

THE KNITTING CIRCLE RAPIST ANNIHILATION SQUAD

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The six women of the Knitting Circle meet every week to talk, eat cake, and make fabulous sweaters. Until the night they realize that they've all survived rape—and that not one of their assailants has suffered a single consequence. Enough is enough. The Knitting Circle becomes The Knitting Circle Rapist Annihilation Squad. They declare open season on rapists, with no licenses and no bag limits. With needles as their weapons, their retribution begins.

A cop is stabbed through a doughnut hole and into his heart. A country-western singer is found with knitting needles jammed into both ears and his no-means-yes hit song playing. A pedophile priest is killed in the sacristy. As the Circle swells, perpetrators learn to shudder at the sight of business women with knitted briefcases, students with knitted backpacks, roller derby queens with knitted kneepads. They also push back, as organizations of men—from the Chamber of Commerce to the Department of Agriculture to the Autonomous Federated Association of Coalitions of Anarchists for Spontaneous Insurrectionary Sexual Freedom (the AFACASISF, with their unique musical style: deathvomitnoise)—issue statements against the Knitting Circle. More sinister is MAWAR (Men Against Women Against Rape), with their Bible Scrabble and their beef-cake Jesus calendar—and a plot to stop the Knitting Circle.

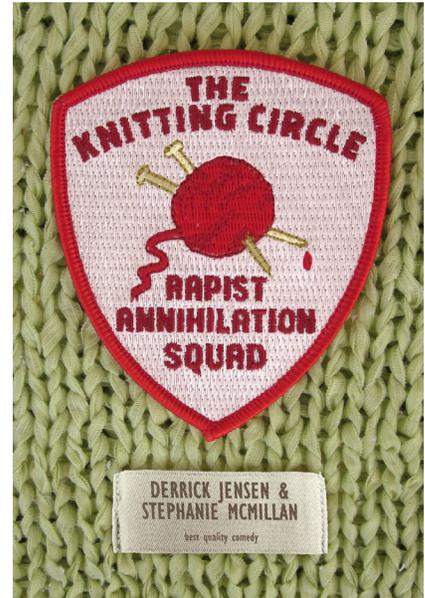
Will the Knitting Circle triumph? Or will Officer Flint learn to knit in time to infiltrate it? Will Nick the male ally brave Daisy's Craft Barn to secure more weapons for the women? Will Marilyn put down her teenage attitude and pick up her knitting needles? Will Circle member Jasmine find true love with MAWAR's Zebediah?

The Knitting Circle Rapist Annihilation Squad is a novel both darkly comic and deadly serious, a genre of one, where Monty Python meets Valerie Solanas.

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