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When a young girl goes missing in Kentucky, thousands join the search for her. From military stationed at the nearby base to the local police department and many civilian residents who never even knew the girl or her family - the effort put forth to find her is immense. But, when the FBI get involved, the missing girl's case takes a different turn. Only three people know what really happened to the little girl. Will any of them talk? Will there ever be justice for little Alex Suleski? Includes a first hand account from a witness to the entire case, as well as court transcripts and wire tape transcriptions. * Updated version with the latest information on the case. (2018)

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Mary says

Interesting read

S.L says

This book was written simply, and I became engrossed in it. It was sad, and at times hard to read, especially about the death of a child.

The only negative is the book had a lot of errors, and the ending was long winded, but it's hard to critique a heartfelt story.

Thanks so much @Goodreads, as I won this ebook, and thanks to the author, Nyssa Corbin for her honest story.

Fishface says

A great, but disturbing read

This book was rough going in some ways. It's a child's-eye-view memoir of what I can only call the torture murder of a little girl. The author did a great job of letting us see what was really going on just outside the wall of intimidation and incomprehension that blocked her from acknowledging what was going on in plain sight. I was very, very impressed with the way she turned the tables on her mom to finally get some justice for her little sister; it's safe to say most people her age couldn't possibly have done it. I'm also very impressed by the way she went ahead and made her own life bear zero resemblance to what she grew up with. This is an incredible story all the way around. With that said, this book really needed a final copyedit to clear out some confusing elements. For instance, is the first Mrs. Suleski's name Kim, Chong or Young? It kept changing without warning. And how does a person given life without the possibility of parole later somehow have a parole hearing on the calendar? I would have liked a few words of explanation to clear up points like that. None of this stopped me from finishing the book, even though I had to put it aside for a few days and take a breather as the narrative brought us closer to the events of October 26th...But the children in that house never got to take a breather, now did they? So I kept reading.

Bittersweet says

I've seen others comment that this book is poorly written. Admittedly it has quite a few typo's etc. but don't let that stop you reading it because the important details, facts and psychology involved in the murder of an innocent little girl are well organized and clearly laid out. I highly recommend this book providing, as it does, insight into child abuse and torture that is sadly prevalent in our society and could well be happening right next door.

This tragic tale gives an inside view from the perspective of a child who witnessed and survived it all, who, with the passage of years, came to realize that the home she grew up in was the antithesis of what family is all about. So finally she was able to share the story of a little girl who was silenced, tortured, brutalized physically and mentally by a monster. It details the sick mentality and psychological intimidation used by a woman who should never have born children or been entrusted with their care.

It's important that we understand the how's and why's and psychological makeup of all the players in this sad story including a spineless wuss of a father who failed his little daughter in the very worst way, not only allowing but complicitly aiding and enabling the sick and sadistic woman he introduced into his daughters' lives.

There are SO MANY WAYS to mistreat children leaving them psychologically and/or physically scarred and, in the process, robbing them of a happy childhood, which might even, in worst case scenario, end in their death. This is one story told by one valiant survivor about how her own mother killed a defenseless child while manipulating other family members into participating. If this story rescues one child from a toxic "home", if it saves one little life, then reading it is time well-spent.

dennis adkin says

unbelievable

a fascinating story of horror that someone's childhood proving how different upbringings I could not put the book down excellent read

Kelly says

Compelling Read

I was grabbed from the first word. A shocking tale that proves evil walks among us. I did have a little trouble following along as some details seemed to pop up as if they were explained earlier but they were not. All in all - I highly recommend this book - especially for anyone who works with children as a reminder that we never really know what happens behind closed doors and sometimes we need to peek.

Karen Tyrrell says

Couldn't put this down. A must read.

Harrowing story of 3 abused little girls, ending in the torture and death of little Alex and the brave story of how her sister's brought those responsible to justice. A very compelling account from a very brave young lady.

Mommy Unfiltered says

This book affected me in ways I could never have imagined. When I first read the description, I expected it to be just another true-crime book where they are searching for who did it and how; this was much more. I loved that it was written by someone that was so close to what happened so you know you are getting an accurate portrayal of what happened and not someone's best educated guess. The detail was almost too much sometimes, but was definitely necessary to really bring you into the story being told. As a parent with a child around the same age as Alex, I had a tough time reading through parts without taking a break and hugging my son.

Though there are several grammatical and spelling errors, it is a compelling book that you cannot wait to finish. However, the end of the book seems almost drawn out and quite unnecessary to the point of the book. I, personally, would have been satisfied with ending just after the verdict and a brief update of Nyssa (Rebecca) and her sisters.

Overall, I was glad to have read it. I learned something new and couldn't wait to look up more once I was done reading. I definitely recommend it.

