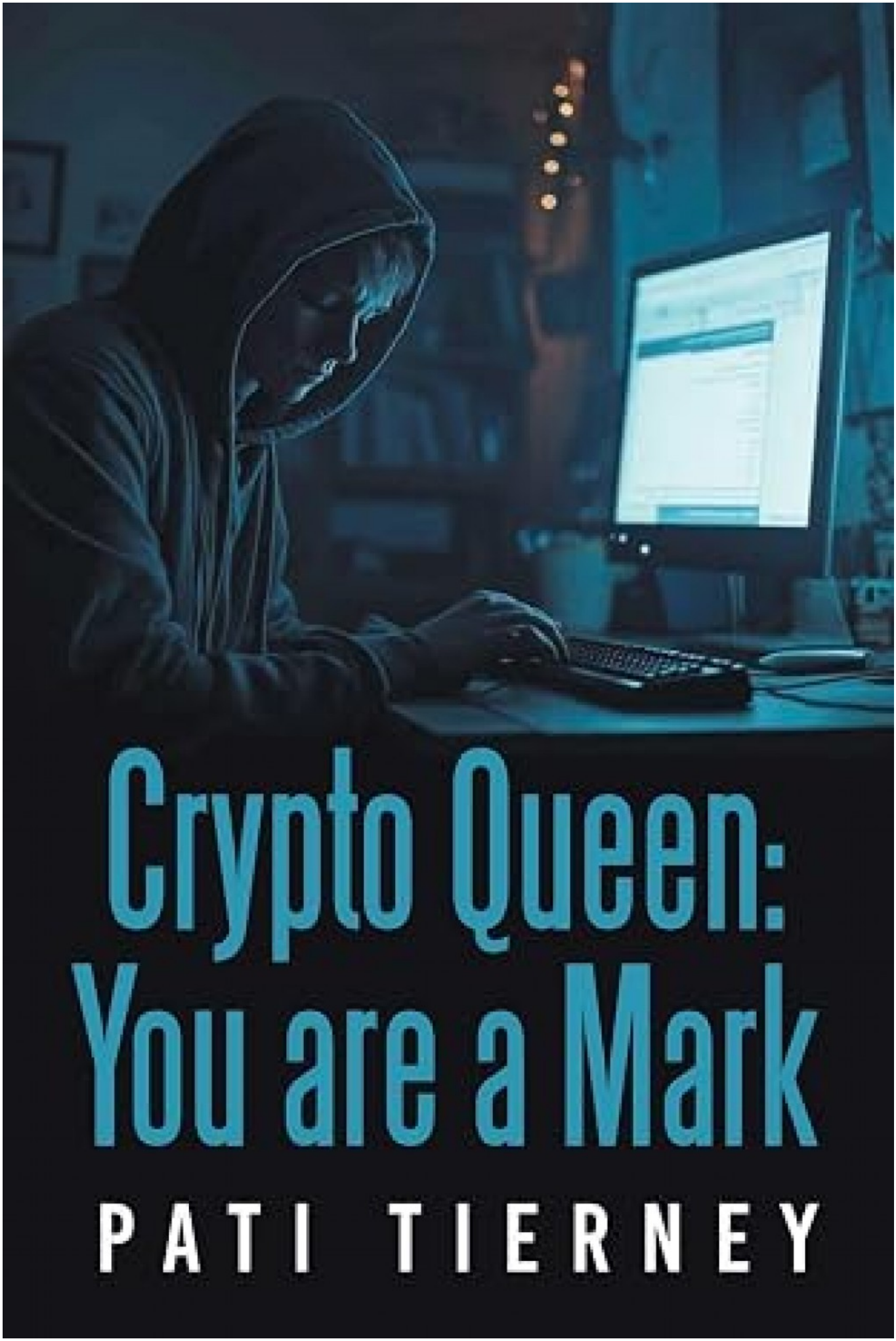
Pati Tierney Shares a Powerful True-Crime-Inspired Story Exposing the Human Cost of Online Scams

A story about deception, resilience, and the importance of recognizing that anyone can become a mark.


