

Valérie Bacot

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Valérie Bacot recounts an entire life under the influence of her father-in-law, who became her husband and abused her to others' general indifference.

From the age of twelve, Valérie Bacot has known fear, living under the control of Daniel: her stepfather, her rapist, and then her husband and pimp. Everyone knew. Everyone had their own suspicions about what was happening to her in her own home. The beatings and daily humiliations, violence normalized by repetition... All the constant aspects of a life that could hardly be called a life at all. One day, she killed him, so he wouldn't kill her and her children. For doing so, she was hauled before the court, where she feared she would neither be heeded nor heard. Here in this book, with great courage and restraint, she tells her truth: one of daily tyranny and neglect.

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