



Elisabet's Will by Sandra Sperling

The few relatives who are still friendly to Lisbet spend the summer at her northern Minnesota home. Determined to discover the reason why the rest of the family has shunned her since she was a child, she confronts Evelyn, her estranged uncle's wife. This action exposes her and her loved ones to danger and thrusts Greta, her beloved 5-year-old granddaughter, into deadly peril.

Review by MK Alexander: 5.0 out of 5 Stars. Slow burn to a fantastic finale!

Somewhere near Hibbing, Minnesota, what remains of a large and proud family sees its final demise. We are thrust into the rural life of these descendants of Finns, three generations at least, and we come to know their daily, sometimes rather humdrum lives. There is much more beneath the surface though: good people on one side of the family, and on the other, lurks the banality of evil.

The story centers around the book's namesake Elisabet, and her courageous granddaughter Greta. At five years old, she is wise beyond age. Around them swirl the rest of the family in close proximity, namely at nearby farms and houses out in the middle of nowhere.

The story begins as a desolate Minnesota winter gives way to a tenuous spring, and a brief but significant summer as we are treated to the minute details of the many characters' lives. Author Sandra Sperling's simple prose makes this a pleasure to read; small details accrue, clues to the larger mystery gain momentum and lead to a devastating climax. Recommended.

Fives Stars For Elisabet's Will by Sandra Sperling

5 Stars: Family drama entwined with mystery and suspense.

This extraordinary family drama plays out in rural Northern Minnesota. In this case, there is nothing more destructive, than a 'Will' left behind by a prosperous family member. Family secrets leave Lisbet to only imagine why most of the family shuns her. Author Sandra Sperling masterfully pulls back the curtain allowing us into the daily lives and attitudes, of this seemingly normal American family.

I especially enjoyed the rural setting with large acreages, houses, farms, barns, secret places, hidden spaces, and three mysteries to unravel. This story centers around Lisbet (namesake for her grandmother Elisabet). Ignored by most of the family, Lisbet has an amazing relationship with her five-year-old granddaughter Greta. As a loving, protective grandmother, the local news is most disturbing. Let me bring you into the first of three mysteries to unravel.

...That evening Lisbet stared into the refrigerator, trying to figure out what to put together for a light supper when Roger hailed her from the living room, where he was watching the six-o'clock news.

...The newscaster said, "Kenzie is four years old, with short, ginger-colored hair and blue eyes. She is wearing blue jeans and a pink windbreaker."

...Roger shook his head. "She vanished from the greenhouse about three this afternoon. She's what? The fourth or fifth kid who's been snatched."

... "Mom and I were there right before it happened. Good Lord! I do wish they'd catch that bastard." She shivered, feeling ill at the thought of what the girl's parents must be going through. The phone rang, and she answered it in the kitchen, certain it was her mother, upset by the abduction.

...It was, and they discussed the crime at some length. Doris said, in conclusion, "I don't remember any local kids being kidnapped until recently. And no cougars or timberwolves were roaming around here when I was growing up. This whole area is going to hell." "So, it seems." Lisbet hung up, saddened that the region was no longer the safe wilderness paradise it had once been.

It is Lisbet's quest to uncover family secrets, that leads her, Greta, and other family members into dangerous territory. This family saga will keep you turning the page, reflecting on your family tree, and childhood experiences will lead you to an unpredictable conclusion.

Author Sandra Sperling brings her life experiences and creativity from Nevada, Minnesota, to Kentucky where she enjoys taking nature walks, refinishing old furniture, and reading. Sandra writes contemporary family fiction giving us 'Elisabet's Will', contemporary women's fiction with 'The Beginner's Guide to Spouse Removal, a thriller suspense novel with 'Snowmelt: Dealing With Betrayal' and humor (satire) with 'A Few Trivial Felonies'. I look forward to reading more novels from Sandra Sperling in the future.

Review by Theodocia McLean (Book Marketing Global Network).

