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KERI Part 1: The Early Years (Child Abuse True Stories)



Synopsis

From the outside, there was no reason to suspect the family life of young schoolchild Keri was anything but unremarkable. Two loving parents, a backdrop of 1960s Britain; life had provided for her, at least with the riches of modesty. Keri herself however, would often confound teachers with her erratic behaviour, which was at best sullen and withdrawn; at worst violently disruptive. When challenged, she would only exacerbate her growing reputation as a fantasist; weaving terrible tales about the abuse she was suffering at the hands of her very creators. But it was the much-celebrated age of innocence; the childhood of our modern culture. Big brother had not yet been born and Nanny was only looking out for her dearest, as opposed to the entire State. Who would take the word of child on such matters? After all, she was just a bad egg, wasn't she? Well, no. She wasn't. She was indeed, for over a decade, the victim of an abuse so staggering that merely to read about it is enough to freeze even the thickest of blood. Keri is the story of what happens when truth is imprisoned in a little glass jar and buried deep within the Earth, condemned to a sentence of eternal silence. For truth may be repressed, but never suppressed. It will always find light eventually. And, in this gut-wrenching account of her early life, author Kat Ward takes the reader through every shade of darkness, whilst never allowing the candle of hope to fully extinguish, so as that truth may indeed find its rightful freedom. **DISCLAIMER:** This is a true story of child abuse, and as such, reader discretion should be advised. Names have been changed to protect the innocent.

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Customer Reviews

Keri if you read these reviews, I can only say how truly sorry I am that so many people failed you. I think you are so amazing, and any person in their right mind would be so proud to call you Daughter. Your Mother and I use the term very loosely, is the most despicable thing imaginable. I would love to get my hands on her and as for the Step Father, the vile sick pervert, well I hope he rots in hell. I can not wait for your next book. I so hope you find some happiness, you deserve every happiness. Tramp, what a beautiful soul, I totally fell in love with him and Mam, they are good kind souls and I'm so happy you had them in your life. Very disappointed in Nana, can't even imagine your dismay, as to her actions or lack there of. Though it is clear she loved you, she also failed you. This book broke my heart, but it also made me fall in love with a down trodden, kind beautiful child that is Keri. Totally worth the read, but prepare to have your heart broken, many many times.

This is a true story. It breaks my heart that anyone would doubt her now, again, when she only wanted to write it so she could heal from her early torment. Ever hear the phrase "truth is stranger than fiction?" People who've gone through as much as Kat Ward has, they know why that phrase exists. I read this book as it was being written, as Kat Ward and I connected through a writers' website several years before anyone knew of her writing. She is a woman of complete integrity who had once refused a high compensation for this book because a publisher wanted her to soften it - to fictionalize its ending. To change her reality! She refused because as she told me, this is her life and this is how it happened. I'm using my real name in this review because I stand behind Kat's bravery and behind her honesty. Remember folks, only recently did the government, police departments and schools start taking children's abuse stories seriously. Child abuse - including sexual abuse - has been around since the beginning of time, but only in the past 20 years has it become discussed and addressed. Kat, your story still rests in my heart. When I first read it, I remember the tears that were shed. I remember the admiration I felt for you as you dared take the next difficult step in remembering the torment you lived through. I know this book wasn't easy to write, but look at the people reading it! You are helping to open so many eyes. I tell people your story when I teach writing classes, because you are one of my true heroes. Keep writing. Keep sharing your truths.

I thought this book was going to be similar to all the other abuse books I've read. I had a pretty awful childhood myself and a lot of the books I've read don't really shock me too much. This one was different, it was so awful it was hard to believe, and I certainly believe every word. In the beginning I found it to be a bit predictable and I nearly stopped reading it, I kept thinking "after today that's it, I've read enough and it's all the same". Then something changed in the book and all of a sudden I couldn't put it down, I spend every spare minute reading Keri's story. I ended up loving the book and would highly recommend it but it is very graphic and the things poor Keri endures are terrible so don't start it unless you are prepared for that. At the end of the book she says she has written or is writing the next book. I'm keen to read the next part of Keri's life but doesn't seem to be released yet. I read loads of books cause I have time on the train to read everyday and this is one of the best true stories I've read in a long time. (and what a bargain price too, gotta love it!)

I could not put this book down. I stayed up until 2 in the morning to finish it. My heart broke for her so many times. How dare people say, I can't believe that happened. If people have never been abused or been around it, they just don't seem to get it. I think if she wanted to make a book of fiction, she could not even come up with something so despicable and foul. Her mother should be locked up along with her stepfather. I also blame her grandmother for not protecting her. Too bad, the only lady that made up her mind something was wrong, and she was going to help her died. I can't imagine how much heartache and pain she might have escaped. I'm sorry that some people found this book redundant. That is what child abuse is. The same kind of abuse over and over again, with only minor infractions for an excuse to hurt a child. I can't wait to read her next book. I want to find out if she found some peace and happiness in her life. I pray she has. Keri, don't worry about the nay-sayers. Tell your story to all. If your story saves one child, all your hard work will have been worth it. I also want to say I don't find 1,000 pages too much at all. I want the whole story. When I start to read a book, I want a book and not a short story. Keri, don't try to shorten your story to suit others. Please tell the rest of your story just like you did the first part. I promise I will buy it.

I rarely give any book 5 stars and might have given this one 4 and that would only be for a couple small formatting issues. They will not keep you from really enjoying this book though. It is very long and since I can not find how many pages this is and I was having problems with my Kindle while reading it I will just say it's long. This is a really detailed account of a terrible case of child abuse but you will also read about the things that do bring her joy too. I believe there is a book coming

along to continue this story. I will definitely read that one too. If you are a very sensitive person you might find this hard to read simply because the abuse is so terrible. You will be affected by this book!

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