

**Chapter 1 : When Battered Women Kill: Angela Browne: blog.quintoapp.com: Books**

*It has been argued that battered women who kill their abusers represent a special class of defendants being unfairly treated in the legal system. As a result, commentators have argued for reforms to permit the judicial system to respond more fairly. Researchers have investigated the influences of.*

Two theories on why battered women kill History of Battering Legality In order to understand why a battered woman would resort to killing her abuser, it is first necessary to examine the failure of resources attempting to address battering. Battering flourishes even though it is now illegal, because these resources fail to stop it entirely. Throughout most of world history, women have not only been treated as second-class citizens, but also considered property of their fathers, husbands, and other male family members rather than as citizens in their own right. This has been the case under the secular law as well as the tenets of most of the religions of the world. Historically, religious institutions were responsible for defining and performing social control. Most of these traditions demand or at least support the submission of all family members to the control of the male head of household. Consequently, they require this male to take responsibility for maintaining control and discipline of family members by whatever means necessary, including corporal punishment Belknap ; Davidson ; Dobash and Dobash ; Gordon ; Gosselin ; Ogle and Jacobs ; Pleck , For example, some scholars point to the specificity of the Bible concerning the subordination of women to men and the need for men to use corporal punishment in order to maintain control over and protect the chastity of their women Davidson ; Davis ; Gosselin ; Masters Other scholars note that in medieval times, the church required men to maintain complete and absolute control of wives and children and advised that failure to do so would result in their own punishment by the church Dutton ; Masters ; Pushkareva Some of these scholars indicate that the church went as far as to warn men to be careful not to beat women and children about the head, because this could cause irreparable damage to their property Masters As secular governments began to take responsibility for social control, little changed with regard to the status or treatment of women. For example, under Roman civil law, women were property just like slaves, without legal or human rights. Male ownership included the right to buy, sell, punish, or impose death on his property Gosselin ; Masters Gosselin notes that in the French civil code of the late s women were declared to be legal minors for the entirety of their lives and the property of their fathers or husbands. Such laws also required corporal punishment of wives, including punching, kicking the body, and permanent disfigurementâ€”especially injuries that were easily observable by others in order to increase her shame Dobash and Dobash ; Gosselin ; Pagelow When Blackstone codified the British common law in , he included rules on the status of women and the use of corporal punishment to control them. Of course, this code formed the foundation for law established by Britain in the United States and remained in place there in similar form until the late twentieth century. In essence, battering has long been a well-established tradition in both religion and secular government throughout the world. Even though some governments have made battering illegal, it continues to flourish everywhere, alongside rape, as a successful method of controlling women. Women and Homicide There has been quite a bit of research done on women who kill, likely because murder is an aggressive, violent act that falls considerably outside the passive, submissive role expectations for women. This extreme variation has enticed researchers since the nineteenth century. Consequently, social science research provides a significant amount of information on women who kill, and this research paper will attempt to give a useful overview of these findings. Women do not often kill; in fact, only about 10 percent of homicides in any given year are committed by women. When women kill, they most often kill intimates: The large majority of these killings are actually battered women killing their abusers in order to survive Browne ; Dobash, Dobash, Wilson, and Daly ; Federal Bureau of Investigation , ; Hart , ; Ogle and Jacobs As a result, homicides committed by women, as opposed to those by men, present fairly consistent characteristics and circumstances Browne ; Browne and Williams ; Ewing ; Goetting ; Jones ; Jurik and Winn ; Ogle and Jacobs ; Ogle, Maier-Katkin, and Bernard ; Wolfgang Women most often kill in the home, likely because they spend much more time in the home than men Goetting ; Ogle et al. Women generally kill alone without co-conspirators, and their victims have usually provoked the homicidal attack

