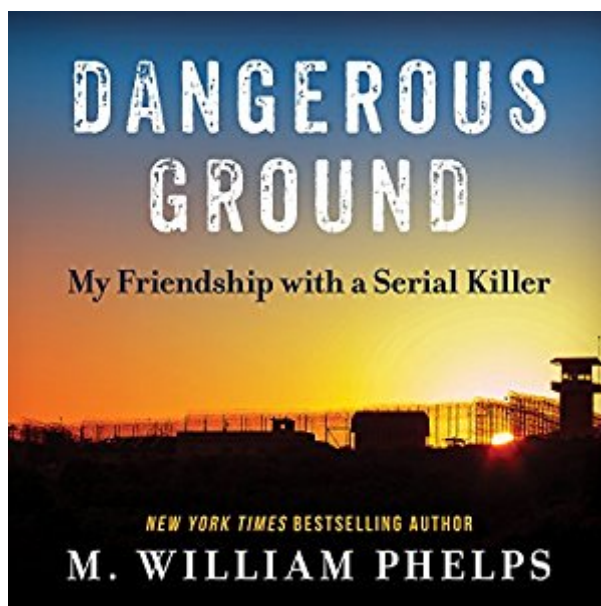


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# Dangerous Ground: My Friendship With A Serial Killer



## Synopsis

In September 2011, M. William Phelps made a bold decision that would change the landscape of reality-based television - and his own life. He asked a convicted serial killer to act as a consultant for his TV series. Under the code name Raven, the murderer shared his insights into the minds of other killers and helped analyze their crimes. As the series became an international sensation, Raven became Phelps' unlikely confidant, ally - and friend. In this deeply personal account, Phelps traces his own family's dark history and takes us into the heart and soul of a serial murderer. He also chronicles the complex relationship he developed with Raven. From questions about morality to Raven's thoughts on the still-unsolved, brutal murder of Phelps' sister-in-law, the author found himself grappling with an unwanted, unexpected, unsettling connection with a cold-blooded killer. Drawing on over 700 minutes of letters, dozens of hours of recorded conversations, personal and Skype visits, and a friendship five years in the making, Phelps sheds new light on Raven's bloody history, including details of an unknown victim, the location of a still-buried body - and a jaw-dropping admission.

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## Customer Reviews

I was so eagerly waiting for this book to come out that I was really excited when I got a chance to get it early to review it. It's a departure from his typical books, Phelps bravely delves into his family's personal history including some members struggles with drug and alcohol addiction. Then, getting the news that his brother Mark's wife Diane has been murdered, and having to tell him when he gets

home. It later comes out that she'd likely been killed at the hands of a serial killer operating in the area at the time, but it still hasn't been solved. Phelps writes about the effects this has had on the entire family over the years, especially on the children and Mark. All very emotional and heartbreaking. The other part of this book is Phelps writing about Raven, the serial killer he kept unnamed on his show on ID, but he finally reveals who he is here. Not only does he tell who he is, but also what he endured for the 5 years of trying to get something meaningful out of this guy, in the way of usable information. Also to write about him in order to try and get him to come clean about any cases he's not told about, especially a Jane Doe case in Florida he'd been holding out on. This was a very emotional book to read at times for me, especially parts of the family stuff I could relate to, and I had to take breaks, just being an overly emotional type. This is an extremely manipulative serial killer, to say the least. Very brave work and book. I hope it results in finding out who the Jane Doe is before long too once it's published, that would be a wonderful payoff for everyone's hard work on it. My great thanks to NetGalley, Kensington, and M. William Phelps for providing the ARC for my review. It's so very much appreciated.

This is another fascinating book by M. William Phelps. The book details his 5 year friendship with serial killer Keith Jesperson, a.k.a., the Happy Face Killer. Author Phelps was hoping to maybe get some useful information from Jesperson regarding unsolved murders in the hopes of finally solving them. Jesperson seemed to like to play games and I think Phelps had a lot of patience in trying to deal with him. Phelps also shared the struggles that some of his family members had with drug and/or alcohol addictions and also his own personal struggles he was going through at this time. I wish I could give this book more than 5 stars.

Mr. Phelps as always delivers an insightful and engrossing story. The absolute best part of the book was his process of a personal journey that once again keeps me reading way past my bedtime. Bravo Mr. Phelps and as always please keep writing!

This book was a little different from what M Wm Phelps usually writes. As usual great book. Love his down to earth way of writing, unlike other true crime authors he doesn't go into technical boring medical and legal aspects of a case just as a filler. LOVE and have read every one of his books. Look forward to his next one!

This is one of the best books that Phelps has written. He explained in the beginning that is was

partially his memoir and about Ravens the serial killer he introduced on Dark Minds ,TV show I am sure I am not the only reader who has wondered about the murder of his sister in law, this book sheds light on the subject, but it remains unsolved. So as not to spoil the mystery, I won't give the true name of Ravens. He was a very narcissistic and evil psychopath who killed women as he drove his truck across the US. Phelps invested 5 years of his life corresponding and visiting with this evil man. It almost got the best of him, but Phelps hung in there, trying to get more info on an unsolved case in FL. I think probably Ravens could tell about more victims.

The life & times of Keith "Happy Face" Hunter Jesperson aka Raven who was known to be a serial killer. My undergrad was criminal justice (Sociology). When I was 12, 1 of the books my biological dad gave me was on serial killers. I worked with inmates in the juvy detention, & the jail/prison environment; murderers, pedophiles & other crimes; not serial killers. I ended up in Emergency Service mental health as a crisis/school social worker. Both male/female serial killers & terrorists are on the top of my list to study nowadays. Warning: This book is for adults only & contains extreme violent or graphic adult content or profanity &/or sexually explicit scenarios. It may be offensive to some readers. I did not receive any type of compensation for reading & reviewing this book. While I receive free books from publishers & authors, I am under no obligation to write a positive review. Only an honest one. A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A very well written book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great movie, a college PP presentation, or better yet a mini TV series or even a documentary (True Crime; American Crime Story; Investigative Discovery). This book was just OK for me so I will only rate it at 4/5 stars. Thank you for the free Goodreads; Making Connections; Kensington Publication Corp.; AUCE; AUCP; paperback book Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

This book was different than other books that M. William Phelps has written. It is about the friendship he has with a serial killer and the murder of his sister-in-law. It is more personal. You get to meet his family, for good or bad. The serial killer he develops a friendship with is "Raven" who was featured in the show "Dark Minds" on ID.. Of course, I was anxious to know who it was, since I love the series. This book not only delves into the friendship, but also into the crimes that Raven committed. As with all of Phelps' books, it was well written and it does leave you wanting to know

more! Great book and I highly recommend it.

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