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Kari Killen - childcare guru or mentally disturbed?

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Kari Killen has been given a veteran role in textbooks and lectures and lessons for future child welfare social workers. For several decades it has been revealed serious abuses and serious lack of knowledge in child protection services. Who is this Killen who has been dominating this field so long without anyone asking serious critical questions of both method and knowledge content? She builds her knowledge on her own research of 17 children in 1988.

In her book, "*Caregiving and child abuse - a case study and follow-up study of children in neglect situations*" (1988), she has developed a method for determining and predicting neglect by parents.

The study builds on the parents of 17 children without the use of a control group!



Can be read here:

<http://www.nb.no/nbsok/nb/fede2e02971f7311883a8730671c2bb1#0>

Here from page 72 from her own studie :

2. MATERIALET

Materialet omfatter 17 barn som ble innlagt i Barneavdelingen i løpet av 1 år (1978/79) med spørsmål om omsorgssvikt (vanskjøtsel og/eller påført fysisk skade). Det ble innlagt tilsammen 19 barn, men fysisk skade påført av foreldrene eller andre omsorgspersoner kunne utelukkes i 2 av tilfellene. Det var ikke grunnlag for bekymring for disse 2 barns omsorgssituasjon. Materialet er tallmessig begrenset. Det viser imidlertid stor spredning med hensyn til alder, former for omsorgssvikt, demografiske data, sosiale forhold, samlivs- og foreldre/barn forhold såvel som modenhetsniva og utviklingsmuligheter hos foreldrene. Det vil si at det er lite nok til å ha muligheter for "dybdeanalyse" og stort nok til å inkludere variasjoner, identifisere felles faktorer og muliggjøre sammenligninger.

[This material includes 17 children who were admitted to the pediatric ward during one year (1978-1979) with questions about caring failure (neglect and / or inflicted physical harm). It was admitted a total of 19 children, but physical damage inflicted by parents or other caregivers could be ruled out in 2 of these cases. There were no grounds for concern about these two child care situation. Material is numerically limited. It shows, however, great variation with respect to age, forms of care failure, demographic data, social conditions, cohabitation and parent / child relationship as well as level of maturity and development opportunities among parents. This means that it is small enough to have opportunities for in-depth analysis and wide enough to include variations, identify common factors and enable comparisons.]

This is what Killen builds her later **method** on! No wonder child welfare today are abusive.

The method consists in brief in describing parents' background, personality and relationship with children through a variety of properties, called "stressors". Some stressors Killen believes has greater predictive value than others, but the sum which a person achieves will help to determine if the caseworker believes that the child should be taken into care.

Important factors in parental background will also be considered to be:

- Whether they have been subjected to neglect,
- Their contact with the municipal social office for Children and Youth
- Low self-esteem,
- Complications during pregnancy,
- And of course parents' mental health, both past and present, immaturity, drinking problem, etc.

[Are this traits that presumably can be traced back to Killen's own childhood?]

Already here one can see a number of problems. Kari Killen generalize on the basis of a very limited study. Her study applies only to the parents of 17 children!

Furthermore, lack of a proper control group. When you do not know how the same load factor benefits into a normal group, you know nothing - or very little - whether they are of significance with respect to the incidence of care failure.

Here I'll just mention a few examples to emphasize this:

In the state of California, USA, the government set up a research group to find out how important problems could be solved by increasing the "*people's confidence and self esteem*." The team underwent 65,000 psychological research articles dealing with self-esteem. The results were published in the book "The Social Importance of Self-Esteem" in 1989.

The chapter that deals with child abuse and neglect, concluded: "*There is not sufficient evidence for claims of a direct link between low self-esteem and child abuse. We have no basis for asserting that the strengthening of self-esteem is an effective means to reduce child abuse / child abuse.*"

There was no association between low self-esteem / self-esteem and aggression or violence. In spite of hundreds of studies showing such contexts, Kari Killen alleges in several newspaper interviews that there is "*a clear link between neglect and confidence*." In other words, she has no academic evidence for their claims.

Probably this is obviously erroneous assumption based on her own research that "self-esteem" is used as a negative load factor, which helps to determine whether the children will be taken from their parents. One must ask if Killen's emphasis on "Self-esteem" is a projection of her own or mothers self-esteem? Why is self-esteem so important for Killen in her assessment when it is not supported by research?

