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THE SHOCKING
TRUE STORY OF
A LITTLE GIRL
BETRAYED

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In this haunting and frank account, Donna Ford unveils the horrific abuse she suffered at the hands of her stepmother. Between the ages of five and 11, Donna was physically, mentally, and sexually abused. She was starved, beaten, and "loaned out" to neighbors who raped and molested her. When her stepmother finally left the family home, Donna dreamed of a normal childhood in which she would be taken care of by her father who had, up until this point, failed her. But it was not to be. In telling the whole story of her childhood, Donna tries to understand why the man who should have loved her was the one who deceived her the most by continuing to allow men to abuse her. Instead of finding a future of love and happiness, Donna was once again thrust into a living nightmare of exploitation and betrayal by those who should have wrapped her up in their love. Donna also tells of her efforts to find her own mother—who abandoned her when she was young—and of the terrors she has gone through as an adult. While this is a story of the appalling physical, mental, and emotional abuse, it is also a tale of how exhilaration, tenderness, and self-development can flourish despite childhood horrors.

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Cristina Boncea says

O carte foarte traumatizantă dar a cărei descriere m-a atras de la bun început. O carte auto-biografică, o continuare. Nu știu dacă voi achiziționa și primul volum.

Este povestea Donnei Ford, o mamă a trei copii ce a avut o copilărie dezgustătoare. Fiind prima sănătatea de mama ei biologică, a ajuns într-un centru de plasament alături de sora și fratele ei mai mari. Tatăl ei biologic, care însă nu era și tată biologic al celorlalăi doi copii, i-a luat acasă pentru a trăi alături de el și de soția lui, Helen. Helen s-a purtat urât cu Donna din prima secundă, având în vedere că a mai făcut trei copii cu tatăl acesteia și locuiau cu toată într-un apartament mic din Edinburgh. Foarte violent, abuziv, greu de citit - traumatizant, după cum am spus. Lucrurile prin care Helen a făcut-o pe Donna să treacă nu sunt neauzite, dar a fost cu atât mai greu să le citesc având în vedere că au fost povestite la persoana I, de victimă însăși. Abuzurile sexuale au început de la vîrstă de 11 ani sau chiar mai devreme. Titlul nu este ceea ce pare, însă Donna nu poate să nu îl împărtășească tatăl care a lăsat toate acele lucruri oribile să i se întâmple. Cum a reușit Donna să scape? Ce s-a întâmplat? Nu vă pot să desemnați finalul.

Cartea e construită pe flashback-uri și trăgătoare, Donna cea mai recentă fiind femeia din 2008, când a fost publicată cartea. Acesta cită primul volum doar de curiozitate, pentru a completa povestea... Deși a fost foarte bine scrisă și relativ ușor de parcurs, nu pot spune că Donna mi se pare o femeie strălucită. Având în vedere că această carte ne relatează copilăria ei, oferindu-ne în același timp și perspective pozitive asupra vieții, sfaturi și sănătate, nu știu cât de bine am reușit să descopără personalitatea a Donnei Ford cât legăturile pe care ea le face între traumele trăite în copilărie și viața ei de mai târziu. Cred că astăzi mi se pare că cel mai important este că a făcut curioasă. Înțeleg că nu-mi vor ieși deloc din minte lucrurile pe care le-am citit. Voi contemplă la ele, cu siguranță. Donna de asemenea nu îndeamnă să contemplăm la propria noastră copilărie, să nu lăsăm timpul să treacă căci anumite amintiri ne pot afecta în cele mai neașteptate momente, căci demonii "neatrăși" ne vor urma să toată viața și bineînțeles, sunt complet de acord cu ea.

Nu știu dacă pot spune că recomand cartea. Cu siguranță ar trebui să aibă o limită de vîrstă. Poate chiar 18 ani; uneori voi să o las jos și să o închid definitiv, atât de grafică este. Traumele și abuzurile sunt relatate în detaliu, din nou și din nou. Te pui în pielea personajului și este oribil.

Nu regret că am citit-o. Cu siguranță am lucruri pe care le voi păstra din ea. și cu siguranță voi păstra și cartea în sine, mi se pare valoroasă.

Jorun Bork says

I am not going to lie; at times I really hated this book. I hated it, because it made me feel. It reminded me of my own past, and of the memories I tried to repress. It's sad that cruelty like that exists, and that cruelty in childhood still persists in adult life. Donna Ford wrote a compelling narrative of her own story of abuse and survival, and also of the later effects abuse showed during her later years.

I hope that one day my dad reads this book and sees the errors he has committed.

Sabrina Rutter says

part 2 of the step child....

Patricia Kaniasty says

This was just a repeat of her first book "The Step Child". As I read it, I felt like I was rereading the other. Almost identical.

JoJo says

So so heart-warming and inspiring. Donna Ford is an amazing lady. She had the worst childhood, I can't even imagine how she survived through her ordeals, let alone be a beautiful person, and an amazing mother. At the end of the book, her 3 children each wrote a letter to their mum. I was almost in tears, good tears, to read what they wrote. Donna gave her children everything she could. Here is just a little bit of the letter her second child, her oldest daughter, wrote to her mum.

"Thank you mum, for being you. You had the worst possible childhood, but when you had your children, you decided that things would be different. We had the best upbringing that anyone could ask for...I wouldn't change you for the world. I know that you will be there for me any second of every day."

Truly an inspiring read.

Michelle English says

This book breaks your heart. It also makes you angry and frustrated and irritated that this could happen. I understand why someone would want to turn into a vigilante, because you end up wanted to do to the people who hurt this child what they did to the child and so very much more. I cried, I ached, I hurt.

Which is what the book is suppose to do, it was well written and you wanted to not put it down at the same time you wanted to throw it across the room.

Fiona Beattie says

Unbelievable how children can suffer in this day and age. Very sordid and worrying

Linda Ross says

This is a difficult read as its a true story, I admire Donna for telling such a personal story, it broke my heart many times over.

Jerome says

Made for difficult reading, the life this child had must never happen again. People should read this and ensure the safety and protection of all children. I commend the author for telling her story.

Andreab says

This was such a sad story. So glad Donna persevered and was able to rise above her evil step mother and father.

Paul says

what a very moving book. I could not believe what I was reading. We imagine what children may suffer at the hands of abusers, but until you read Donna's book, you will never have any real understanding of just how harrowing it is. She is an amazingly brave girl to be able to write this book.

Randy Daugherty says

Donna never knew her mother, spent part of her young life in a children's home dreaming of a real home with her dad. Her Dad finally came to get her and her half siblings, but he came with a new wife and baby as well.

The home she wanted never happened, instead she was beaten , starved, and humiliated at least at first. Her dad always believed her step mom. Donna was beaten and then her dad would spank her when he was told how bad she was. "I want to be good " she kept crying, not knowing what she had done wrong or what was expected.

Things went from bad to worse, then one day her step mom up and left, then her dad would bring guys home from the pub and then pass out, never doing what she had thought dads did, protect their children. Life progressed and she learned that sometimes having one parent is better than two who don't love each other or themselves. She also had the chance to testify against her step mother for those long ago horrors.

This is her story, and through it's telling she found healing.

Glenda says

I found this title misleading and thought it should have been more "What mommy did"....apart from that it was sad how this child was abused and no one did anything to help. Both parents were to blame here so how about "what my parents did"??
