

# LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER

*Inside the depraved mind of child-killer Derek Ernest Percy.*

In this definitive, graphically chilling account of Percy's life, a man dubbed by a prison officer as 'Australia's answer to Hannibal Lecter', award-winning true-crime author Debi Marshall applies her blowtorch investigative journalism skills to a forensic examination of the man and his modus operandi. Although only charged with one murder, police linked the killer to another eight unsolved child abductions and murders in different Australian states, including the Beaumont children, Wanda Beach victims and 7-year-old Linda Stilwell, never found, whose 1968 abduction is the subject of an inquest in September.

Informed by exclusive material never before seen - poignant and insightful interviews with Percy's mother, victims' families, psychiatrists, police officers, former colleagues and other possible attempted victims, including the author when she was a child - Marshall also takes us on her personal journey as she seeks to unravel the truth about the monster whose disturbing, idiosyncratic character has deceived the best psychiatric minds for 40 years.

Is Derek Percy responsible for Australia's worst unsolved child abductions and murders?

LAMBS TO THE SLAUGHTER is investigative journalist and author Debi Marshall's sixth book, her fourth true-crime. *Killing For Pleasure* (2006), Marshall's investigation into the Snowtown 'bodies-in-the-barrel' killings, won the Ned Kelly award. *Justice in Jeopardy* (2005), about baby Deidre Kennedy's unsolved murder, helped change Australia's double jeopardy laws. In *The Devil's Garden* (2007), Marshall wrote about the unsolved Claremont serial killings in Perth. The book created much controversy and media attention, causing furore within the WA police. Unsurprisingly, the book went on to become a bestseller.

This is the most thorough portrait of Percy ever written, featuring interviews with people that have never before spoken about Percy in the media.

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