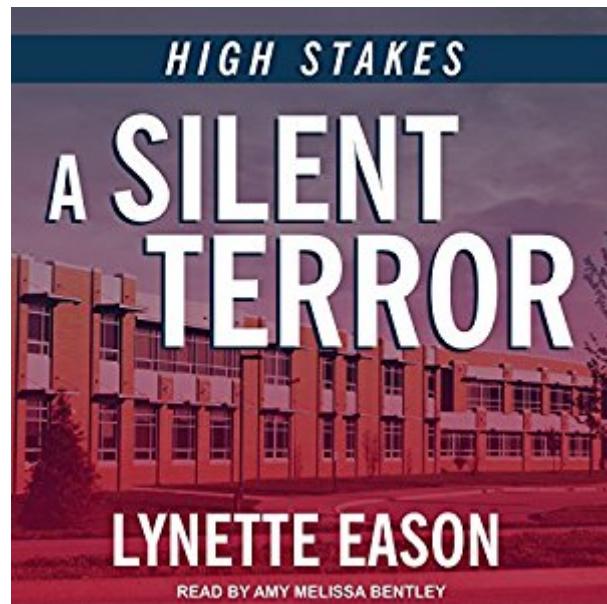


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# A Silent Terror: High Stakes, Book 1



## **Synopsis**

When Marianna Santino's roommate is killed, Detective Ethan O'Hara can't fathom the motive. Then he realizes the deaf teacher was the intended target. Marianna must have something the murderer desperately wants. But what? Digging for the truth, the guarded cop tries to learn everything he can about Marianna. Her world. Her family. Her beauty, faith, and fierce independence. In spite of himself, Ethan finds that he can't keep his feelings at bay. Soon he's willing to risk everything - including his heart - to lay the silent terror stalking Marianna to rest.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Marianna is a teacher at the school for the deaf. She's been deaf since birth as her mom and several siblings. Marianna has a service dog named Twister. When she finds her housemate dead one afternoon and Twister barking in the closet, her life is turned upside down! Why would anyone want to hurt her best friend? Ethan is a police officer who's assigned to Marianna's case. His sister was deaf and he's always blamed himself for her death. Can he ever forgive himself after three years? After the murder, someone begins to target Marianna. She needs to trust Ethan to accept her for who God made her. After her last boyfriend asked her to get a cochlear implant, it's been difficult to trust that Ethan likes her the way she is. Can God give her the confidence she needs? Can Ethan keep Marianna safe while he solves the case? This is a story of acceptance and trusting God. I loved this book and all Lynette's books!

I got hooked a while back on Lynette Eason's writing by someone lending me her 2 Women of

Justice books...which are also awesome. I found a preview of this book on google books, and was so drawn into the first couple of chapters (preview) that I came and got the kindle version you see here. Worth every penny...and honestly surprised it's not priced higher. Her writing is well balanced...just enough detail, just enough relationships, character growth, and just enough suspense action. She does a wonderful job in this book of using action and events to draw out problems that the main characters have individually and bring them closer together. Definitely a great book that will get re read many times.

Only one thought and that was about her service dog. I was surprised that he was not with her at all times. Also a German Shepard has strong protection skills, so I was surprised he was locked in the closet at her apartment. Shepards are wary of strangers. But all for the story line, and a great story it is. Thanks Ms. Eason.

Yes it is a "short story" compared to other books I have read by Lynette Eason but that does not detract from the quality character development and the great plot line. I am most impressed by this author's attention to factualness in her stories. It is very clear in the accurateness of the police references, the forensic references and the character development. This is the first novel by Eason I have read that has a character with a physical handicap. She is very truthful in portraying the independence and capability of her heroine, even though the heroine is deaf. Once you read one of Eason's books you too will be hooked on her skill and want to read everything she writes.

I chose the rating because the story began a little confusingly. Also the action developed too slowly that it became a bit frustrating. Part of the problem could have been the distractions of our 70-pound dog with bathroom issues. I'll have to be more liberal in the next review. Thanks Lynette for such a captivating story line.

This is a very sweet, romantic thriller, with a very pronounced Christian theme. It's a fast read, with outstanding characters.

I had never read anything by this author before and now I want to read everything she wrote. I love how Jesup is honored in the story about people with struggles. I have already purchased 2 more books. Great read, had a hard time putting it down.

This was a well written introduction to the world of the hearing impaired. Lynette Eason is very skilled in her writing style and genre. This is one of my favorites so far.

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