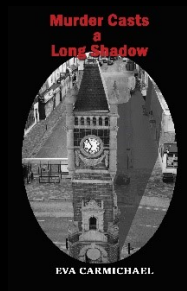


EXTRACT FROM MURDER CASTS A LONG SHADOW



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“Joseph Deans, you have been found guilty by a jury of your peers, of the wilful murder of Emily Bywater.” The Judge inhaled deeply, staring directly at Deans. “I therefore pass the only sentence the law allows. You will go to prison for life and serve a minimum of twenty-five years.”

There was a hushed silence in the court.

“Do you have anything to say?”

Twenty-two-year-old Deans glared defiantly at the Judge, raising his fist in the air.

“Fuck you,” he yelled. “Fuck the lot of you.”

He turned to face the public gallery and smiled, giving a slight wave.

“Take him down,” the Judge ordered.