in contact with. Heed the signs of abuse the author has listed. I don't think for one second that the mother could have been so completely ignorant of what was happening. Shame on her. I pray that David finds happiness and some sort of healing. I also realize the toll of putting this in writing must have taken on the author. I am a woman of strong faith...a mother, a grandmother, and just recently, a great grandmother. This is a hard book to read but I take comfort in knowing that Karly will never be hurt again. God bless the child.

A skeptic by nature, I am quick to pick up on cheap attempts at sentimentality. The author succeeds in telling this devastating story so well that the child and victim of abuse lives and breathes and literally calls out from the page to us. I was crying by the final few chapters, particularly when she wrote that Karly wanted to go to Jesus. I have trouble feeling forgiveness for people who do these things to children; I feel enraged instead. I hold Sarah as accountable as her ex boyfriend who delivered the actual blows, but if there isn't justice done with Sarah, we can at least agree that she is a pathetic individual who I hope reads these reviews. So sad this is her legacy. She will never be as beautiful as Karly.

We'll done. I can not even begin to imagine what emotions hovered over you while putting this heart wrenching story to paper. I read and I cried, I read and I cried, I cried and cried and read. I worked in human services with adolescent teens who suffered with emotional and behavior disorders. Many of them suffered abuse in their own homes be it physical, sexual and mental, they were broken from within. Karen I view you not only as strong and courageous but as a woman with heart, BIG HEART. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for getting the truth of what happened to this little angel. And I also pray that it helps save the life of other children. Linda I NicholsFairhaven, MA 02719

I read this book and was quite surprised at how strongly it affected me. The author not only has a personal connection; her writing tells it so eloquently. A must read for law enforcement agencies, doctors, Child Advocate centers, daycare providers and school teachers. Karly should never have died; but her story can help save other abused children. I would suggest giving this as a gift to someone who works with children, their very lives could depend upon it. Cathy Davidson

Karen Zacharias doesn't simply report the story of Karly Sheehan as one who researched it, she

lived it. Reading about the tragedy of what two people did to this vibrant little girl is heartbreaking. What they stole from so many is heinous. Karen weaves the story of Karly and her family with great care, leading the reader to know the people involved and care deeply about the story. I'd recommend this book to every parent and grandparent and to every person who works with children.

"....Shawn Field tortured Karly because he is a sick bully." My sentiments exactly. But he did show the world just how powerful a 3 yr old girl can be, enough to put a grown male idiot in prison for a very very long time. His life is...over. As it should be. But...since Karly lived with both her mother and father, I blame them both too. That Sarah was neglectful is an understatement. Her negligence led directly to Karly's murder and she should be in prison (or a nuthouse). She should have given Karly to David for good, like she gave away her other baby daughter for good. I don't believe that David belongs in prison but for God's sake why couldn't he rise to the occasion just ONCE and be the man he needed to be to protect his daughter? I think he was way too worried about himself being deported. I just got the impression that David was a weak quiet man that could have lived quite nicely with Karly's being bruised and bald for the rest of her life. (Which as it turns out he did.) Edit: I felt guilty for being so hard on David. I know he loved Karly very much. Her dying from the abuse probably never crossed his mind as being a real possibility. I'm sorry that David has to live without Karly and with so much pain. My heart is broken for Karly and the 3 year life she endured for nothing. And I am livid that no one really cared enough to do anything actually helpful or to take this cruel abuse seriously. My only consolation is that yes, Karly is now with Jesus, just as she needed and wanted to be. God did stop her torture, her pain, her suffering, and all her fear. I know she is resting in peace with her maker now and I look forward to meeting her some day and knowing her forever. This is a very well-written book that I can only recommend if you have lots of kleenex nearby. And a good understanding of death and resurrection will help you keep ahold of your hope.

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