Crypto Queen:
You are a Mark
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Tomah, Wisconsin Nov 20, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - In a world where a simple online conversation can lead to devastating consequences, author Pati Tierney brings an important and timely story to light in her book, *Crypto Queen: You Are a Mark*. Inspired by real-life experiences and the growing global threat of online scams, this true-crime-inspired nonfiction work explores the emotional, psychological, and personal consequences of becoming entangled in an online scamming syndicate.

Set in contemporary Melbourne, Australia, *Crypto Queen: You Are a Mark* follows Pati, an empathetic social worker whose seemingly harmless online conversation with a stranger gradually develops into something far more sinister. What begins as playful banter unexpectedly turns into a life-altering experience as she becomes caught in the operations of an organized scamming syndicate. Her story reveals how manipulation and deception can unfold through ordinary digital interactions, with consequences that extend far beyond financial loss.

Through a compelling real-life narrative, Tierney addresses one of today's most pressing social issues: the growing prevalence of online scams and the devastating impact they have on individuals, families, and communities worldwide. More importantly, the book seeks to challenge the stigma surrounding scam victims, reminding readers that anyone, regardless of their education, profession, or background, can become a target.

Drawing from her own experience and professional understanding of human behavior, Tierney offers readers a deeper perspective on the emotional vulnerability, psychological manipulation, and lasting trauma associated with online fraud. The story encourages greater awareness, empathy, and open conversations about an issue that is often misunderstood or hidden because of shame and fear of judgment.

Beyond its compelling narrative, *Crypto Queen: You Are a Mark* serves as an opportunity to educate readers about the realities of online deception. It invites audiences to reflect on how trust is established in digital spaces, how ordinary conversations can be manipulated, and why recognizing the warning signs of online exploitation is increasingly important.

The book also opens the door to meaningful discussions through five key topics: the inspiration behind sharing this personal story, how seemingly innocent online conversations can develop into life-changing situations, why even compassionate and professionally experienced individuals can become scam victims, the importance of removing the stigma associated with online fraud, and the role of awareness and public education in preventing further victimization.

Tierney has also been actively promoting the book and its message through media and public engagement, including podcast appearances and participation in the Manila Book Fair. These initiatives provide opportunities to reach wider audiences, share her experiences, and encourage conversations about the growing threat of online scams beyond geographical boundaries.

About the Author

Pati Tierney is the artistic pseudonym of Patrycja Toczek, an accomplished author, public speaker, and health professional with extensive experience in mental health, sexual assault, and family violence

services.

She is the founder of Toczek Counselling, a Melbourne-based counselling practice providing therapeutic support to individuals, couples, and families. A qualified social worker from the University of Melbourne (2007), Tierney is also an Accredited Mental Health Social Worker and holds a Master's degree in Clinical Family Therapy from La Trobe University (2015).

With 20 years of experience in human service organizations, her professional background includes roles in multicultural community services, mental health care, therapeutic practice, program facilitation, project management, hospital leadership, and clinical governance.

Passionate about social justice, Tierney is also an accomplished presenter at international forums, where she discusses contemporary social issues affecting communities, including the housing crisis and online scamming.

Through *Crypto Queen: You Are a Mark*, she brings her professional insight and personal experience together to shed light on the human stories behind online scams and advocate for greater understanding and compassion toward those affected.

About the Book

Crypto Queen: You Are a Mark is a true-crime-inspired nonfiction book set in contemporary Melbourne, Australia. It recounts a life-changing experience involving online manipulation and an organized scamming syndicate, highlighting the emotional and psychological consequences of digital deception.

The book aims to raise awareness, challenge victim-blaming, and encourage open discussions about online scams and their impact on individuals and communities worldwide.

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- **Official Website:** https://cryptoqueenstory.com/
- **Amazon:** https://www.amazon.com/Crypto-Queen-You-are-Mark/dp/B0H9NHRPFS/

The Spotlight Network on Crypto Queen by Pati Tierney: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x_azo0HgTG0



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