Browne ; Ewing ; Goetting ; Jones ; Ogle et al. These killings generally involve explosive, sudden aggression rather than a planned attack Browne ; Ewing ; Goetting ; Jones ; Ogle et al. In addition, women killers tend to be more socially conforming and traditional in their sex roles and relationships than other women Blackman ; Browne ; Ewing ; Goetting ; Jones ; Ogle et al. These women often indicate that they were suffering from severe depression and despair when they committed the homicide Browne ; Ewing ; Goetting ; Jones ; Ogle et al. Homicides committed by women of a lower socioeconomic class are higher in number, as are homicides committed by women of color i. However, these killings do not vary much from the above pattern Dawson and Langan ; Ewing ; Goetting ; Jones ; Ogle et al. It should be noted that some scholars believe that this difference in homicide rates is a result of socioeconomic status rather than race or ethnicity Centerwall ; Stark and Flitcraft These patterns represent a rich picture of the characteristics of homicides committed by women and have provided scholars with sufficient information to formulate theories on why battered women kill. Battering and Homicide Although there is yet to be agreement among researchers, there is evidence in the research to support the existence of two types of domestic violence. Johnson attempts to delineate these two specific types of battering relationships: Common couple violence involves minor violence and reciprocity of assaults between partners. In other words, both parties participate in the violence toward each other. This type of violence occurs less often and generally only when the couple is experiencing an extremely stressful situation. Patriarchal terrorism involves the victim being systematically terrorized by the other partner. In this type of battering, the violence is both more serious and more frequent. The qualitative data on battered women indicate that these may be the cases most likely to escalate to homicides. The most common victim of homicide in a battering relationship is the battering victim. In the United States, about two or three thousand women are killed each year by their batterers. In contrast, only about five hundred battered women kill their abusers each year. There is evidence that these numbers may be decreasing where social and legal resources are more successful Browne and Williams ; Bureau of Justice Statistics ; Websdale However, there is also evidence that a significant number of battering homicides may never be recorded as such because the batterer has been successful at hiding the situation, the police fail to record the battering, or the relationship is early in the battering process and these issues remain hidden. It should also be noted that the largest percentage of murdered battered women about 60 to 70 percent are killed by their batterers while trying to leave the situation. Of course, there are a significant number of women killed at the climax of a battering incident as well. Battered Women Who Kill Battered women live in a world quite different from their non-victimized counterparts. It is a world filled with tension, distrust, violence, and fear. Aldarondo and Straus identified ten risk factors for marital violence. They note the willingness to use violence at all, dependency, violent behavior outside the home, and physical violence in the family of origin as major factors. They also note the importance of marital rape, possession or use of weapons, abuse or killing of pets, psychological abuse, and threats used to solve problems or control the partner. These characteristics have also been identified by other researchers studying battering in general Straus and Gelles , ; Straus, Gelles, and Steinmetz While this set of general characteristics of battering relationships indicates an environment of fear and violence, other studies have shown even more difficult circumstances for battered women who kill their abusers. Research indicates that battered women who kill their abusers live in a world that is even more intimidating. She found several significant differences in the cases of battered women who killed their abusers. She identifies a higher frequency of violence in these cases and more serious injuries as a result. These cases more often involved serious sexual abuse, high levels of isolation of the victim, frequent substance abuse, and frequent threats to kill the victim. She also notes higher levels of hopelessness among these victims, particularly those who had attempted to leave or get assistance and had failed, leaving them feeling entrapped in the violence. All of this research has led some scholars to develop theories on battering and battering homicides. Two Theories on Why Battered Women Kill Lenore Walker was one of the first scholars to devote her efforts to understanding the battering relationship. In , she published a book detailing the pattern of battering that she discovered from working with battered women. This pattern is referred to as the cycle of battering, or the cycle of violence. This cycle consists of three phases. First, Walker identified a period of tension building in these relationships, where the batterer emotionally abuses the victim with intimidation and threats. Victims generally react to this

