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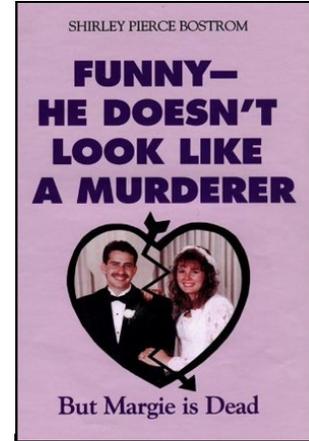


Author's Page ~ Shirley Bostrom

Author Writes Books and Teaching Guide for Domestic Abuse Subjects

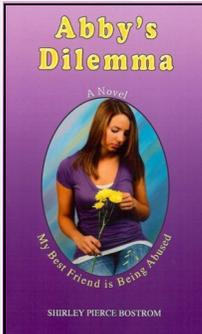
Funny - He Doesn't Look Like A Murderer (But Margie is Dead)

In this nonfiction account of her daughter's murder, the author warns that domestic violence happens everywhere and to anyone. Margaret Bostrom, a PhD in clinical psychology, worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and became a victim of domestic homicide. Facts about domestic violence are intertwined with the family's story of their loss, the murder, the criminal justice system and their journey from unimaginable grief to strong advocacy against domestic violence.



Abby's Dilemma (My Best Friend is Being Abused)

Abby has been best friends with Missy for as long as she can remember. Now in high school, Missy has a boyfriend Mike, who is abusing her. The situation gets worse, and Abby and Missy's friendship is strained. Can Abby get help for Missy before tragedy happens?

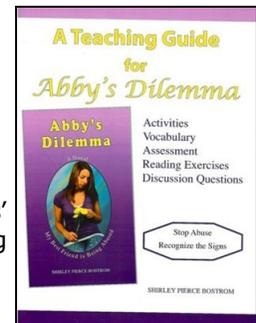


The author takes her experience and knowledge learned the hard way and writes this fictional novel, aimed at bringing the subject of domestic violence to women of all ages, but especially young students. She expands on sharing the knowledge gained by creating **A Teaching Guide for Abby's Dilemma**.

When Shirley and her husband Larry spoke to young people, teen dating abuse surfaced as a focal point, so Shirley wrote a young adult novel **Abby's Dilemma (My Best Friend is Being Abused)**, and a teaching guide that she co-published with Richard LaPorta at Husky Trails Press in 2009, after meeting at CAPA. Now, she is working to familiarize teachers with these resources, which deal openly with dating violence as a social problem - not something to be hidden and denied. Shirley's goal is to offer reduced prices on these materials to each school in the

state of CT.

This guide uses techniques that address various learning styles and promotes creativity. It includes: vocabulary, discussion questions, activities, assessments and additional resources. Teachers are offered alternate activities, which will meet students' needs. Students will demonstrate an increased level of comprehension regarding dating violence.



Shirley Pierce Bostrom retired from teaching in 1996. That summer, Shirley's son-in-law, the husband of her youngest daughter, murdered his wife. Shirley wrote, through her tears, the non-fiction book **"Funny - He Doesn't Look Like A Murderer (But Margie is Dead)**, published by Calie Books in 2002. David Kaczynski ended his introduction to the book with, "Shirley Bostrom has given shape to Margaret's legacy, and probably saved some lives as well." Wally Lamb wrote, "Your writing is vivid, honest and frank." Her writing then took a novel turn aimed at young adults with **Abby's Dilemma**, and added the **Teaching Guide** for school systems.

Shirley is also working on a chapter book about her life growing up on an Indian reservation - many chapters, with simple alterations, stand alone as short stories. Meanwhile, in a complete departure from previous writing, she is taking a humorous look at obnoxious drivers.



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