Kari Killen's argues that parents who have suffered neglect as a child will have difficulty taking care of their own children, are at least as questionable.

The studies Killen refers in his textbook "Sveket. Neglect is everyone's responsibility" is largely retrospective studies and for that reason alone peppered with several possible errors (memory offsets etc . among interviewees).

Although all parents of the 17 children in the study may have suffered neglect in childhood, there will still be such that the majority of parents in the total population who have been exposed to care failure, is good and normally functioning parents. This is an abuse of statistics. Group research says nothing about the individual. One can not say anything about an individual on the basis of statistics on groups. Only study of the specific individual can determine this.

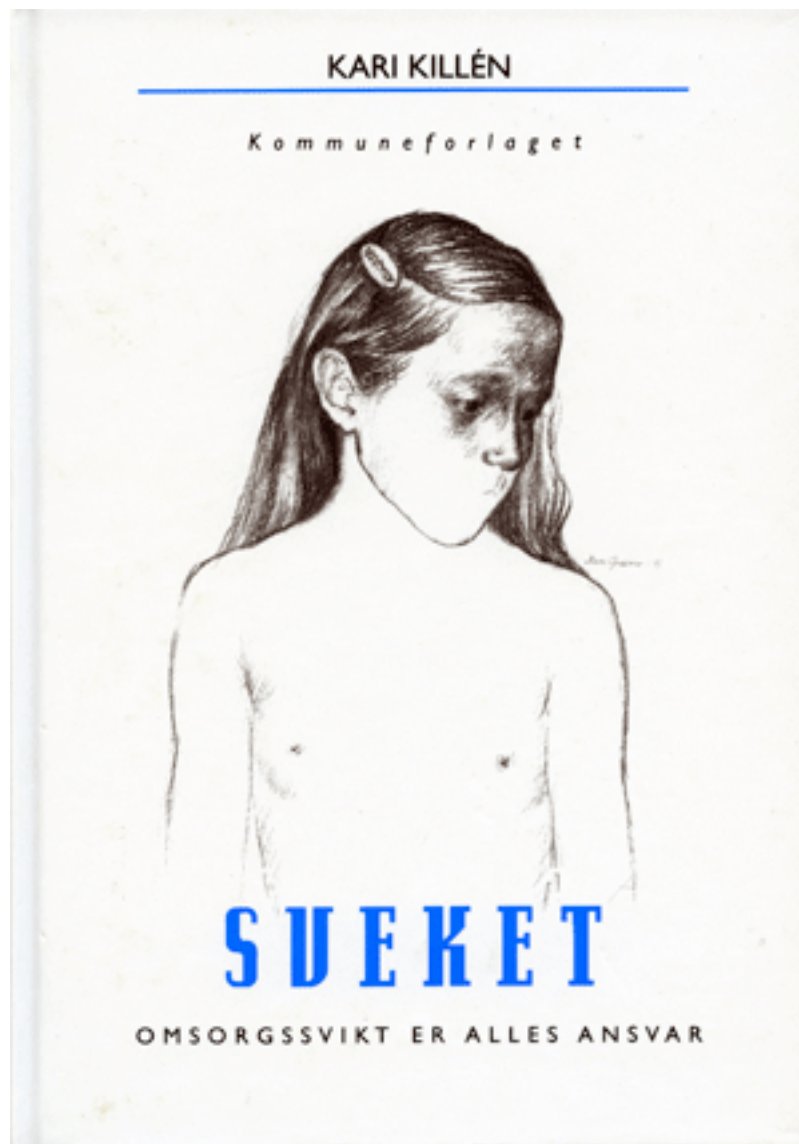
A large American study, which over time included 2,600 children who suffered from neglect, showed that 26% of these adults were committing crimes, against 17% in the control group. Although there is a tendency for more people with "problems" among

those who suffered from neglect as a child, there is still a large majority (74%), which was "normal" in society. Again, data on group level has little to say about a particular case.