Lisa says

Needs editing, but it's a fantastic tribute and...

...message nonetheless.

The story and tribute to this poor little five-year-old little girl is extremely heartbreakingly poignant. The author has given us an inside look at what happened to her, and how she, herself, bravely helped bring the perpetrators to justice.

For an indie book, the errors weren't as prevalent or glaring as most are, but you can tell that a final read-through was not done prior to publishing as there were some noticeable ones that would have been caught if there had been.

One of the biggest things that needs to be fixed is the accuracy of the supposed excerpts from the transcripts. I cannot believe that the parts in the book claiming to be actual excerpts are truly excerpts because, for example:

?there are parts where more than three dots are used for the ellipses and a court report either will not use an ellipsis at all, or will only use the grammatically correct three dots. (In fact...this needs to be corrected throughout the ENTIRE BOOK - there should ONLY BE 3 dots in an ellipsis. In this book, however, it's as many as the author feels like using at the time).

? during one of the questions, either a prosecutor or attorney asks a question referencing a "he" - but when the witness answers, the answer is about a female - so was that true to the transcript, a typo, or is that entire section being written from interviews and the authors memory?

?there are too many errors - either in the typing, the punctuation (ellipses), spelling (especially as throughout the document the author misuses the words past and passed - so these need to be corrected thru the entirety of the book).

I wish I could give it 5 stars, but there is even an odd name mentioned in the book - it's when the birth of Novi occurs. Before telling us the name Novi, there is ANOTHER, different, name used for her, so I almost

thought for a moment that twins were born. I think the name used was Chrysta(?)

If the author could have someone with more of an eye towards editing go through the manuscript and correct these errors, and compare the manuscript to what was actually written in the book so she can HONESTLY say that what she writes is directly from the transcript, and she changes those annoying ellipses from the zillion dots down to the correct 3 ONLY so our eyes don't go berserk reading, fixes the passed/past issue (and learn what 'jest' means cuz you'll find you're using that wrong as well ... it's gist, dear); then I'll gladly give that last star back.

I'm an editor. I'm sorry. I can't help being critical of errors in a book. Especially if you want to charge people for it. You cannot ask for money for a faulty product. That's unfair.

I understand this project is your baby, and means a lot to you. I'm just trying to help you make it the absolute best it can be. I do the same thing with popular and well-known authors every day. They appreciate it ... and trust me, their books are far from perfect before editors get ahold (another word you need to pay attention to in your book) of them.

James M Creager says

Poorly written

Poor editing. Too many grammatical and spelling errors. I struggles to make it through this book due to errors, grammar and overall poor writing.

Carla says

Heartless mother

Abuse at its worst. Follow NYSE, Dawn, and Alex as they live through dysfunctional households. Then follow how these events affect how she is as adult. A great book.

Gia says

Let me start by saying that this book affected me so much that I needed to take a couple of days to let it sink in before I could write a proper review. I think a large part of that is because I was Dawn's age at the time of the events, with a sister just about Alex's age and bearing a very strong resemblance to her. Nyssa's writing style had me so engrossed in her world that it was hard to not put myself in her place, and the idea of going through a nightmare like this is unimaginable.

I read true crime novels almost exclusively and I consider myself pretty hard to shake, but I actually had to skip "the" crucial section of the book leading to Alex's fate because it felt too real. This is a testament to how the story unfolds, with such a sense of dread that you knew the inevitable was coming, yet couldn't believe it was actually happening. I did feel like at times there was a sense of detachment from Alex as a person and what she was experiencing, but it also made it more real. I feel like I probably would have tried to distance myself as much as I could, especially dealing with the gaslighting her mother was putting her through the

entire time, as well.

Like all families, theirs was far from perfect, yet I found myself thankful of those who stood by Nyssa's side and allowed her to make a decision that I'm not sure I would have been strong enough to make. Thank you for sharing your story and spreading awareness of child abuse through it. I can only pray that no one else has to suffer like this.

Jonni says

Should have ended much sooner

The story is emotionally gripping if not particularly well-written. I appreciated the addition of the trial transcripts. I would have given the book a much higher rating if it ended after the verdict with a brief epilogue about how the author persisted and overcame her traumatic childhood. Instead, we are treated to many more detailed chapters about the author's adult life, up to and including her reaction to 9/11. This excess information, completely unrelated to the apparent subject of the book, culminates in the author self-righteously pitching her homeschooling technique (which is truly frightening, now that we've seen her writing abilities).

Lisa Potter says

Hard to read!

This was a really really hard book to read.

The abuse these girls suffered kept me awake at night. I stayed up late two nights to finish it. And when I finish it I couldn't sleep.
