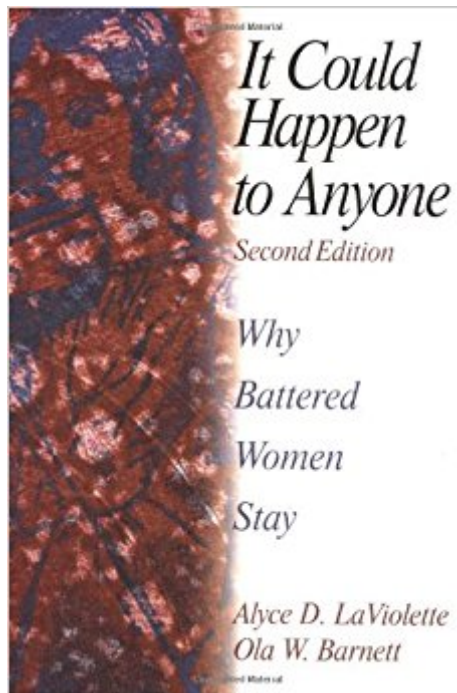




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# It Could Happen To Anyone: Why Battered Women Stay



## Synopsis

This revised and updated edition of *It Could Happen to Anyone* provides a comprehensive examination of why women stay in abusive relationships and why they leave, explaining why women should not be blamed for their victimization.

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## Customer Reviews

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This sorry excuse for a woman is a true snake oil saleswoman. Her books are a complete joke, and it will not help you one iota. According to this so called "EXPERT", all men are evil monsters who need to be wiped off the face of the earth. I am a man and an abuse survivor, and she has insulted

me and every single abuse victim. Your gender does not define if you are an abuser or not. Don't bother with this trash. Shame on you!!!!!!!!!!!!

I cannot believe people would pay \$50 to read something from a woman that can't see who the real victim in a relationship is. She's destroying the reputation of a dead man for \$300/hour. She should never be able to sell another book about domestic violence again.

I have been watching Alyce on the Jodi Arias trial and this woman is completely unqualified to speak on behalf of abused women. She assumes all her statements based on the lies of sociopathic, psychopathic liar & murderer. She reads texts and makes an assessment of the feelings and behaviour behind them. Written words are VERY different from spoken words for they are lacking the exact thing she needs for her assessment. She doesn't have the tone nor the emotion needed to assess. She is attacking the abused victim and taking sides with the murderer without any foundation except her paycheck. I don't care how much money she is making an hour from this trial, my problem is that she has taken the position to defend the abuser and the murderer. She is obviously not concerned with victims but rather she is concerned with how full her pockets will be from this trial and from this 5 minutes of fame she is getting. I hope she doesn't sell a single copy of this book for if it's a reflection of what is going on in this trial then it's going to be just as benighted as she is.

Even Nancy Grace called you a fairly likeable witness when you first took the stand. How time's have changed. I had a negative feeling about you right from the beginning. At least Dr. Fog (Samuels) with all his miscalculations and disorganization told the truth on occasion. My blood was boiling as you sat there looking so smug and spouting sarcastic one-liners in response to Juan Martinez' cross examination of you. You apparently think you're hilarious. That's good, maybe you can try a career in comedy since your days as a respected counselor of "real" domestic violence victims is surely over. Jokes on you though, as it's crystal clear from the juror's questions that began today, no one believes a word you say. That's kind of what happens when you go to bat for a lying, narcissistic, arrogant, manipulative sociopath like Jodi Arias. I'm guessing at this point you're really regretting getting involved in this case. Maybe you didn't think anyone would be paying attention to a little murder trial in Arizona and you could go, get paid, and get some free advertisement for your newly released tired old book. I don't know how you sleep nights when by day you're dragging poor Travis' name through the mud while his grieving brothers and sisters look on. How you can say you

believe that woman's claims that Travis was a pedophile, when there's absolutely no proof of such claim, is absolutely disgusting. You're the one in need of a "time-out" Ms. LaViolette, to reflect on the biased testimony you've given while on the stand. The only silver lining is that if Jodi's defense team had chosen a more credible witness I might not be so confident that this will all end eventually with a much deserved death penalty verdict. So Alyce, if justice prevails and Jodi gets what's coming to her we'll have you to thank. And by the way, someone peeping in your window while in an intimate moment with someone is stalking behavior. I would call the police for such behavior as I'm sure any other rational individual would.

This so-called "expert" man-hater performs an abject disservice to true victims of abuse. Armed with an agenda of spewing vitriol towards all things male, this money-grubbing cad will say/write anything for the almighty dollar. Do not fall for her evil ploy.

This woman has thrown all of her credibility out of the window by testifying in defense of a woman who WAS NEVER abused! She has made a mockery of "Battered Women's Syndrome" by doing so in front of a national audience. Because of these actions, women who are TRUE victims of domestic violence will find it even more difficult to be believed. SHAME ON HER!!

You should be ashamed of yourself. Disgrace to battered women. Can't tell a liar from a victim. I guess the money decides who is abused. You justify 27 stab wounds..gunshot to the head..almost decapitated. because she was hit with a spoon and was called mean names. I did read your book and you speak as though we are ALL abused..Your book is now in the trash where it belongs....

I will be perfectly honest, I have not read this book. Nor would I ever read ANYTHING written by this woman. She has sold her soul for \$300 an hour to testify for an admitted liar. How can she be in that courtroom and say the things that she has testified to knowing that the true victim's (Travis Alexander)family is in that courtroom listening to her destroy their brother's reputation. She is supposed to be an advocate for domestic violence victims, which would be Travis. How is she going to explain the brutality of the murder? How can she testify that he was an abuser? If I had been one of her patients I would be seriously reconsidering my treatments. I hope she enjoys the \$\$ she is making from selling her soul and her reputation. She probably won't have a practice to return to after this case. If she truly was a professional she would have never gotten involved with the trial in AZ. So sad what some people will do for a little bit of money. And maybe some publicity for her

book. Coincidental timing?

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