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Red Flags Of Love Fraud - 10 Signs You're Dating A Sociopath



Synopsis

You've met someone new--someone charming, charismatic and sexy, who has so much in common with you. Oh, sometimes the story doesn't quite add up, and you feel a little rushed, but this person is head over heels in love with you! Calling all the time! Sending texts and emails! Already talking about forever! Is it love--or predation? *Red Flags of Love Fraud* - 10 signs you're dating a sociopath, has the answers. The author is Donna Andersen, who is also author of Lovefraud.com. Andersen coined the term "love fraud," and defines it as "the intentional exploitation of an individual through manipulating emotions in a personal relationship." The people who engage in love fraud, she says, are sociopaths. No, a sociopath is not always a deranged serial killer--that's media hype. These people are social predators, who live their lives by exploiting others. Three million to 12 million sociopaths live among us in America. Most are not in jail--they roam freely through all segments of society. They like company, and they really like sex, so sociopaths are always on the hunt for a hookup. This book explains how sociopaths target and pursue romantic relationships, which are inevitably exploitative relationships. The information is based on more than 2,800 cases that Andersen has collected through Lovefraud.com, and on the results of two Internet surveys completed by Lovefraud readers who loved and lived with these human predators. *Red Flags of Love Fraud* explains: - The top 10 signs of sociopathic suitors (Number One: charisma and charm) - Why anyone is vulnerable--especially powerful women - How sociopaths use love bombing to seduce their targets - Why there's no such thing as "just sex" - Three steps everyone can take to protect themselves from love fraud For the first time, *Red Flags of Love Fraud* reveals how sociopaths seduce their targets, what makes people vulnerable, and how to avoid these human predators. It's a must-read book for anyone who is looking for a partner--and anyone who is mystified by the partner they have.

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Through careful study, research and painful personal experience, Donna Andersen eloquently outlines and describes in easy-to-understand, straight-talk language the behaviors and warning signs of the sociopath. For everyone on the dating scene, in the business world, or involved in a relationship, this book is a must read. --Dr. Fran Walfish, Beverly Hills psychotherapist and author of *The Self-Aware Parent* Most people learn about sociopaths the hard way -- after their lives have been destroyed by one. This book can arm you, with the insights to see through their charm, seduction and manipulation. Read it and learn the red flags -- before it's too late! --Dr. George K. Simon Jr., Author of *In Sheep's Clothing: Understanding and Dealing with Manipulative People and Character Disturbance* This is the pivotal guide for anyone who is dating, whether via the Internet or social events. Donna Andersen teaches you how to recognize the telltale signs that the person may be a fraud. She is the nation's expert after living her own nightmare, married to a sociopath who almost destroyed her life. *Red Flags of Love Fraud* is the only resource I would endorse to my thousands of students globally. --David Wygant, Internationally renowned dating and relationship coach, author of *Naked: How to Find the Perfect Partner by Revealing Your True Self*

Donna Andersen is author of *Red Flags of Love Fraud - 10 signs you're dating a sociopath*. She is also author of *Lovefraud.com*, a website and blog that teaches people how to recognize and recover from sociopaths. Andersen learned about sociopaths the hard way--by marrying one. In two-and-a-half years, her husband defrauded her of \$227,000, cheated on her with at least six women, fathered a child with one of them, and then, 10 days after Andersen left him, married the mother of the child. It was the second time he committed bigamy. She tells the whole outrageous story in her first book, *Love Fraud - How marriage to a sociopath fulfilled my spiritual plan*. This man had no conscience, no empathy and lied prolifically--which Andersen discovered, far too late, were the cardinal signs of a sociopath. In 2005, Andersen launched *Lovefraud.com* to educate the public about this destructive personality disorder. *Lovefraud.com* now receives almost 3,000 visits every day, and is considered the best source on the Internet about relationships with sociopaths. Andersen has collected more than 3,800 cases of people targeted by sociopaths, and the *Lovefraud* blog has evolved into a healing community of survivors. Andersen receives many e-mails from

people who thank Lovefraud for saving their lives. Andersen has worked as a freelance copywriter since 1983, and was the original editor of Atlantic City Magazine from 1978 to 1982. She graduated summa cum laude from the Syracuse University's S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications in 1978. While at college she co-founded a student magazine and worked at the student newspaper, the Daily Orange.