The probability that a person who has suffered neglect as children, would not expose their children to the same, may be much higher than the reverse. Despite these facts, many caseworkers consider it as a "load factor", if there are "neglect" in parents' own childhood. (Borger Debat.dk, 2003)

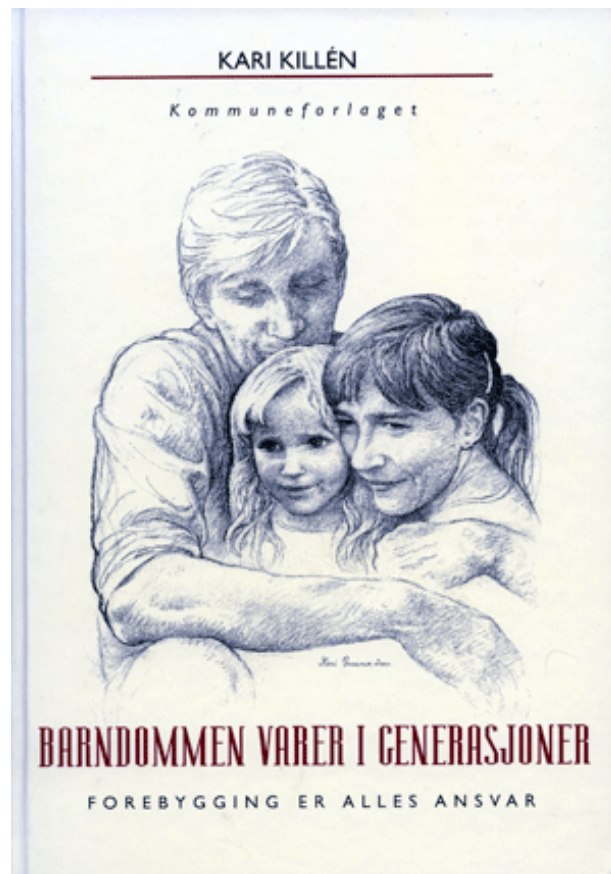
The fact is that there are indications that Kari Killén herself was prone to failure care of her mother, then on the basis of her own "load factors" she is a danger to her own children. And with the knowledge of just how her own care injuring her daughter and her conflict with parts of her own family, it appears obvious that the what Killén really describes is its own story.

She writes behind on her book following:



"Sveket": ["Sveket" means Betrayal]

"Many children have scars and bruises on their soul. The process of recognition among professionals and the public at large, has only just begun when it comes to these children's and parents' lives and their suffering and the extent of this. Caregiving is everyone's responsibility. In this book Kari Killen conveys unprecedented insight and experience which provide the basis for action and cooperation across agencies and sectors."



From "*Childhood lasts for generations*":

"Childhood does not last only a lifetime. It lasts for generations. Therefore it is important to give parents help before they fall short. Parents and children must get early help. Children who do not get help to deal with their painful experiences, will carry this forward to their own children. This book is about preventing future generations neglect and mental illness".

Kari Killen is very concerned about neglect from parents. Concurrently she fails her own daughter. Where does this almost fanatical attitude to take parents who fail? Does it come from her own experiences in her childhood? Own behaviour against her children? And how was she as carer for her own daughter, to others in her family?

Killen grew up with neglect, alcoholic father, Jehovah's Witness and according to her own daughter, a disturbed mother. Her own daughter describes her childhood with Kari Killen as hell! They had it better with their father. Several of the family will not have anything to do with her today. She "lacks empathy", she "puts people in pigeonhole" is

an expression they use. "Creates divisions in his own family," "set people up against each other"! There seems to be little consensus between her own behaviour and what she conveys as "professional"

So yes, the caring failure she was subjected to, is passed down to her own daughter. A person devoid of the mentalizing ability she preaches in her descriptions and that she uses against other parents to take their children. With insight into her own behaviour and personality the titles of her books "Sveket" and "Childhood lasts for generations" is understandable. She seems to write about her selves and her own life experience!

One can not fail to see the underlying that she through this seemingly altruistic behaviour seems to have a need for victims to take care of. Knowing how the narcissistic personality work, it got me to thinking about what Skårderud (2002, s.187) Wrote in the book "Uro" (Unrest):

Den narsissistiske benektelsen av avhengigheten av de andre kan bli ødeleggelsen av de andre.

Han samlet på ofre. Hans omsorg for ofrene gav ham – iallfall for en stund – en følelse av å være et svært betydningsfullt menneske.

Selvopptatthet kan anta sykelige dimensjoner. En slik patologisk narsissisme er en del av kjernen i det som kalles *psykopati*. Fantasiene om egen storhet er en del av bildet. Storheten kan være en følelse av å ha spesielle talenter, ferdigheter eller rettigheter.

