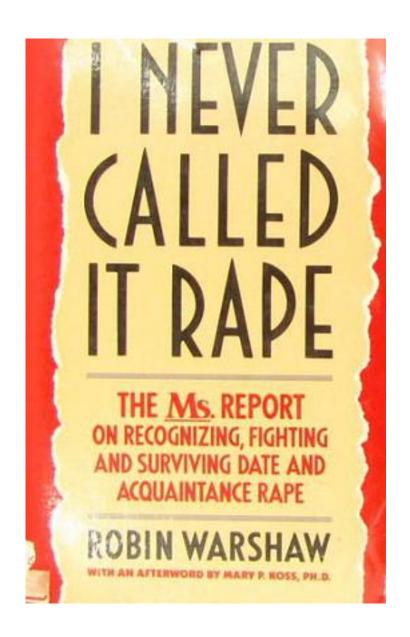
I Never Called It Rape



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From Publishers Weekly Based on first-person accounts, scholarly studies and data from a nationwide survey of college campuses conducted by Ms. magazine, freelance journalist Warshaw draws a devastating portrait of men who rape women they know. The Ms. survey reveals that 25% of the college women polled have been the victims of rape or attempted rape, 84% of the victims were acquainted with the attacker and 57% of the rapes happened on dates. One in 12 of the male respondents admitted to acts that meet the legal definition of rape or attempted rape. Warshaw, herself the victim of an acquaintance rape, handles an inherently sensational subject with compassion and restraint. She describes and condemns the social milieu that condones such acts by encouraging men to see sex as conquest and women to view sexual coercion as part of the "dating game." There is realistic, practical advice on how women can protect themselves against attacks by acquaintances and on how men can prevent this type of rape. Literary Guild alternate; author tour. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. From School Library Journal YA--I Never Called It Rape confronts the issue of what used to be known as "date rape" but is now commonly referred to as "acquaintance rape." First-hand accounts by women who have been raped by men whom they knew provides a background for analyzing this crime. These stories are meant to make women aware of how this type of rape happens, how to avoid the pitfalls of certain situations, and how to acknowledge that a rape has taken place even if the person is familiar. Chapters are directed toward preventing such an assault as well as what to do if you are a victim of acquaintance rape. The statistics in the book indicate that this is a widespread occurrence often ignored by women who deny what happened or feel they won't be believed. This book will enlighten young women about what constitutes an assault against them and how to deal with it.- Anne Paget, Episcopal High School, Bellaire, Tex.Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. See all Editorial Reviews

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