

## ADVANCE INFORMATION SHEET

# DIRTY GIRL BY JULIET WILLS

The State Sanctioned Murder of Brothel Madam Shirley Finn

In June 1975, dressed to impress in her finest ball gown, dripping with expensive jewellery and driving a limited edition luxury car, socialite and brothel madam Shirley Finn was invited to the grounds of the Royal Perth Golf Club for a special occasion – her own modern day public execution.

The killers knew they wouldn't be caught. Their power reigned supreme in one of the most remote and prosperous cities on earth, during an era of police protection and 'containment' of organised crime.

Rising out of an abusive welfare system to become a police-protected madam, Shirley's fate took an astonishing turn towards the top end of town.

As one of Perth's best-known socialites, she hosted fabulous parties. But her downfall was fast and furious, following fears she might expose money laundering and high-level corruption in 'The Wild West' of the seventies.

In spite of repeated threats and warnings, author Juliet Wills has spent over a decade researching the case and gathering compelling new evidence relating to Shirley's murder. The author's disturbing revelations implicate many powerful and well-known Western Australian identities. Her book has been supplied as key evidence for the upcoming Coronial inquest.

'Dirty Girl' is a powerful reminder that the price of freedom, democracy and a society that follows the rule of law is a well-informed public and eternal vigilance.

Juliet Wills has choppered into crocodile breeding grounds, been chased by rioting armed gangs, and jumped from a civilian plane with the 13th load at 13,000 feet on Friday the 13th. She has also pursued the story of murdered brothel madam Shirley Finn's with fearless obstinacy.

Born in Sydney, Juliet has lived and worked throughout Australia. She has been awarded for her Excellence in Television Journalism, written for major newspapers, and lectured in broadcast journalism at two universities.

The mother of three lives in Perth and now works in real estate. Her first book, The Diamond Dakota, was published by Allen and Unwin in 2006.



ABOUT AUTHOR



**"I didn't know this would become the most intriguing murder case in Western Australia's history."**

**– Terry Willesee, journalist**

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