abusive behavior by attempting to placate the batterer in order to avoid the threatened violence. The second phase consists of the actual battering incident. The third phase consists of contrition, whereby the batterer apologizes for the violence and attempts to convince the victim that it will not happen again, in order to prevent the victim from leaving the relationship. Walker followed up this work in with a book explaining her theory of why women stay in battering relationships and how this can result in a homicide. This theory is called battered woman syndrome. In this theory, Walker argues that over time, battered women develop learned helplessness. This means that as the cycle reoccurs over time, the battered woman learns that nothing she does has an influence on the battering. It becomes inevitable regardless of her response to the threats. The victim feels helpless and entrapped in the violence. Some victims simply give up and expect to die; others continue in this mode until they believe that they are going to be killed and then resort to killing their abusers in order to survive. Battered woman syndrome has become well accepted in the legal community as a supplement to self-defense strategies for battered women who have killed their abusers. It is similar to arguing that the battered woman was slowly driven to a form of temporary insanity, resulting in her homicidal behavior. In essence, battered woman syndrome is a partial excuse for committing homicide; however, it is not a legal justification. In other words, it may reduce her responsibility for the homicide and mitigate the punishment, but it does not legally justify the homicide. Battered woman syndrome has also received significant criticism over the past twenty years. For example, it is hard to argue in court that the defendant made a reasonable decision while claiming that she was temporarily insane. Ogle and Jacobs argue that this theory focuses only on psychology and only on the victim, as if the victim were the problem to be explained. They claim that this theory ignores all of the cultural, social, structural, and situational variables that are inherent parts of any interaction between people. Consequently, they utilize an interaction perspective to explain battering and escalation to homicide. Ogle and Jacobs borrow the cycle of battering from Walker and use it as the framework for understanding how interactions occur over time in a battering relationship and how these interactions might escalate to a homicide. They argue that the tension-building phase creates negative affect i. The batterer temporarily relieves his tension by battering the victim, but the victim lives in a constantly increasing, high state of arousal. When people experience such feelings, they normally utilize their personal coping mechanisms to end the tension or at least manage it. Since women are generally socialized against the use of aggression, they are likely to begin coping by appeasing the batterer to keep him calm and reduce the likelihood of violence. For example, the victim may try to do everything just as the batterer wants it, hoping that this will prevent another beating. When another battering incident occurs, she has learned that her actions will not stop the violence. At this stage, some women will try physical self-defense, which usually results in more serious injuries. But again the batterer will apologize and promise not to do it again. Most women will believe this contrition for a while because they so desperately want it to be true. When the tension building and battering continue to occur, the victim often responds by utilizing her personal coping resources to attempt to end the violence. For example, she may call her parents for advice or talk to a trusted friend about the situation.

**Chapter 2 : Domestic violence: how the law treats women who kill a violent partner**

*Battered woman syndrome (BWS) emerged in the s from several murder cases in England in which women had killed violent partners in response to what they claimed was cumulative abuse, rather than in response to a single provocative act.*