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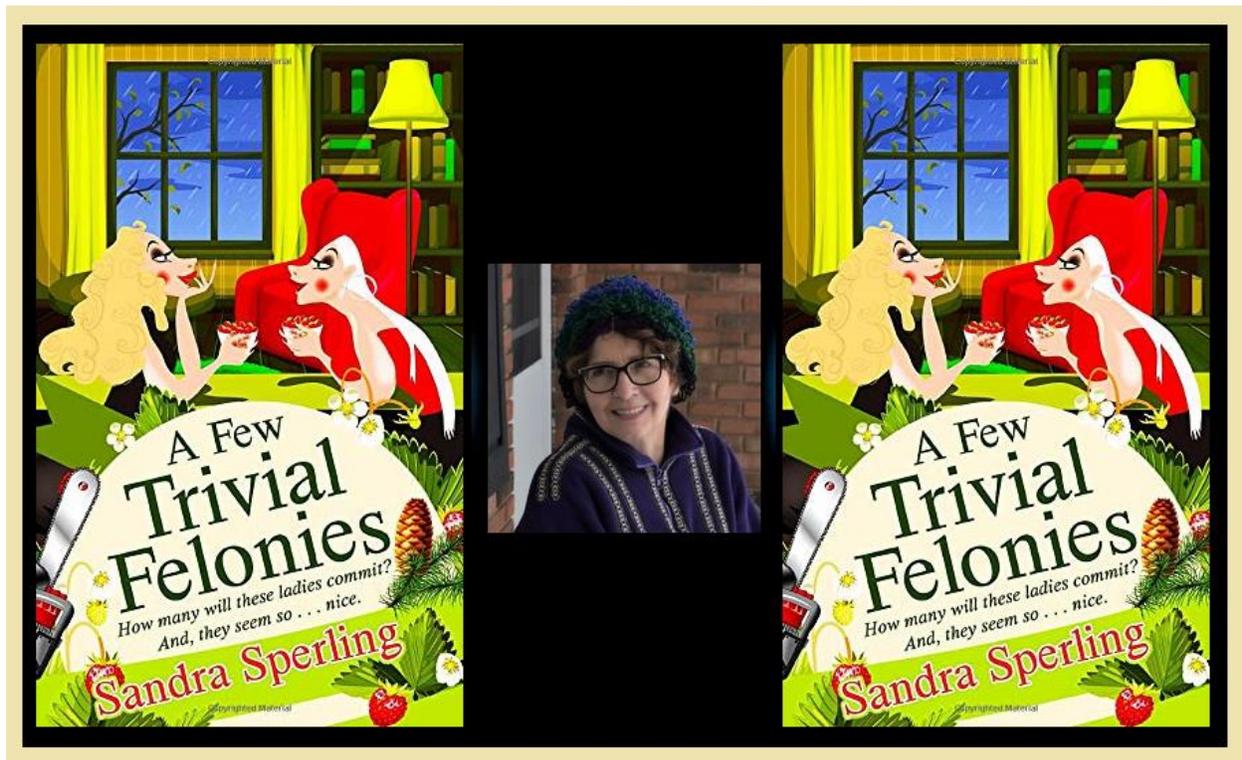
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A Few Trivial Felonies by Sandra Sperling

How many will these ladies commit?

Rachel suffers burnout from her job as a counselor. When Nick, her husband, is forced to take early retirement due to health issues, she's delighted to quit her job and move from Minnesota to coastal Oregon. Even with Nick's reduced pension, they have enough to live on without her returning to work.

Rachel becomes friends with Ruth, her next-door neighbor, whose much older husband is also retired. They both yearn for ocean views, which they would have if only a few trees on the wooded acreage to the

west of them were cut down. So, with an old lumberman's saw, an ax, and a chainsaw, they do just that, carefully concealing the evidence of the logging venture, their first crime.

It would likely have been their last, but Nick's health takes a turn for the worse, and he passes away, which will bring an end to the pension income. Although Rachel has an excellent resume, there are no job openings in the area, so she'll have to sell out and move. Neither she nor Ruth wants that, but they need some extra cash. Organized crime, with its kidnapping, murder, and drug dealing, falls beneath their somewhat twisted ethical standards.

They choose, instead, to become free-lance criminals and commit only a few trivial felonies.

