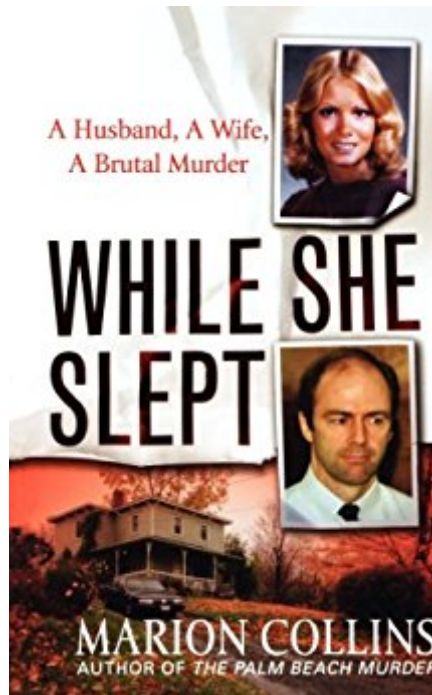




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# While She Slept: A Husband, A Wife, A Brutal Murder



## Synopsis

When Jill Cahill was leaving to return home after visiting with her family for a week, she turned to her sister with a grin, and said: "If Jeff kills me, you can have all my things." A few days later, she was in a coma in a Syracuse hospital, her skull shattered by a savage beating inflicted by her 37-year-old husband. Six months later, she was dead. Jeff and Jill Cahill seemed to have it all. Two kids, a dog, a nice house of the picket fence variety. But their relationship wasn't as happy as it seemed. Jeff and Jill had been having serious financial problems and were headed towards divorce, legally separated but living in the same house until Jill could afford to move out. But on April 21, 1996 Jeff and Jill had a torrid argument while their kids were upstairs sleeping. In the aftermath, Jeff claimed that his wife had started stabbing him with a kitchen knife--and that was the reason for his taking a Louisville slugger straight to her head. She lay in a coma for nearly six months, and just as she started to show signs of coming out of it... she received a visitor. On October 27th of that same year, staffers at the University Hospital in Syracuse New York, noticed a strange-looking guy lurking in the hallway wearing a wig and outdoor boots. When Jill's nurse went to check on her patient, she found her gasping for air, with bruises around her mouth, and white powder (later to be determined as cyanide) flecked across her chest... *While She Slept* is Marion Collins' shocking true crime book about a man who would stop at nothing to keep his wife from testifying against him.

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Well written. Kudos to the author for his delicate dramatization. I can imagine what he went through while telling this story. More needs to be done to protect battered women and children.

Amazing how this man continued to terrorize his wife. If killers come from families that are dysfunctional it is a miracle that all of the family didn't turn out like this guy.

This story was of a truly awful murder in which a husband brutally beat his wife with a baseball bat, then poisoned her when it seemed she might recover.

What a powerful read and amazingly frightening to think that a husband would do such a thing.

Great book. The law is not perfect as this story reveals. I hope Jeff Cahill is suffering a miserable life for his remaining days. I couldn't put the book down, it was a page-turner. I hope Jill's family can find some happiness in the lives of their grandchildren and the memories of Jill.

A spell binding account of maddness, revenge and savage killing of a wife who we wish had survived her husband's wrath.

Worth the read--so many characters that it could get a little confusing. Can't understand why the wife stayed with him for six or more years when they had no relationship. It had to make them both a little crazy.

Excellent

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