Use an editor to spell check essay. Why Battered Women Kill and How Society Responds is a disturbing book based on true stories and trials of women who have been brutally beaten and abused, verbally, sexually, physically, and emotionally. This book is written by Lenore E. She is a psychologist who has testified as an expert witness in the trials in the book where women have murdered their abusive husbands or boyfriends. The book exposes the extent of domestic abuse, and how society and the system respond to the actions caused by this abuse. The book is divided into three sections which all combined contain fifteen chapters. The first section of the book is called "Cheating Their Destinies". This section explains how the battering cycle can begin and explains that many of these terrified women kill their abusers to avoid being killed themselves. It explains how helpless these abused women can become to avoid being beaten or killed. They give into these men until they cannot take the abuse anymore, and out of fear or self-defense kill their men. This was a story about a woman named Joyce and her husband, Aubrey, who abused her as well as her five children. Joyce often felt she had to "walk on eggshells" and never knew what Aubrey was going to do next. Nothing she ever did seemed to please him. Sometimes Aubrey beat Joyce so bad she needed medical attention. Joyce was too ashamed to go to the doctor and show people what he had done to her. She felt incapable of leaving him. One night she sensed a feeling that this was going to be the night he was going to kill her. She loaded a handgun and put it on her nightstand out of fear. Later on Aubrey woke up and demanded sex from her. The next time her mind was clear, there was Aubrey dead, stretched out across the bed with nine bullets in his body. This part of the book explains more about these women, who they are, and why they kill. First, she profiles all her clients to see what state they were in when they committed these acts of violence. Lenore states, "Battered women come from all types of economic, cultural, religious, and racial backgrounds. They are millionaires, and they are women on welfare; they are uneducated women, and they are practicing professionals with J. They are women like you. Like those whom you know and love. They have poor self-esteem; they behave in stereotyped traditional ways in order to please their batterer. They deal with a great amount of violence and guilt. One of the most interesting chapters in this section is titled "Crazy Ladies". This chapter attempts to describe more why a woman kills. Many times when these women go on trial they will be judged as insane. However, Lenore tries to explain that most battered women who kill do so in defense, not because they are mentally disordered. The problem is many diagnosis of mental illness delivered by uninformed medical personnel and mental health professionals are often wrong. The third and final section of this book is titled "The Law". This section describes why women have such a hard time being heard and understood in the system. One of the reasons women do not have such a strong voice that many people will listen to is because how power is divided among people in America. Power in America is directly related to gender, class, race, age, education, and socioeconomic status. In most of these respects, men have a distinct advantage over women. Many few judges in our male identified, male dominated courts are sensitized to women issues. Women are viewed in our society as people who are not supposed to kill, use violence, or even defend themselves against a potentially fatal attack. This is one reason why Lenore provides a strong defense for these women as an expert witness. It is an important thing for society to understand why these women do this and how to fix the system to try these women different than any other murder trial. The book ends almost as a closing to one of the first chapters and is titled "Joyce Hawthorne Today". After three murder trails, each where Joyce was allowed out on bail with appeals, went on for a long nine years. Finally, on the fourth appeal her lawyer was able to get a new trial based on the fact that in the previous trials there was judicial misconduct and that an expert witness, who was Lenore, was not allowed to go on trial. Her case was dismissed and after nine years, she was finally free. I learned a great deal from this book. I learned about women who live in this type of world where they have no freedom from their abusive lovers. They can go to court and claim they shot

their loved one in self defense, but can still face up to the death penalty even though they have survived a horrible life with the person they have killed. Perhaps one of the saddest things that I read was one woman who explained that being in prison was much better than living at home with the man who abused her so terribly. I could not even imagine how living in a jail would be better than in the comfort of your own home. I could not even understand any part of what these women seriously live through everyday. One other part of the book that really disturbed me was towards the end where they describe how women are not really listened to or believed in the court. They made women out to seem like they exaggerate everything that happens to them and they are all crazy. I know that this book was published in , and I hope I can accurately say that some things that are written in this book are a bit outdated, that women are now treated equal to men, and that these stereotypes are not true anymore when a woman goes on trial. I think that people should read this book to understand what these women go through everyday. Maybe if more people understood this horrible life that these women live there could be more homes for battered women and harsher punishments for men who batter them.

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*The issue of battered women taking matters into their own hands received local media attention earlier this month during the trial of Charelle Middleton of White Stone.*

