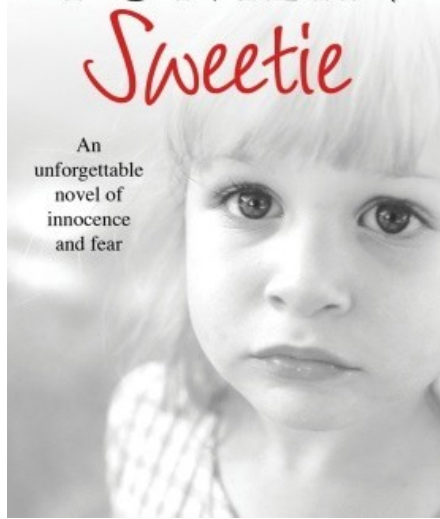


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It is the summer of 1976, the hottest summer on record.

In the heart of London's bustling East End lies a tight-knit community of families. They lead a very traditional way of life, the men are down the pub, the women are gossiping at the toddler group in the working men's club and the children stay out late in the long summer evenings, playing in the park and roaming the streets carefree.

In the sweltering heat, Grace Ballantyne leaves her son Adam playing in his toy car in the garden. When she returns, she finds the door to the car open and her four-year-old son is nowhere in sight. As Grace frantically searches, panic creeps in and so the nightmare begins.

A series of horrific assaults on young children spreads through the neighbourhood, each one more brutal; there is only so much this close community can take. As they cling to one another for hope and survival, the men beat up the school caretaker who they believe to be the perpetrator of this twisted abuse. But have they got the right man?

Finally, it is the women who take control. In a battle to protect their families - and seek revenge - they make sure the attacker gets his just desserts.

## Sweetie Details

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# From Reader Review Sweetie for online ebook

## Ruth Turner says

This book is just a litany of violence. Or at least the first half of it is.

A brutal rape/murder of a young girl

A brutal rape of a small boy.

An unwarranted assault on a special needs boy who has cerebral palsy.

An attempted rape of another young girl.

The disappearance of another boy who returns home safe and well.

And the brutal murder of another young boy that same day. (I don't know if he was raped, I couldn't read any more)

The assault on Steven, the young boy with cerebral palsy, was committed by a group of grown men, whose wives incorrectly assumed that because the attacks started after Steven came home on holidays from his special school, and because he was always watching other children play, that he was the culprit. They egged their husbands on to do something about it, and while one of the wives got Steven's mother out of the house, the men almost beat him to death.

This is from one of the women, whose husband had been involved in the assault on Steven...

"She felt bad for the way she had spoken to him (her husband) last night. He had only been doing what he thought was right, and Grace had the wisdom to know that you had to let a man be a man." WTF??

The disappearance of boy, Jamie, was in broad daylight, with four 12 year old girls playing hopscotch across the street. The boy was with a group of his mates, out on the sidewalk in front of his house, admiring and taking turns sitting in the Jaguar of a visiting relative. This boy was 9 years old and no one saw him leave.

What do the parents do, knowing of the murder and rapes? Call the police? No. They send the other boys out looking for him. One of the mothers tries to enlist her husband to help look for the boy. When the husband declines, stating his belief (correct as it turns out) that the boy would come walking in the door at any time, this is what the mother said...

"Terry, there is a sex maniac out there somewhere and he's getting through our kids like a dose of salts."

Charming!

And what do you think happened next? One of the boys sent out to search for Jamie disappears and is found murdered. \*head bang\* \*head bang\*

It would be hard enough to read if this was a true story, but as a piece of fiction it disgusted me.

And to top it all off, the writing is appalling and the characters are unlikeable and unsympathetic.

I wouldn't recommend this book to any one.

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### **Gillian says**

Horrible! i wouldn't recommend this book to anybody.

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### **Grace says**

4.5 stars

I thoroughly enjoyed this book but could understand why some of the readers/reviewers didn't. Child abuse is such an emotive subject and the thought of reading a book about it nearly put me off but I decided to try it and see. Yes, it was a bit too graphic at times, however I read lots of thrillers with gruesome murders or acts of violence so I guess authors these days are bit more graphic than perhaps they have been in the past. That said, the book showed how a community got together to deal with a horrible situation.

While reading this book, I did some research on the author and found out she had been the victim of child abuse by her father. As with all artists, they write, sing etc about what they know. I think that the author did a very good job with a difficult subject. I was quite prepared to abandon this book, it if became too much but found myself compelled to complete it.

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### **Rose says**

Dont even go there. I dont want to read books like this. This is totally sick. I dont know how someone could write this. Unfortunately once i had started it I had to finish it to find out who the bad guy was and make sure he got his just desserts.

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### **Danielle says**

i would recommend this book as it tells you of the worst case of what people have to put up within life, but shows how through such pain how people come together !! some parts of the book are grafic but it gives you an insight of what they went through.the ending of the book is the best I have ever read as you wouldnt of

thought through the book they would have the corredge to do what they did.

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### **Zelda says**

Read this book with caution, as it contains very disturbing material, which may trigger some. It deals with a local pedophile, who is abusing and killing neighbourhood children. It seems he is invincible, until a group of mothers band together to exact the ultimate form of revenge. I found myself torn between wanting to read what came next, and then wanting to be extremely ill.

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### **Jenn says**

really wish i could unread this book.while it was well written the story just hit too close to home :/

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### **Louise says**

Dont read. Sick, disturbing, horrible. How someone could write this piece of fiction and have the thoughts in their mind to put down on paper this is unbelievable. Made me physically sick. should be banned. I dont even want this book in my house any more and so will hbe thrown in the bin.

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### **Carly Higgins says**

As awful, disturbing and horrifying this book was. You have to read on to find out if this poor excuse of a man gets whats coming to him.

You could never imagine what those poor children went through. Really not For the over sensitive people!

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### **Rebecca tedder says**

Despite saying I read this book, I couldn't. Whilst I am not generally too squeamish with murder mysteries this book was too graphic for me bearing in mind the victims of these crimes were children. Proceed with Caution.

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### **Den says**

It is all about a community which finds itself looking over its shoulder at everyone when children start being savagely abused and murdered and how they take justice into their own hands when the authorities can't find the evidence they need to proceed. Very graphic

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### **Jessica says**

Set in the 1970's, in a small town in which rape, sexual assault, and murder of children was completely unheard of, yet one day a 12year old girl was discovered in a horrifying manner. The girl was the first of several.

The attacks begin to set the whole town on edge and suddenly everyone who is different becomes a suspect. It's only after a group of parents attack a young teen who has a low mental intel that they start to suspect each other.

Jenny Tomlin shows how a small community faces the danger of having thier social construct crumbling while each person has to face their own demons as the attacker holds the town in fear.

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### **Leila says**

Well this book was a little disturbing. I still couldn't put it down though. It does worry me that some authors have these explicit ideas and put them onto paper. The ending was good and I liked the character Grace. Not sure that id recommend this book! !

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### **Misty Battle says**

I liked the book overall. There was many slow points in the book where it dragged on. I loved how the mothers sought revenge and gave the bad guy a dose of his own medicine. I gave it 3 stars because it could have been better as more intense with the storytelling. I didn't buy the helpless police role. It just didn't ring true for me. Overall it was a good read.

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### **Jade says**

Awful. Was gross and written entirely too simply.

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