

THE WITNESS WORE RED

The 19TH WIFE Who Brought
POLYGAMOUS CULT LEADERS to Justice

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Rebecca Musser grew up in fear, living downstairs from her father's "real" family, and concealing her family's polygamous lifestyle from the "dangerous" outside world. Covered head-to-toe in modest clothing, she attended Alta Academy, a Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints school headed by principal Warren Jeffs.

In her teens, she became the nineteenth wife of her people's Prophet: eighty-five-year-old Rulon Jeffs, Warren's father, and watched as forty-eight additional wives were added to her marriage. After she was widowed, Warren Jeffs threatened her with remarriage, so she pulled off a daring escape and sought to build a new life and family on her own terms.

But by 2007, though far from the church, she was no longer able to stand for the abuse and underage marriages still being perpetuated within it—ones that she believed put her own sisters at risk. So Rebecca took the witness stand against Warren Jeffs, the new, self-proclaimed Prophet of the FLDS.

The following year, as a team of Texas Rangers raided the Yearning for Zion Ranch, an FLDS stronghold, Rebecca was called to the scene, advising law enforcement to an outcome that avoided bloodshed. Her subsequent testimony revealed the horrific secrets behind the temple's closed doors, sending the leaders to prison for years, and Warren Jeffs for life.

Now, for the very first time, Rebecca Musser tells the full story—one of crimes committed in the name of God, the abuse of power played out across generations, and her own perseverance as well as the strength of those around her. A revealing memoir of escape from fanaticism and a fast-paced courtroom drama, THE WITNESS WORE RED is a testament to the power of one woman's decisions to change the world.

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