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The most successful thieves may not carry guns, hide their faces behind ski masks, or break into your house.

They just might steal your money while sitting in an easy chair, sipping lemonade, and talking to you on the phone.



They use the weapons of fear, lies, and your gullibility to convince you to give them a free shopping spree. These thieves are usually known as scammers.



In 2023, Americans reported over \$10 billion¹ lost to scams! That's over \$19,000 in the minute since you started reading this book, and that doesn't even include *unreported* losses!

Here's one of the ways it could happen to you!

*The Widow
Who Got Scammed*



The Widow Who Got Scammed

For Tara, Ralph, and Bob, it was another day of work.
For Sarah Weaver, it was a nightmare.



The Widow Who Got Scammed

Sarah was knitting one day when an out-of-state number called. “Hello, this is Sarah!” she answered.

“Hello, Sarah Weaver. This is Charlotte Blink from the North Hills FBI Drug Force Investigative Office, Employee ID TB343910. I’m sorry to inform you that an international drug gang is using your name and address to smuggle drugs. Would you have time to answer a few questions?”



Scammer Weapon Alert

Scammers lie as easily as many people tell the truth.



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“What? Me? What did you say about drug gangs?”

Sarah stammered.

“I’m so sorry. I’m sure we can get this cleared up. Let me transfer you to the lead investigator. Please hold,” Tara said while stifling a giggle.

Delighted to have finally made contact, Tara roused Ralph from a doze. “We’ve got another victim on the line! She sounds scared!”

