



MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES

Karen Moe
author of

Victim: A Feminist Manifesto from a Fierce Survivor

Thursday April 27, 2023

Live in person at 7:30pm • \$25 plus GST

Imagine being a carefree, independent young woman enjoying life. Your bold, adventurous spirit pulls you to travel to distant locales. Then out of nowhere, you're abducted, assaulted, and raped. That is the terror-filled experience that Karen Moe survived almost thirty years ago.

But this is not a crime story. This is not even just a survivor's tale. Instead, this is a manifesto. In dialogue with other feminists and through case studies from around the world, Moe uses her trauma to shine a light on how not only violence against women, but all exploitation, is a natural result of patriarchal hierarchy. Yes, this is Moe's story of triumph over violence, but it is also a call-to-action for both men and women.

Moe, not one to shy away from hard truths, uses her attack as a launching pad to examine the ways women are both conditioned to be victims and the excuses society makes for toxic male behavior. The ultimate goal of *Victim: a Feminist Manifesto from a Fierce Survivor* is to provide tools for resistance against a culture of exploitation. "In the end, what I have suffered and survived has given me a gift. Now, resistance, fighting for justice, is what I live for. My life is far bigger than myself."

Karen Moe is an art critic, visual and performance artist, author and feminist activist. Her work focuses on systemic violence in patriarchy: be it gender, race, the environment or speciesism. Her art criticism has been published internationally in magazines, anthologies and artist catalogues in English and Spanish and she has exhibited and performed across Canada, in the US and in Mexico. Karen is the recipient of the "Ellie Liston Hero of the Year Award" 2022 for being instrumental in the life sentence given to the serial rapist in 1997. Karen's blog, *The Logical Feminist*, is a forum to dialogue the most controversial, and crucial, issues in feminism and social justice. She lives in Mexico City and British Columbia, Canada. Published by Vigilance Press on April 2nd, 2022, *Victim: A Feminist Manifesto from a Fierce Survivor* is her debut book.

"The reader is in good hands with Karen Moe: her first book, a memoir about rape and recovery, is creative non-fiction of the most readable, if gut-wrenching, sort. Much of this has to do with the author's self-deprecating humility, which shines through in every chapter...Victim is a rich and soulful testament to the power of human resilience that redefines the meaning of victimhood itself...while offering rape victims a roadmap for recovery, self-empowerment, and...resistance."

- Daniel Gawthrop, *The British Columbia Review*.

Copies of *Victim* are available for sale at the Lyceum!



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