KEYNOTE TOPIC

Refusing To Quit Can Become Your *Superpower*

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ABOUT DALEEN

Daleen Berry is an investigative journalist and New York Times bestselling author whose life story is the keynote. She is a living case study in radical resilience, relentless hope, and in refusing to quit.

Before the world learned about Gisèle Pelicot in 2024 and the Rape Academy in 2026, Daleen's memoir about her own experience as a survivor of marital rape was published in 2011. *Sister of Silence* has been used in women's studies' classes and by domestic violence advocates.

But Daleen has also survived financial ruin and homelessness, multiple major surgeries, near-fatal electrocution, and a three-year legal battle. She has spent more than a decade fighting to keep her daughter alive through a serious mental illness—all without ever losing her joy, or her voice.

Daleen has run several small businesses, including her own publishing company. She designed and trademarked her own logo, without any legal help. She also holds a private pilot's license, a distinction shared by only 0.006% of American women.

Last but not least, when more than 60 attorneys refused to help—fearing reprisal from the presiding judge—Daleen acted pro se when representing her late husband's $3 million estate. She took the case all the way to the West Virginia Supreme Court, an achievement many attorneys have called remarkable.

WHAT YOUR AUDIENCE WILL GAIN

✦ **A blueprint for resilience:** Practical frameworks for facing any challenge and finding the path through.

✦ **A new relationship with obstacles:** How to reframe setbacks as evidence of strength — a mindset shift that transforms teams and leaders.

✦ **The courage to advocate:** Tools for speaking up for yourself and others, and for trusting your own judgment when the experts get it wrong.

✦ **Permission to hope:** Why joy is a strategy—and how to sustain it under extraordinary pressure until refusing to quit becomes your superpower.

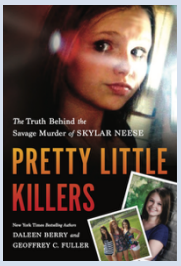
✦ **Why defiance works:** How to turn your rage into a force that creates positive change, without losing yourself along the way.

OTHER SPEAKING TOPICS

What It Cost Her: What Reporting Really Costs a Survivor ✦ 5,215 Texts in Six Days: What Phones Do to Kids ✦ Empowering Jane Doe ✦ Mental Health in the Workplace ✦ Reclaiming Your Right to Judge, Question, and Lead

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

TEDx Connecticut College ✦ Johns Hopkins University ✦ Penn State University ✦ Marshall University ✦ West Virginia University ✦ Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma ✦ Association of Batterers' Intervention Programs ✦ Maine Chapter, NASW ✦ UC Berkeley



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Pretty Little Killers

Daleen is the lead author of this landmark true-crime investigation, as well as the other book about the case, *The Savage Murder of Skylar Neese*. Hulu licensed her work for the 2026 documentary *Friends Like These*—proof that Daleen's writing compels action at the highest level.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY

"You're such an incredible writer and you have an amazing story."
— Jeannette Walls, author, *The Glass Castle*

"She mesmerized the audience... received a well-deserved standing ovation. I would highly recommend her as a speaker to any audience. She will be both engaging and inspirational."
— Susan Lamb, Exec. Director, Maine Chapter, National Association of Social Workers

"You are a magnificent storyteller. When I started this show I thought most of my guests would carry the hour — but few have. You will."
— Bob Edwards, The Bob Edwards Show (Sirius XM) / NPR Morning Edition

"Beyond inspiring... your story gave me hope tonight."
— Carter G., YouTube viewer, after watching Daleen's TEDx Talk, "Silence Isn't Golden: It's Red"

"What courage and resourcefulness her journey entailed. It's a wake-up call for all of us to help end the silence!"
— Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, Johns Hopkins University; author, Family Violence and Nursing Practice

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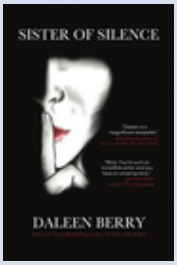
Sister of Silence

Daleen's memoir about marital rape was published long before the world knew Gisèle Pelicot's name. Used in women's studies classrooms and by domestic violence advocates. *Sister of Silence* was self-published and has been downloaded almost 100,000 times.



Daleen's work has been SEEN IN or she has APPEARED ON:

NBC · CBS · hulu · People · ELLE · TEDx · The Guardian · THE DAILY BEAST

Available for keynotes, panels, corporate events, conferences, and media appearances