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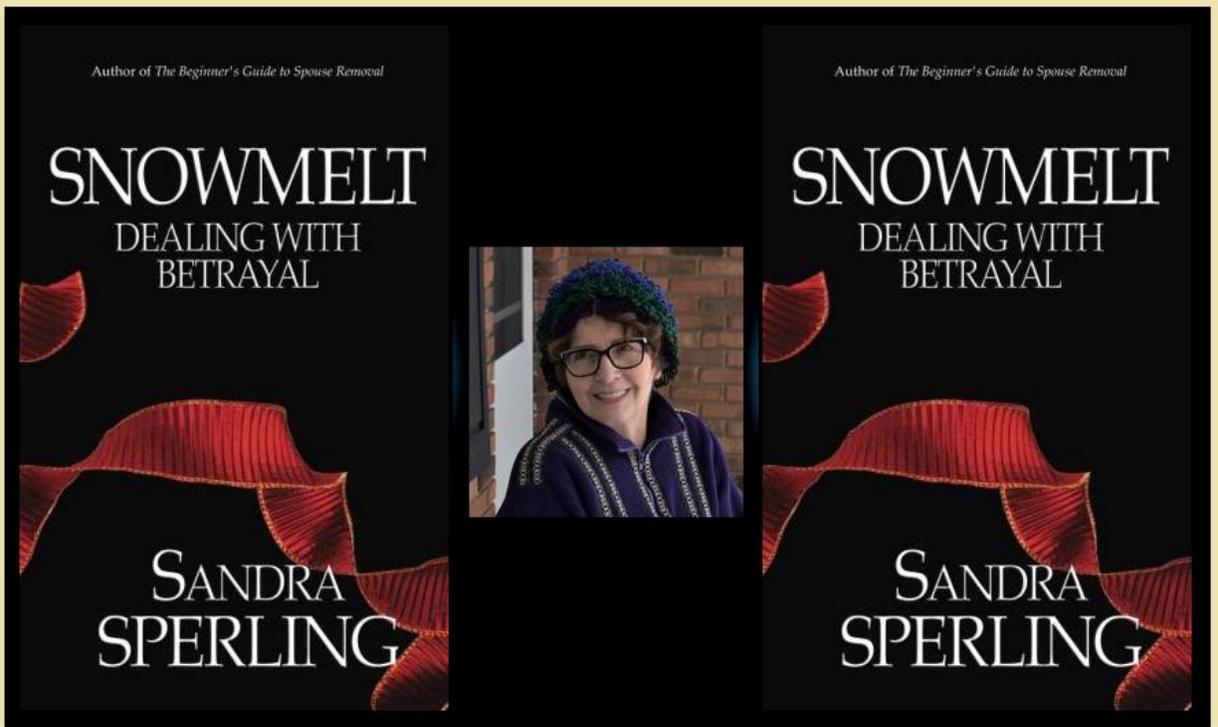
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Snowmelt: Dealing With Betrayal by Sandra Sperling

Ann Bergquist returns to Selden, Minnesota at the time of spring snowmelt to meet with her former best friend who is dying and wishes to clear her conscience. Although uneasy about the visit, Ann must nonetheless come to terms with their troubled past before feeling secure enough to try for the child she and her husband desire. She has to learn the truth about Shelly, whose malicious actions severed the friendship between Ann and Gina. Things are not as they appear, however, and the suspense inexorably spirals up to an explosive climax.

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The Beginner's Guide to Spouse Removal by Sandra Sperling

When Merry Mitchell discovers that her husband is hiding assets in preparation for dumping her for a younger woman, she is filled with hurt and rage. Having toiled her way up from poverty, she will do nearly anything to avoid being poor again. She considers an immediate divorce but quickly realizes that with her sons now of age, she won't get the house or enough of a settlement to allow her to continue her pleasant lifestyle. After several efforts to save the marriage, she gives up, deciding that her husband must die. Merry's ideas for spouse removal are limited by the sophisticated methods of detection used by law officials. She wracks her mind to find a method that is both undetectable and supposedly accidental. And, to assuage her troublesome conscience, the attempt must give him a sporting chance of survival. How should she do it...

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About Sandra Sperling: Sandra Sperling was born in Nevada and began her creative life in Minnesota, where, as a child, she wrote a play and a short story. Eventually, she attempted a horror novel, but it didn't horrify her. Her mother, while reading the manuscript, began to laugh helplessly and leaned against a door for support, sliding to the floor like a piece of cooked spaghetti. Deciding she was a failure as a writer, Sandy switched to painting drybrush watercolors. The pull to write, however, was too strong to resist, so while still in Minnesota, she again began to write, publishing some short stories and advancing to novels. She has two grown children in Minnesota and now lives in Kentucky with her husband. She enjoys taking nature walks, refinishing old furniture, and reading.

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