Takeaway Battered woman syndrome is a psychological condition due to abuse, usually at the hands of an intimate partner. People of all genders can experience battered woman syndrome. The diagnosis uses the term "woman" because more women than men are victims of domestic violence. However, the term "battered person syndrome" is also used to refer to victims of any gender. Women are also much more likely to be the victims of severe and life-threatening domestic violence. Of all homicides committed by an intimate partner in the United States, 94 percent of the victims are female. What is battered woman syndrome? Women are more likely than men to be the victims of domestic violence. Battered woman syndrome is not a medical diagnosis. Instead, it describes a pattern of behavior closely related to post-traumatic stress disorder PTSD. Psychotherapist Lenore Walker developed the concept of battered woman syndrome in the late s to characterize the unique pattern of behavior and emotions abuse victims experience. Many analysts suggest that battered woman syndrome is a subtype of PTSD. Women with battered woman syndrome change their behavior in an attempt to survive an abusive situation. Research suggests that people in abusive relationships may be in the most danger when they leave their abusers. In fact, almost half of the women murdered in the U. Battered woman syndrome sometimes refers to criminal behaviors displayed by women who have experienced an abusive relationship. Rarely, people with battered woman syndrome kill their abusers because they see no other way out. In the law, traditional self-defense models may not apply to abuse victims, because they may kill their abusers at a moment when they are not being physically harmed. However, in a limited number of cases, women have cited battered woman syndrome as a defense for these actions. Some courts now consider abuse as a mitigating factor in homicide cases, which may change the verdict or severity of the sentence. Those symptoms may continue even after leaving the abusive relationship. Battered woman syndrome often coincides with a cycle of abuse. The stages of the cycle of abuse include: This is a period during which tension slowly builds and causes low-level conflict. The abuser may feel neglected or angry and think that these feelings justify aggression toward the victim. Eventually, the tension grows into a conflict. The abuser physically, emotionally, or sexually abuses the victim. Over time, these episodes of abuse tend to last longer and become more severe. Some victims idealize their abusers during this period. Some abusers may also justify their abuse during the honeymoon period.

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*Mock jurors (N = ) viewed a simulated trial involving a woman, charged with the murder of her abusive husband, entering a plea of not guilty by reason of self-defense.*

Messenger In the vast majority of cases where women kill their partners, there is a history of domestic violence. Isolation as well as often cyclical psychological and physical abuse means leaving home is not only difficult, but can be deadly. Almost half of all spousal homicides committed by men involved killing women who had left them, or were attempting to do so. This can drive desperate women to attack or kill their partner. But when battered women fight back, the law does not always truly take into account the difficulty of their circumstances. In court after a women kills her partner following domestic violence, a murder conviction or complete acquittal are the two least likely outcomes. At the other extreme, acquittals are nearly as rare: Most were on the basis of self-defence and usually the act conforms with the traditional common law model of an active struggle. The case of Susan Falls , who was acquitted of killing her sleeping husband in after he threatened to kill her daughter, is a rare exception. But the way women might defend themselves against a manslaughter charge varies significantly between cases and across jurisdictions. The partial [defence of provocation] http: In contrast to [self-defence] http: A genuine belief is sufficient to warrant a verdict of manslaughter, even where the person uses more force than a reasonable person would consider necessary in the circumstances. What is seen as an overreaction and unreasonable by some may be appropriate in the context of the violence the woman has previously experienced. Shortly after, in April , Karen Black pleaded guilty to defensive homicide and received a sentence of nine years. The third case involving a woman who killed her violent partner resulted in a sentence of seven years, with a non-parole period of four years and nine months. Recent research has also confirmed that the model does not operate in the way originally envisaged and also offers limited transparency and accountability. The Victorian Government reportedly plans to change the law to minimise the risks of secret deals by prosecutors, although it is not yet clear the extent to which this will impact on female offenders. In , Victoria also introduced a new provision which now allows for a range of evidence about violence in the relationship in arguing self-defence, manslaughter or defensive homicide. In February , Queensland introduced an offence of killing for preservation in an abusive domestic relationship, which, like the Victorian offence, reduces murder to manslaughter. This is particular significant in the Queensland context, where murder carries a mandatory life penalty. Like defensive homicide in Victoria, it will still result in a manslaughter conviction, which may deny women in such circumstances true justice. This needs to change and jurisdictions other than Victoria should adopt legislation which ensures engagement with the experience of battered women in assessing their claims to self-defence instead of manslaughter. It was considered by the High Court in the case of Heather Osland , and has been used in a number of Australian cases, including Falls. But expert evidence here is key, with or without reference to BWS, both in arguing defensive homicide and in trying for an acquittal. In its report on defences to homicide, the Victorian Law Reform Commission advocated that judges and jurors need to learn what it is really like to live in a situation of ongoing violence. This kind of evidence can contextualise what might otherwise appear to be a history of discrete incidents of violence. Courts need to examine the history of evidence of what it is really like to live under the constant shadow of abuse, rather than just an atomised account.