[The narcissistic denial of dependence on the others, can be devastating for the others. He collected victims. His care for the victims gave him – at least for a while – a feeling of being a very significant person.

Selfishness can take pathological dimensions. Such a pathological narcissism is a part of the core in what is called *psychopathy*. The fantasy of own grandiosity is a part of the picture. Grandiosity can be a feeling of special talents, abilities or rights.]

Killen's morbid preoccupation with "helping" children seem to have elements of the need to feel important. The fact that she was failing and even failed as a mother, at least above her own daughter, underpinning a deficiency condition that can be sought covered through a need to get confirmation of others in a work to supposedly "help" others. Such narcissistic unmet need can take pathological dimensions.

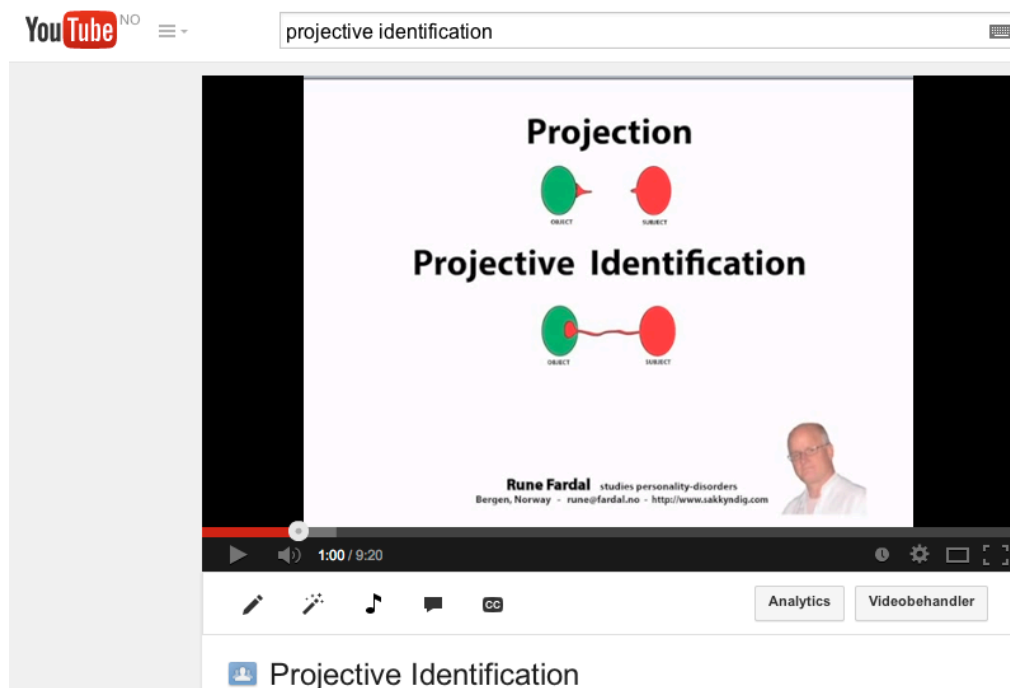
This is the guru of the King's Medal of Merit, for generations of child welfare staff, through having their books on social worker's reading list!

It's not just for generations abuse is passed, they also spread through professional circles she for years has affected! It may seem as if the abuse Killen was exposed to from her sick mother, has been the abuse CPS (trained by Killen) commits against 1000's of families. As such, childhood traumas is passed in social heritage. A methodology that

