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From the Publisher

This is a fascinating book that we were all proud to publish. It "de-sensationalizes" multiple personality disorder for the reader and explains it clearly through a very compelling and emotionally charged case. Though now eight years old, **THE FLOCK** continues to sell very well.

One of the aspects that struck most of us when we first read it was that healthy people develop separate personalities on a moderate level: a "work" personality, a "spouse/lover" personality, a "son/daughter" personality, a "parent" personality, and many more. But healthy people don't completely dissociate because they aren't protecting their souls from the intense kind of suffering experienced by a victim of sexual abuse.

The best books teach us as much about ourselves as the subjects about which they were written.

From the Inside Flap

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THE DETROIT NEWS

When Joan Frances Casey "awoke" on the ledge of a building ready to jump, she did not know how she had gotten there. And it wasn't the first time she had blanked out. She decided to give therapy another try. And after a few sessions, Lynn Wilson, an experienced psychiatric social worker, was shocked to discover that Joan had MPD--Multiple Personality Disorder. And as she came to know Joan's distinct selves, Lynn uncovered a nightmarish pattern of emotional and physical abuse, including rape and incest, that nearly succeeded in smothering the artistic and intellectual gifts of this amazing young woman.

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