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Review

Writing is superb. Most importantly, Fanning has written a true-crime book focused more on the truth than on the crime. -- *Vance Holmes, Poetic Justice*

From the Back Cover

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About the Author

Diane Fanning is the author of many books of true crime, including the best-selling *Mommy's Little Girl*, *A Poisoned Passion*, *The Pastor's Wife*, *Gone Forever* and *Through the Window*. *Written in Blood* was an Edgar Award finalist. She has been featured on *48 Hours*, *20/20*, Court TV and the Discovery Channel, and has been interviewed on dozens of radio stations coast to coast. Before becoming a nonfiction writer, Fanning worked in advertising, and she earned more than 70 Addy Awards. She lives in New Braunfels, Texas.

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