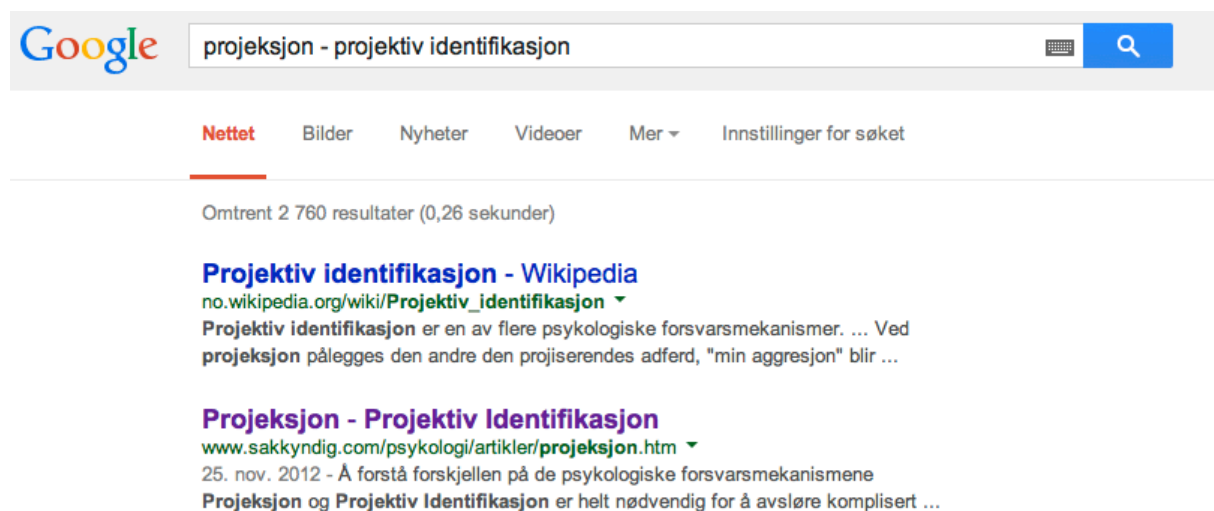
obviously does not keep scientific standard. In this way abuse goes from family to society, thanks to people like Killen. Here from Killen's "Sveket", p. 306:

"We are educated to establish contact relationships where parents feel safe" ... whereupon she describes how to "frustrate parents" to create the basis for take over care. This is pure manipulation techniques to destroy innocent human life. One has to have serious empathy lack to carry on like this.

The serious is that, what Killen describes, is **Projective Identification** !! If you are not familiar with the concept and the personality disordered individuals who largely use this, you should be. It is described on Youtube:



and on Google:



This is a primitive psychological defence mechanism, Killen put the system to use in the child welfare system. It project their frustration and negative traits onto others, make others appear frustrated, and then use the frustration to accuse other people, so that one can take their kids away from them! It does not get sicker than this.

In reality it is this Killen has taught employees in child welfare in many years. Project out their frustration, when the object reaction (aggression) is taken as evidence that the object has low frustration tolerance. In reality it is a completely normal reaction to someone who will take over the care of their children. The observer sees the reflection of his own aggression. They see it not as a part of them self, but as belonging to the object. The obvious lack of knowledge about the dynamics characterizes so much of the childcare today.

To quote what Killen writes in "Sveket" page 305:

"Det er intet som tyder på at innlevelse er noe som kan utvikles hos voksne mennesker, hvis det ikke er noe å bygge på fra før"!

Ebglish:

"There is nothing to suggest that empathy is something that can be developed in adult humans, if there is nothing to build on already "!

With some knowledge about Killen's ideology used in today's welfare, it is obvious that the statement fits very well on both Killen and child protection. She emerges with clear deficiencies for empathy. Simply projecting their frustration over the others and so when they burst assert that they do not lend themselves as caring parents is pure evil. It is basically the projection of her own failure to provide care.

A second classical description of Killen's "Sveket", p. 191 is this:

følelser. Når foreldre som selv har vært utsatt for langvarig vanskjøtsel gir uttrykk for at de skal spare sitt barn alle de belastninger de selv har vært utsatt for, som for eksempel stadige plasseringer, kan de mene det, ønske det og drømme om det. Men i praksis ser vi ofte en gjentakelse av egne foreldremodeller. En endring her forutsetter en spire til innlevelse. Denne spiren forutsetter sannsynligvis at foreldrene har hatt en tidlig og relativ trygg tilknytning.

[English: "When parents who have been subjected to prolonged neglect express that they shall save their children for all the loads they have been exposed to, such as frequent relocations, they mean it, wish it and dream about it. But in practice, we often see a repetition of their own parents models. A change here presupposes a sprout to empathize. This sprout presupposes likely that parents have had early and relatively safe connection."]

