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In this novel, a powerful, wrenching story of a couple locked in a tragic embrace, the author of two nonfiction best sellers--the classic *Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape* and the equally brilliant *Femininity*--now achieves a triumph as a writer of fiction.

"Early one morning in November 1987," Susan Brownmiller writes in her Foreword,

"the silence was broken on a quiet residential street in Greenwich Village. In response to an emergency call, police and paramedics entered a dark apartment and found an unconscious six-year-old girl.

Three days later she died.

"It couldn't have happened here. But it did. The day the child died, I began to write, to imagine how the couple from my neighborhood whose image flashed repeatedly across the television screen--a lawyer and a woman with a bashed-in face who had once been a writer--could have traveled the distance from people I might have known to such a nightmare, and why the ample warning signs were misperceived and misinterpreted by those in a position to sound the alarm

"Impelled from start to finish by the haunting face of a spirited little girl with red hair," Susan Brownmiller was moved to create a fast-talking hustler who lives by his own rules, and a woman who adores him--to invent their lives together from a first encounter at a Village street fair through years increasingly darkened by drugs and mental and physical destruction.

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