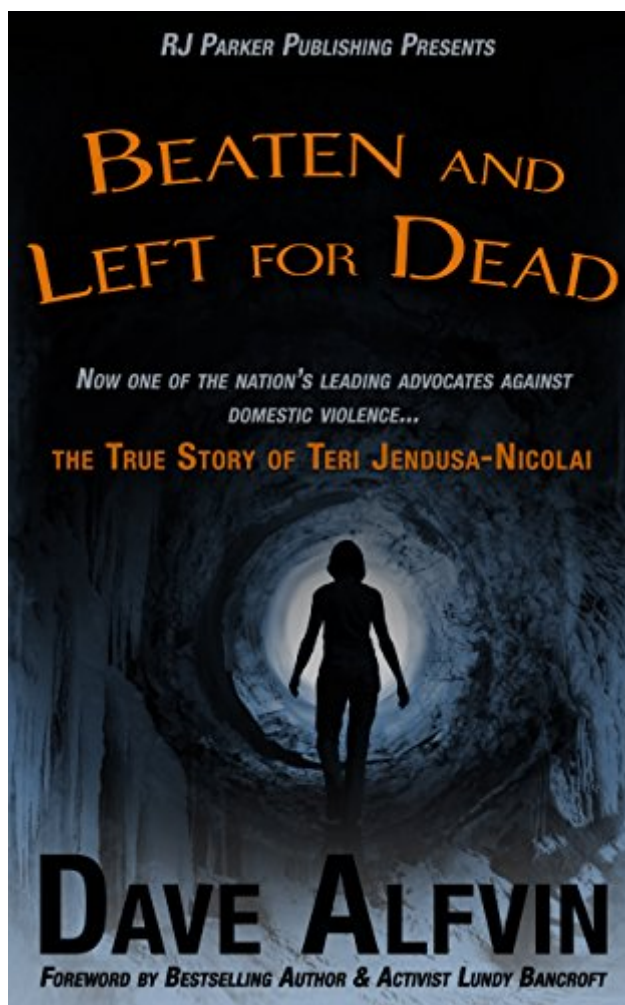


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# Beaten And Left For Dead: The Story Of Teri Jendusa-Nicolai



## Synopsis

The Crime of the Decade in Wisconsin...and covered nationally by CNN News. Interviews by Barbara Walters 20/20, Oprah Winfrey and Dr. Oz. (April 2017). Read Teri's viewpoint as told to the author! WITH PHOTOS Teri Jendusa never dreamed she would marry a violent, malignant narcissist like David Larsen. But she did. Why? Simple. Larsen cleverly concealed his true nature until the marriage vows were final. David, an eventual church council president and model citizen, rapidly began to morph into a monster and sociopath, telling Teri on their wedding day, "Now, I own you." Beaten and Left For Dead is a book about extreme marital violence, dominant control and psychological torment through the mind of the out-of-control David Larsen. It's also about survival, faith and a mother's will to live for her children's sake...as she faces death, face to face. This is an ideal book for women's studies and book clubs as it looks inside a large women's shelter, giving the reader a glimpse of a support network. The author also interviews a counselor who works with violent men with surprising results. Teri Jendusa-Nicolai continues to crusade for women's issues to this day and currently works with a Wisconsin commission on domestic violence. EDITORIAL PRAISE "Teri Jendusa-Nicolai's story is a powerful example of the horrific lengths of barbarism a man can go to when he considers a woman his personal property. And it is, equally, an inspiring, riveting story of a woman's courage and clear thinking under the absolute worst of conditions, and of her tenacious hold to life...I am so grateful to Teri Jendusa-Nicolai and to Dave Alvin for getting this story out to us. Don't miss it." --Lundy Bancroft, best-selling author on domestic violence, trainer, and activist on male violence against women "This book is important because it gets our message out as to what we do to help abusers change their value systems."--Maureen Manning-Rosenfeld, Clinical Professional Counselor

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This is the story of Teri Jendusa-Nicolai who survived a brutal relationship with David Larsen. Teri had tried multiple times to leave David as his need for control was getting worse. Teri finally had the courage to leave her abuser and started a new life. Unfortunately David had darker plans and even waited years to try and take revenge on her. The author did a great job in telling Teri's story and also includes interviews with Teri and some counselors. I highly recommend this book.

DisturbingByMarlene fabregason May 27, 2017As much as I read on true crime, this book was very disturbing. What this woman went through at the hands of her husband, isn't for the faint of heart. The horrific abuse that Teri endured is beyond words. The courage she demonstrated is what helped her survive her abusive husband. Recommend this book to true crime readers.

Teri's story is hard to read because of the the terrible abuse she suffered for years, culminating in her near death. This story should be put before adolescents in hopes that they will be more aware of what can happen when they choose (or settle for) the wrong partner. By the grace of God, Teri was rescued and survived despite a long and painful recovery period. However, her life will never be the same as it was before she met and married David Larsen.

Beaten and Left for Dead is a compelling story about one of the most famous domestic abuse cases in Southern Wisconsin. It is intelligently written with an excellent narrative. The book follows Teri Jendusa-Nicolai through her horrifying experience with domestic abuse and violence, but becomes

an inspirational story of survival and hope. The author managed to tackle an incredibly intense and dark subject with respect. The book is inspiring, as well as informative and the interviews have a lighthearted banter that make them feel more personal. An all-around great read.

This was an emotional book to read and I truly felt like I was involved in the story, wanting to rescue her. What an incredible woman and team of people who helped her recover physically and emotionally.

Thanks to Dave Alvin for reminding us that domestic abuse is alive and well and deadly. Teri is actually one of the lucky victims -- at least she lived to tell her story, although I'm sure her emotional and physical scars are something she will live with for life. I would highly recommend this book for teenage girls, as abusive relationships are on the rise for teens. How sad is that? We live in an increasing violent world. We are worried about terrorists from foreign countries-- but some of us live with a terrorist within our own family walls.

This is such an amazing book!!! It is an incredible amount of courage and a will to survive the horrible things that happened to Teri. This is a wonderful book interviews are done with Teri and all the wonderful doctors that kept her alive and performed incredible surgeries to Teri's feet. It is just a miracle that she survived by the will of God. A must read and many lessons and outreach programs that are available for anyone.

This would make a good, educational movie. I think this story could be adapted into a screenplay. I say this because there are many people in the world who are similar to David Larsen...people who feel the need to control every single thing around them to the point where it becomes an obsession. I have known a few people like this, both men AND women. People need to be constantly reminded that not everyone in the world is nice and plays fair. When someone hits you - especially on your HONEYMOON - this should be a clear indicator of what will surely like ahead, and that is more abuse which will escalate into something worse.

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