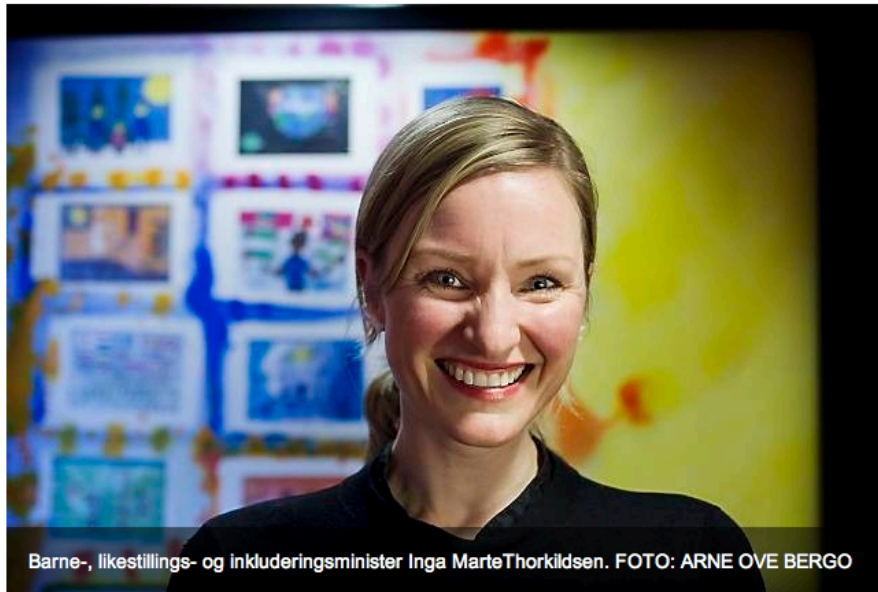
Considering Kari Killen's own mother's failure of care regarding Kari, one must assume that her own inadequate care for her daughter is a repeat of her own mother's care failure. And this is "the guru" former minister of children, Inga Marthe Thorkildsen press to her breast. There is great probability that her writing are projections of her own traits.

Here from Facebook 24/4/2014:



[Text: Having dinner tonight with one of my heroes, Kari Killén. Her and her husband, Tore, inspires with her beautiful humanity, her knowledge and her critical sense of a measure craze that will have no end. And the lady just got 80 years! Congratulation, Kari.]

Inga Marthe Thorkildsen descriptions show such a total lack of ability to self-awareness and critical thinking that it is not strange child welfare under her leadership went from bad to worse! Thorkildsen describes how she, as a young, read 70 Morgan Kane, [western book] whose view of women must have helped her fanatical feminist hatred of men today. Like Killén she seems lacking the ability to separate her own needs from those of others.



Barne-, likestillings- og inkluderingsminister Inga Marte Thorkildsen. FOTO: ARNE OVE BERGO

NAVN I NYHETENE

Barndomshelt: Morgan Kane

NAVN I NYHETENE: Inga Marte Thorkildsen (36) har lest minst 70 Morgan Kane-bøker.

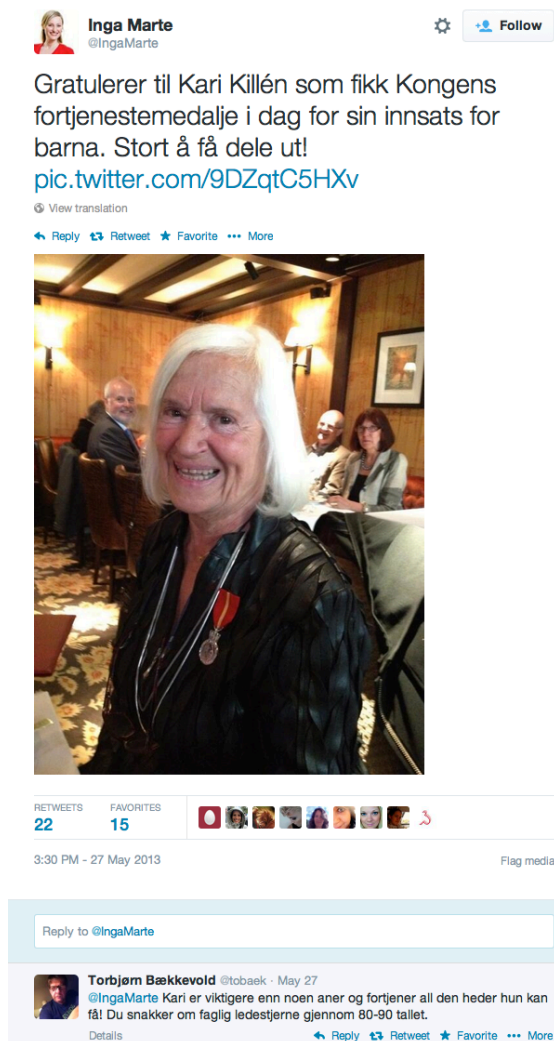
I can not help but notice the similarity to the relationship between Wenche Breivik (mother) and Anders B. Breivik. [Norwegian mass murder] Wenche was destroyed by her schizophrenic mother, a behaviour she brought upon Anders. It ended in tragedy, the same tragedy legacy of Killen has inflicted unimaginable many children and their families. A tragedy even greater than Breivik 77 murders. For while Breivik's crimes affected 77 people and their families, so frames Killen's abuse through its continuation of its quasi-scientific teaching 10,000 of children and families across Norway! This is what Killen writes in "Sveket" p. 50:

