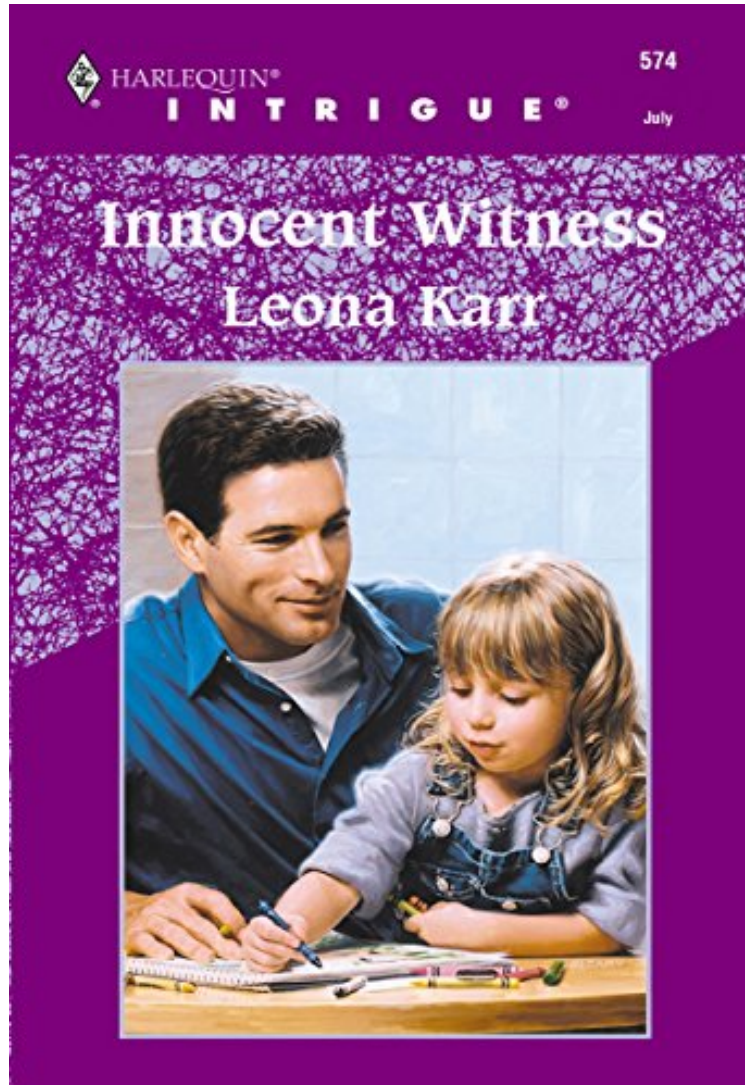


## Innocent Witness

Von Leona Karr

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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Innocent WitnessVon Penny Griffin, Intrigue FanLeona Karr returns for her tenth Intrigue with "Innocent Witness." Deanna Drake's daughter Penny has not spoken since witnessing her father's murder months earlier. Deanna turns to Dr. Steve Sherman for help and hopes the child psychologist can break through to Penny. But somewhere, a killer would do anything to keep Penny from remembering. Could Steve keep Penny and her mother safe from a murderer?"Innocent Witness" is a cute story, but is unfortunately overshadowed by Amanda Stevens' "The Littlest Witness" (Intrigue 549).

That book came out a few months ago and had a very similar premise. "Innocent Witness" is a cross between that book and Karr's own "Child of the Night," where a child psychologist uses play therapy to break through to a little girl who has become remote following the death of a parent. I would recommend "The Littlest Witness" over this one (but not "Child of the Night," which is horrible). Readers who do decide to give "Innocent Witness" a chance will find a warm story with well-developed characters told in Karr's unique style. Though not too suspenseful, the author provides many suspects for the mystery, and the story has its share of unexpected moments. This is one of those rare Intrigues that takes place over an extended period of time (over a month), so we can see Deanna and Steve's romance progressing gradually. Their relationship is also surprisingly low on sexual tension. There is no sex, so readers who don't like too much overt sexuality will be relieved it isn't here. The antics of Deanna's daughter and Steve's son are amusing, though anyone who doesn't like books with cute kids in them will want to avoid this one at all costs. Only the ending is jarring in a story that moves slowly and smoothly, with an abrupt climax that comes out of nowhere. While not very exciting, this is a sweet book featuring characters readers might enjoy getting to know. A pleasant read for a summer afternoon.

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