This book was extremely eye-opening. I found out recently that I was married to a sociopath for nearly 5 years. I divorced him a year ago, but I am still finding out stuff about him and I'm not even soliciting this information! This book was frighteningly accurate. No, my ex-husband did not exhibit all 10 red flags. Nor was he physically abusive towards me, though I found out he has been towards other women in the past. But it was shocking how much he fit the "profile," as he exhibited most signs of sociopathy. Reading this book was in some ways very hard for me, but it was also very healing. Now I feel like I have a sense of closure with that relationship because I understand things. Also, I have been very fearful about dating and ending up with someone else just like him. After reading this, I feel a little more confident. I will never again be able to miss the signs of a sociopath - even if I wanted to! I'm intimately familiar. Plus, reading all the excerpts from other women's letters made me feel better; at least I'm not the only one. And I see now how much worse my situation could have been!

For anyone dating or in a dysfunctional relationship this is an important book to read! Once you realize the signs of a sociopath, and realize how easy they are to spot through all of the charm and control of the abuser, you will be armed with the ability to either avoid or exit the very painful cost and heartache of being in a relationship with one.

Good grief. Great help. Most of the stories make me feel like I was lucky. Could have been way worse. The flavor of narc sociopath i stumbled on was actually my neighbor. Potentially borderline personality disorder, who knows, but fundamentally lacking all empathy or care of me. What a crazy two years. Free!!!

I wish this had been the first book I picked up when I was (thankfully) discarded by the sociopath. This book is complete and spot on. At times, it felt as though I was reading about my own experience. It has helped me immensely in understanding how I was brainwashed by the sociopath into believing that my marriage (to a wonderful man) was unhealthy and stopping me from living a

more happy and fulfilled life. I was groomed. I always thought of myself as a strong, intelligent professional woman who could not fall for such tactics but I was wrong. I never knew such evil existed, I always thought sociopaths were serial killers. This book has given me tools to recognize the red flags in all areas of my life. I am now able to reflect on this horrible experience without shame or tears. I was able to reunite with my husband and because of this book and others like it, he was able to understand and forgive me. Stay strong and believe that you can and will overcome this.

I think this is a "must read" book. It was very informative. Almost like a friend. I felt like I was reading my own (unfortunate) story sometimes. Had I read this book when it first came out it would have saved me a lot of heartache. About 4 years worth. Donna sums things up so well that you will have many Ah Ha moments. All of the signs of the sociopath I was with are in the book. Even the "quirky" things that I couldn't figure out. But they all spelled sociopath. Again, for anyone dating or thinking about dating this is a must read since statistically you will encounter at least one sociopath in your lives. Probably many.

I wish I would've had this book when I re-entered the dating world after my divorce. It would've saved me from a truly heartbreaking experience... because as Donna explains, the SIGNS were there all along; I just didn't know what to look for! Having already read Donna Andersen's first book, and having read her AMAZING blog for over 3 years, I was really excited to read "Red Flags of Love Fraud". When it arrived, I was surprised to see it was a rather thin paperback... And then pleasantly surprised to find it was jam packed with insight. I tried to read the book from the perspective of someone unfamiliar with sociopathic behaviors, and attempted to put aside my 3+ years of learning about such predators. From either perspective, though, it is phenomenal - easily understood by someone new to the topic, and starting the recovery process, or who hasn't (fortunately) encountered a sociopath, as well as those more familiar with the topic. Readers will be amazed at how Donna put so much valuable information into a book of less than 250 pages! Finally, as a survivor of a sociopathic encounter, I really appreciate that this book reminded me of all that I've learned and validated my belief that I am better able to see the signs to hopefully avoid such destructive relationships!

This is a good book and am very happy to have purchased it. It enabled me to learn and understand MORE about the sociopathic personality and what the signs are. These people are manipulative and

controlling and live for themselves. They will use anybody that they can catch in their web and keep you tangled up in it until you are smart enough to let go. The author writes in great detail, easy-to-understand language about the behavior of these kinds of people. The book provided a lot of answers for the questions that I had concerning manipulative people and made me realize that I've been involved with people like this myself.

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