Barn til foreldre som skiller seg uten at de er i stand til å samarbeide som foreldre om samvær med barnet, utsettes for psykiske overgrep. Barnet befinner seg i en kronisk lojalitetskonflikt, der den ene av foreldrene ofte svartmaler den andre, og der barnet ofte presses til å «velge side». Barnet opplever angst og blandede og forvirrede følelser. Det opplever tapet av en av foreldrene uten at det får lov til å sørge. Barnet får ikke hjelp med sin sorg. Det sinne og den fortvilelse som knytter seg til sorgen kan ikke få komme direkte til uttrykk. Barnet kan i stedet bli deprimert eller «vanskelig». Det har gjennomgått en

[English: "Children of parents who divorce, without them being able to work together as parents about access to the child, is subjected to psychological abuse. Child is in a chronic loyalty conflict, where one parent often black paint the other, and where the child is often forced to "choose sides". The child is experiencing anxiety and mixed and confused feelings. It is experiencing the loss of one parent without being allowed to mourn. The child does not get help with their grief. The anger and the despair related to sorrow can not be directly expressed. The child may instead be depressed or "difficult".]

Someone who recognize the basis for Breivik's aggression? Is it here "the hate" Killen conveys through her books to new generations of social workers come to expression? "If my childhood was bad, I will make sure that others are also"?

Here from Thorkildsen twitter admiration of Killen:



[Here Killen gets King's Distinguished Award]

If they only knew who they gave the medal to! The total absence of critical scientific thinking is frightening.

Here from Killen's "Childhood lasts for generations," p. 88:

ut» sine egne følelser. Barna lærer tidlig å fortrenge egne følelsesmessige reaksjoner, enten det gjelder tristhet, skuffelse, angst eller sinne (Davenport mfl. 1984). Kanskje blir de ikke synlige før de viser seg i forhold til egne barn senere. Slik varer barndommen i generasjoner.

[English: Children learn early to repress their own emotional reactions, whether sadness, disappointment, anxiety or anger. (Davenport et al. 1984) Maybe they are not visible until they show themselves in relation to their own children later. *In this way childhood lasts for generations.*]

And as both her own daughter and others describe, it is obvious that Killen allows own experiences in her childhood go beyond others in and outside their own family. The same failing eyesight, she has conveyed to all of the 1000's by social workers sitting around the child welfare office and advocating the quasi scientific and so destructive behaviour that we have documented, for years of child welfare!

It is obvious that Killen carries a great responsibility for the shortcomings quality we see today in today childcare. She hailed by social workers while she is hated by families and children. The CPS (Child Protection Service) she has helped, are not a place children get help, but a place where children and families sought understood based on the "knowledge," Killen itself conveys. In truth, the current child welfare are a tragedy. They fail those who really need help, and they overreact where simple measures could have an improvement, if it at all is a concern about parents.

What I can not comprehend is that no one in professional circles have raised questions about the CPS's unimaginable abuse and what really is the cause of this. In my eyes there is no doubt that people like Killen and their own childhood traumas propagates to the current child welfare failure! Character creates early, and the way one looks at Killen's books and thoughts have not been good for many children.

That one person, who have capability to provide guiding advice, based on research of 17 hospitalized children, shall be prevailing for more than 500,000 families are incomprehensible! This is pure fraud!

Sources: Mette Killen Heap, daughter Agnes Lande, ex-law