**Chapter 5 : Battered Women Who Kill by Charles Patrick Ewing**

*Battered Women Who Kill. Battered women live in a world quite different from their non-victimized counterparts. It is a world filled with tension, distrust, violence, and fear.*

Such violence can be fatal. Every day in the United States, more than three women and one man are murdered by their intimate partners on average. In 1991, 1,000 women and men were killed by an intimate partner. It is currently admissible in seventy-six percent of states 39 states as of United States A. Ibn-Tamas fought the morning on which Mrs. Ibn-Tamas shot her husband. During the course of their argument, Dr. Ibn-Tamas repeatedly hit his pregnant wife, dragged her up a stairs, and pointed a gun in her face shouting at her to leave the house. Ultimately, after a lull in beatings, Mrs. Ibn-Tamas fired the fatal shot after seeing her husband crouched in office doorway, holding what she believed to be a gun. The prosecution argued that Mrs. On appeal, the defense contended that the trial court erred in excluding Dr. The defense sought Dr. According to the defense, Dr. Before expert testimony about Battered Woman Syndrome becomes relevant; the party seeking to use expert testimony must establish that: Once determined to be relevant, Battered Woman Syndrome testimony must endure two levels of inquiry. The testimony must pass an admissibility test and the probative value must outweigh its prejudicial impact. To pass the admissibility hurdle, the Battered Woman Syndrome testimony must pass a three-prong test supplied by *Dyas v. C* Court of Appeals held that the trial court erred in excluding Dr. In fact, the appellate court refused to hold that, as a matter of law, Dr. Court of Appeals clarified that satisfaction of the third *Dyas* prong does not demand that there be acceptance of the results based on Dr. Having proved both relevant and admissible, the probative value of the Battered Woman Syndrome testimony must also outweigh its prejudicial impact. The trial court admitted evidence of Dr. Thus, in light of the evidence already before the Court, the D. Court of Appeals held that admitting Dr. C Court of Appeals remanded the case to the trial court. Court of Appeals held that the trial judge ultimately had discretion to exclude Dr. Because there was no evidence of "manifest error" on the part of the trial court, the D. Social Science and Behavioral Science Issues , Courts routinely disagree as to whether it relates to a claim of justification or excuse. They note that courts fear that juries will misconstrue Battered Woman Syndrome testimony as suggesting that the defendant possesses a diminished capacity or lack of responsibility for the act. Battered Woman Syndrome testimony is meant to educate the jury about the realities of domestic violence. Coughlin, *Excusing Women* , 82 Cal. Coughlin writes that feminists assert that Battered Woman Syndrome testimony, when used as an element of a defense, paints women as irrational sufferers of a mental health disorder incapable of self-control. She explains that this suggests that women should not be held to the same rigorous legal standards as men. Coughlin suggests that the use of different legal standards supports a gender hierarchy within the marriage. Coughlin argues that the Battered Woman Syndrome defense fails not simply because it holds men and women to different standards, but also because it implies that women do not have the same capacity for self-governance as men. There are three stages: Her major study was of battered women and involved a team of researchers who conducted hour interviews with the women, utilizing both open and closed-ended questions. Learned Helplessness - a theory first developed through experiments by Martin Seligman in which dogs were trapped in cages and given inescapable random shocks. As the situation persisted, the dogs stopped attempting to leave the cage even though escape routes sometimes were provided, demonstrating to researchers that they had lost any motivation to change their situation. Related research, much of it interviews with women who were victims of domestic abuse, investigated the claim that women who were victims of domestic abuse had sufficiently uniform experiences resulting in particular effects as to warrant the categorization of their experiences into "Battered Woman Syndrome. Much of that research found that the scientific basis for the claim was questionable. More recent research by Angela Browne , Dobash and Dobash , and Mary Ann Dutton finds much variance in the "cycle of violence" Walker posited, leading even Walker to note the variance in her later years and to conceptualize four common patterns that diverge from the "cycle of violence": Empirical studies strongly contradict claims of helplessness of battered women in situations of domestic abuse. Lee Bowker in *Ending the violence: Murray Straus and Richard Gelles* , Dobash

