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The powerfully moving new novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author, Maggie Hartley.

Fourteen-year-old Shazia has been taken into care after a conversation at school leads her teacher to suspect that the teenager's family are planning to send her to Pakistan for an arranged marriage.

To her family's fury, Shazia is sent to live with foster carer Maggie Hartley whilst social services investigate. But with Shazia denying everything and social services unable to find any evidence to support the teacher's fears, Shazia is allowed to return home.

But a few weeks later, Maggie is woken up in the middle of the night by a phone call from a terrified Shazia, who has managed to escape the family home through a window. Sobbing, she confesses to Maggie that her parents are planning to send her to Pakistan to be married in a few days, and have threatened to kill her if she speaks out again.

Returned to Maggie's care, Shazia is petrified that her parents will track her down and kill her, and Maggie must be on constant alert. But the worst is yet to come when it emerges that Shazia is the victim of FGM. Can Maggie help this damaged and traumatised young girl understand what has happened to her and to find a way to heal?

In this new book, Maggie Hartley taps into the highly topical issues of FGM and arranged marriage, and presents a sensitive and unique insight into the effect these practices have on their young victims.

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moira manson says

Love and care

This is what Maggie gives to the children in her care unconditional love it was hard to read about shazia but it shows what goes on in this cruel world .and Michael what a gorgeous baby .5 STARS for an insight into foster care without these angels more children would suffer .

Jeanine says

Wow.. Heartbreaking story..

Paula says

sad

It's sad story of young girl who was saved from forced marriage. But it is also a story of kind foster carers who is doing everything she can to help this girl. I'm so sad as even if there is a happy ending the past of this girl is terrifying and even worse is thinking what if she wasn't saved.

Ian Mcnamara says

This was a really good story, I really love these types of books. It was very sad the way it all had to end though and so final however it was better for the child concerned. Lovely book and I can't wait for her next one.

Donna Derr says

Heartbreaking

I was in tears many times while reading this. I highly recommend for anyone else to read it . It's worth it.

Kelly Ferrett says

Sold To Be A Wife was a enthralling read that shocked, amused and finished with a different ending. Maggie as usual was a comfort to a frightened young lady who had been devastated by what her family had planned for her. To then find out what had been done to her when she was so little ... But thankfully not having memories of it ... Thankfully.

Highly recommend this book as well as other books by Maggie Hartley.

Donna Burtenshaw says

Well, yet another excellent book from Maggie Hartley.

So much sadness with this story, but also happiness for the outcome.

Charlene says

Brilliant writing. This beautiful woman should get an award for caring for foster children.

What a clear look into the world of foster care in the UK. Gripping story, sad at times but real. This is so important to learn about. Children are in need of good foster carers the world over.

Kivalina Gwynn says

Shazia

Poor girl, It does turn out better in end but this young girl was really put threw so much . I hope she contacts you after she is 18. She can contact her best friend again when she is of age. Nothing anyone can do to stop her. I truly hop her and Zeena find each other again. Friends like that are hard to find.

Miriam says

50% DNF.

Simone Bright says

an insight to traditions from other countries. I couldn't put it down. poor girl.

Michelle Smith says

Book review

As always the stories you write make me cry. But i love how you help everyone you meet
I love hearing your stories and all the work you do. Thank you

Gayle Leith says

Another fantastic read by Maggie Hartley, found hard to put down

Julie Haigh says

Another great read from Maggie Hartley, which I read in less than two days.

I've read quite a few fostering memoirs now; from authors such as Cathy Glass, Rosie Lewis, Casey Watson- and more recently I have found Maggie Hartley. This is the fourth book I have read from Maggie Hartley and they've all been very different-but all such a high standard. Accurate and all concisely written, and gripping tales. I have started to find some of the other authors repeating some things-I think this is inevitable as you can read all of their books in any order then-but Maggie Hartley's books don't repeat the same things again.

This was a tragic tale which I had an idea how it would work out-but there was so much more to it which I didn't foresee. Even though I had read a couple of books which deal with the same subject-and I've read the memoir quite a few years ago which is mentioned in Maggie's book. An excellent book and I will be eagerly waiting for her next book.

Jacobus De Wit says

Excellent read

Could not put the book down. Really well written as always. Maggie brings her characters to life, enabling her readers to visualise and experience the lives that they came from. It is heart warming to see the positive outcomes.
