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Mummy Knew



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A terrifying step-father. A mother who refused to listen.
A little girl desperate to escape.



Synopsis

Four-year-old Lisa's world turned upside down when her step-father moved in. Most of the time he was just violent but then he started making her do things to him she knew were wrong. Soon he was visiting her at night. Lisa begged her mother for help but she just shrugged, telling Lisa he would have his way. It was the greatest betrayal of all. At first Lisa's step-father would just make her stroke and massage his feet, hitting her if she stopped, but he soon wanted more. Much more. By the time she was 12 he was regularly abusing her. One day, when Lisa turned 16, she came home to discover that her mother had swapped bedrooms with her. 'You're my girlfriend now', her step-father told her. Lisa turned to her mother for help, but was met with a shrug. She wouldn't hear a word against her husband. 'Don't blame me,' she said. Her step-father's abuse was horrific but what completely tore her apart was knowing her mother knew and encouraged it. Trapped and increasingly desperate, Lisa tried to find a way out. But her isolation was complete. A few months later her mother told her she'd arranged for Lisa and her step-father to move into a flat together down the road. It was too much for Lisa to bear. 'Please don't make me, please,' she sobbed. But her mother just ignored her. Lisa was marched around to the flat with her possessions and her nightmare was complete. Alone with her step-father, Lisa's life became even more unbearable. Then one day, finally, she got the chance she'd been looking for to escape. Lisa bravely struck out on her own, petrified her mother would find her and hand her back into the waiting arms of her step-father. But Lisa's mother had no idea how determined she was to break away.

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Customer Reviews

This book made me so mad, I wanted to find that mother and teach her a thing or two..I don't even have the words for this it is beyond words. One of the worst cases of physical and sexual abuse that I have ever come across. I was a good book in that the victim does come out strong but what it took to get her to that point is just so very, very bad. Shame on the family that let this take place and shame on the schools that never took notice. I am not even sure why I bought this book. it was that shocking..I would actually cry in some parts but like I said it was a "good" book just a very bad subject..God bless her

This story was heartbreaking, warm at times and eye opening. Wonderfully written, I could sense the love she had for her nanny. I felt angry, I cried and I smiled at the end. Amazing that she had the courage to write such a detailed account of her nonexistent childhood. Extremely sad and nauseating at times though..still, I highly recommend this book.

I read your story and was absolutely overcome with emotion. I hope you were able to feel better about yourself through your writing and use it as a aid in your healing process I always feel upset when I hear about people in situations like yours but I also feel happy that you were able to move on and live a happy life.I would greatly recommend this book it was an amazing experience!!

A heart wrenching story. It seems hard to believe that something like this could happen. The book started off really well and I truly felt sick and ashamed that her own mother could treat and do what she did to her, allowing her to be abused by this despicable man. The mother is to be blamed for everything. A mother's love for a child is unconditional. My heart went out to her especially after everyone left her on her own. Shameful!!! In my view I would have loved to hear a little more about her survival after escaping the disgusting family life she led and getting onto the path of recovery. The author should be proud of herself for being a brave and wonderful mum to her children.

She led a horrible childhood with a horrible mother and wicked stepfather. But so much of it was the same thing over and over again. I feel for her and wish she had told a teacher or friend and I know most of them don't. I wish the mother had been punished too. Her family was horrid. It was a difficult read but I'm so glad she now has a wonderful family

Reading this book made me so mad. I don't know which person to be mad at. The terrible mother or her sisters. The bad stepfather should have gotten more years in prison. Her sisters should have testified for her. To save their mother. Because she finally came to her senses. Really? !The bad mom put this monster ahead of her kids, her family. And Lisa's sisters don't want to help her because they want to protect their mom. Omg. The mom should have paid for her part in this monster crime. This family is so messed up! Lisa is the only normal one. God bless Lisa. She is a hero!

I read a lot of books on this subject and have never become as disgusted or angry as I did from this one. This book is horrifyingly violent and it seems like it's never going to end. Every page is filled with more beatings and excessive alcohol abuse that it made me sick. This guy is such a loser, so much so that it's shocking to think there are other people who exist who are as stupid as him. The book got repetitive and I felt that it could use some editing. There were some sections of the book that were almost identical to one another. The author also kept having the same realization throughout the story which I found confusing because each time she made it seem like it was the first time it dawned on her. I think there are a lot of repeats that could've been taken out to make the story flow better.

I bought the kindle version of this book last night and couldn't stop reading it, this book takes you places you don't want to go, I felt so sorry for this little girl who had to endure so much from such a young age. But the part that stood out to me was the stepfather and Mother especially the Mother, she was meant to protect her child from monsters instead she encouraged the abuse treating it like one big joke and turning the other way acting as if Lisa wanted it, she does not deserve to be called a mother. Most mothers would go postal on anyone abusing their children. I sincerely hope British prisons are like American prisons and when the inmates had found out what the stepfather was in for they let him have it. I also didn't like the way the police dismissed her case (at first) claiming because she was sixteen (legally an adult in England back then) it wasn't rape, thank god she told the Phoenix organization who helped take her case to court and they were able to get a conviction. Both these people are the lowest of the low and I could only hope somewhere

along the years ,they realise what monsters they were and beg not only Lisa's forgiveness ,but God's too .By the way does anyone know what happened to the Mother ?,she was as much to blame as the stepdad .

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