and Dobash and Ellen Fisher in similar studies reach similar conclusions, with Fischer finding thirteen survival strategies. All find that over time, the women rather than becoming more helpless as Walker suggests, increasingly seek out help. Fisher in her work with Gondolf calls the increased pattern of help-seeking the "survivor hypothesis. Although it is not listed in the diagnostic manual for psychological disorders, the DSM-IV, recent empirical research supports the correlation between characteristics of battered women and PTSD victims. Recently, a new line of legal attack has been mounted, allowing prosecutors to use Battered Woman Syndrome in court cases against defendants. The use of syndrome testimony has also been expanded for use by men and in cases involving child abuse.

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Does it get any worse than this? A number of emails recently arrived, sometimes one right after another, about an upcoming webinar by Jewish Women International, titled *When Battered Women Kill: What influences decisions to prosecute and verdicts?* Nothing in the invitation suggests women accused of murdering their partners might be lying about being battered or before the killing knew they could trump a murder charge with the abuse excuse card. Hypocritically they deny a Battered Men Syndrome. She was sentenced to six years in prison. She is apparently schizophrenic, might be suffering from postpartum psychosis; was not taking her meds when she attacked her mother, had terrorized her family for years, and was recently released from a mental hospital. Being abused sometime in her life is no reason to let her roam free, nor is it in the best interests of anyone, including Penguelly. She is clearly dangerous to herself and others. Perhaps dead female partners are considered victims under any circumstance while dead male partners are simply not worthy of discussion. NASW leadership is involved with women and gender studies. How about their army of followers? The same is true for Jewish Women International. In the fry cooker sat Mr. I like mine tender. He claimed that she killed because she was abused. Male or female, regardless of gender identification, a life of abuse may indeed result in murder. Short of insanity such abuse should not be used as a get out of jail free card. Even the insane should be restrained. It may be useful in understanding her background but certainly not in justifying her actions or release from prison. Abuse is not gender specific. It never has been. Abusive behavior has existed since Man and Woman discovered each other, apple or no apple. Social justice, public good, and humanity are not well served when viewed through gender exclusive rose colored glasses. Indeed, we all can bleed, have bled, and will shed more blood; an irreconcilable human condition no amount of social control, misandric psychobabble, and tunnel vision can overcome, especially when based on a hate movement that blames roughly half the population for everything wrong with everything. Does it get any worse?

### Chapter 7 : Battered Woman Syndrome

*Battered Women Who Kill In Roald Dahl's "The Way Up to Heaven", Mrs. Foster is an elderly woman who has a pathological fear of being late for any occasion.*

### Chapter 8 : When battered women kill

*When Battered Women Kill has 31 ratings and 3 reviews. Shi said: Read this book in my Criminology class. My teacher wanted us to be aware of the signs of.*

### Chapter 9 : Battered woman syndrome - Wikipedia

*In what many consider the first battered woman syndrome defence in Canada, on April 16, , Sault Ste. Marie resident Angelina Napolitano took an axe and killed her husband Pietro while he slept.*