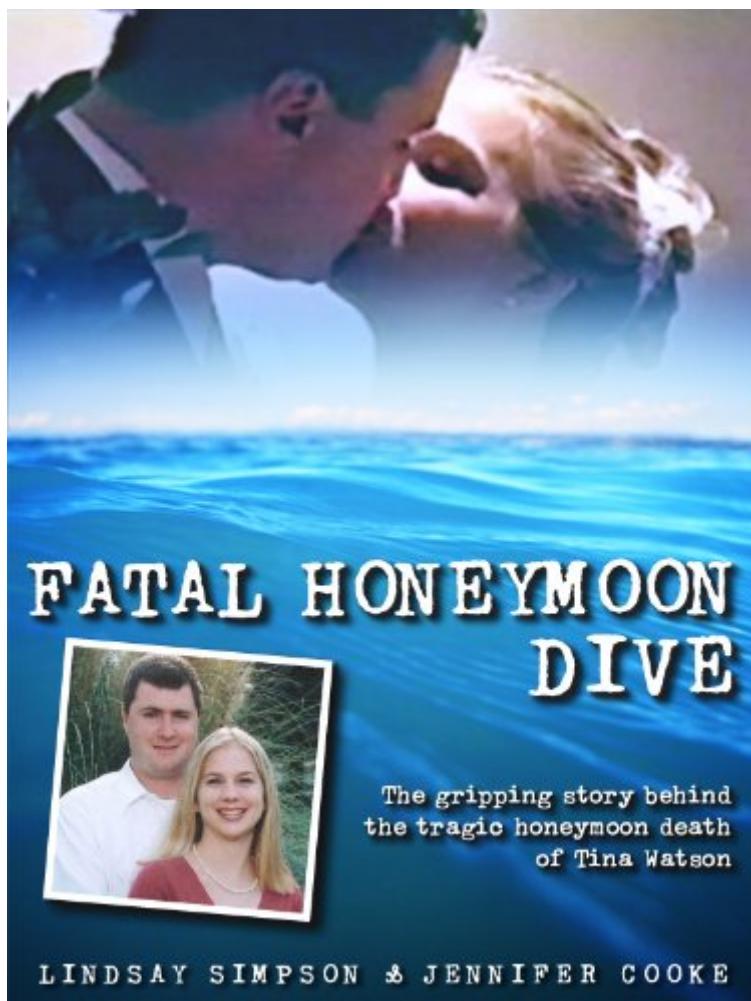


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Fatal Honeymoon Dive



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Synopsis

A 26-year old American woman lies motionless on the ocean floor after scuba diving on her honeymoon on the Great Barrier Reef. Next to her is the ghost of a massive shipwreck, the SS Yongala that sank in a hurricane in 1911 with 121 souls on board. Tina Watson is seemingly looking up at the fish and still wearing her full dive gear. But a master scuba diver nearby who spots her knows instantly something is wrong. There are no bubbles coming from her regulator. A few strong kicks from his fins and he is on the ocean floor seeking a response from the unconscious new bride. Forty minutes after heroic resuscitation attempts on board a dive boat, Tina Watson is pronounced dead. What happened during the 10 minutes she spent under water on her first ocean dive that morning with her husband Gabe? Tina Watson's drowning was first treated as a dive accident. But police found inconsistencies in Gabe's multiple accounts. An emergency doctor, completing his advanced dive certificate, witnessed something strange as he descended to the wreck and saw a terrified expression on Tina's face. Was Gabe Watson, a trained rescue diver, a blundering coward who simply panicked when he saw his wife floundering minutes into the dive? Or were there more sinister reasons? The post mortem was inconclusive other than finding that she had drowned. Four years after Tina's death, Gabe Watson was charged with murder. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Despite serving a jail term in Australia, he was charged with two counts of capital murder back in the United States. He was acquitted in Birmingham, Alabama on February 23, 2012. This story has divided nations and families - even the authors of this book. Fatal Honeymoon Dive documents the dramatic twists and sudden turns of the legal and family saga. Written like a detective thriller it invites readers to grapple with what happened under the tropical North Queensland sun on October 22, 2003.

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Customer Reviews

Although somewhat overly technical for those who don't scuba dive, I enjoyed this book. I've just started reading the true crime genre, which I find fascinating.

This book was very well written and gave this reader a lot more insight to this tragic crime. I am sorry to say but I still believe Gabe to be very guilty in the death of his bride. This book was very interesting to read more in depth details that I had not read in previous writings about this case. I sincerely believe that this was doomed before it began. My prayers go out to her family and friends.

This intriguing book recounts the events surrounding the tragic diving death of Tina Watson at Queensland in 2003. It is a gripping novel that sheds light on the complex issues of the case. I congratulate the authors on their attention to detail and research which makes this book so enthralling for any reader.

Good solid true crime story. The authors did a really good job at explaining the scuba diving world, with all its technical, medical and other parts of this complicated tale. The reason for four stars is that sometimes it read a touch repetitious.

I do not know about this one. I can usually call it guilty or innocent. I think he wanted to be a big shot among other divers and he was simply out of his element. He could not have rescued Tina, he lied about his experience. He loved to brag. He wanted to dive the Great Barrier Reef and their inexperience cost Tina her life. She should have refused that dive, but she wanted to make him happy. Such a beautiful girl.

It was a very long and detailed book. Too much so for me. Interesting read but I think some of the details did not need to be overly repeated.

Heard about this but never heard the whole story. Tragic ending to a young bride. Makes you wonder if a perfect crime wasn't committed. Hmm.

I always wondered why Gabe Watson would have taken his bride such a long way to kill her in front of many potential witnesses. This book explains such a lot.

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