

THE FALLEN BOYS

A NOVEL BY AARON DRIES
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PROLOGUE: AN EVENING IN WASHINGTON STATE



THERE WERE NO CHIRPING
CRICKETS. NO BIRDSONGS.

PRESTON, WA
JULY 28, 2007

JUST NIGHT'S SIGH.



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AND THROUGH IT ALL,
STACY NORMAN SLEPT.



LINAWARE OF HER
IMPORTANT ROLE -

- IN THE FORGIVENESS.



HER MURDERER HAD BEEN
TO HER HOUSE THREE TIMES.

THE FIRST, HAD BEEN TWO
MONTHS EARLIER.

"MA'AM, DO THE HOOPERS STILL LIVE HERE?"

"NOPE, SORRY. 'FRAID I'M NOT MUCH HELP
TO YOU, AM I?"

THE SECOND TIME WAS TO
SCOUT; TO ENSURE THAT
THEIR THIRD VISIT WOULD BE
A PROBLEM-FREE AFFAIR.

BECAUSE SHE WAS INNOCENT;
BECAUSE SHE WAS KIND AND TRUSTING -
THIS WAS WHY SHE WOULD SUFFER.

2:00

AFTER ALL, HER MOTHER HAD
CAUTIONED HER ABOUT
LEAVING A SPARE
SET OF KEYS OUT UNDER
THE 'WELCOME' MAT.



STACY NORMAN : THE PRETTY ARCHITECT WHO WALKED THE HOMES OF OTHERS IN HER MIND, WHO NO LONGER FEARED THE DARK. WHO TRUSTED THAT TIME WAS SHORT BUT LIFE WAS LONG . . .



WHO KNEW THAT IT WAS OKAY TO BE IN LOVE, BUT DANGEROUS TO FALL . . .



SHE SLEPT WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT TOMORROW WOULD BE THE SAME.

AND SHE COULD LIVE WITH THAT.



THIS WAS WHY SHE WOULD DIE.



"NOW."





FIVE DAYS LATER

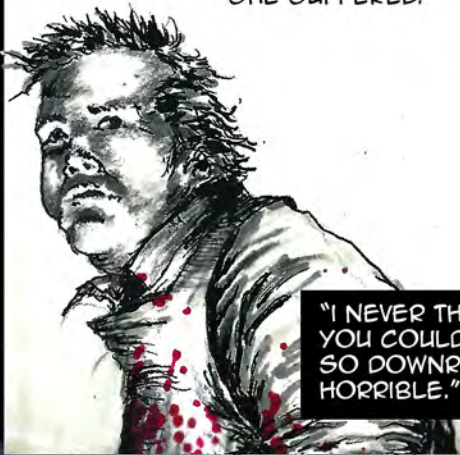
NORTH BEND, WA



"SHE SUFFERED."

"YEAH."

"I NEVER THOUGHT
YOU COULD FEEL
SO DOWNRIGHT
HORRIBLE."



"DON'T WORRY.
NEXT TIME
WILL BE LESS
MESSY."



A STRING OF MURDERS ALONG THE
SCENIC NORTHWEST PASSAGE.

AN ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD AUSTRALIAN BOY,
WHOSE SECRETS DRIVE HIM TO SUICIDE.

THE FATHER WHO SEARCHES FOR ANSWERS,
LED DOWN A TWISTED PATH PAVED WITH
GROTESQUE LIES . . . HIS ONLY HOPE FOR
SURVIVAL IS TO CONFRONT TRUTHS BETTER LEFT BURIED.

THEIR FORGIVENESS IS BLOODIED BY SUFFERING.

AND OH, HOW THEY SUFFER.

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OUT NOW

"THIS IS A TALE YOU WILL NEVER FORGET, AS TOLD BY ONE OF THE
MOST IMPORTANT NEW VOICES IN THE GENRE. 5/5 " - HELLNOTES

"THE FALLEN BOYS IS A RELENTLESS, SICK AND TWISTED JOURNEY INTO
REAL-WORLD HORROR AND MADNESS, AND A NOVEL EVERY FAN OF
THE GENRE MUST READ!" - DAVID BERNSTEIN, AUTHOR OF AMONGST THE DEAD

"DRIES IS INDEED A MASTER STORYTELLER." - NOT NOW MOMMY'S READING

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