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June Thomson and Giselle Ross are inextricably linked by two unspeakable acts of evil. On the same day, a few miles apart, their estranged husbands slaughtered their children. The murders were not driven by rage, or committed in moments of madness. They were planned, and carried out with chilling precision, to inflict the worst pain imaginable.

June and Giselle did not know each other. Tragedy is all that binds them; they were destined to come together as 'sisters', united by pain, grief and a sense of loss so immense that it would drive both to the brink of madness.

June's life with Rab Thomson had been a dark and turbulent existence, characterised by mental torture, physical violence and rape. Giselle's relationship with Ashok Kalyanjee had been a strange and distant affair, of lives spent apart before, during and after marriage.

But both relationships had produced two beautiful children, and the women believed that their misery was in the past. Both mothers believed it was important to allow the fathers' access to their children. On that fateful Saturday in May 2008, neither could have conceived that the men they had once loved would do anything to harm their children. But they were wrong, so terribly wrong.

Nothing can bring their children back. But June and Giselle have one solitary comfort: they are no longer alone. Their lives may have been torn apart, but they have each other. Together, they are stronger.

This is the story of their parallel journeys: of the dreadful days before, during, and after the murders of their children. Told in their own words, with searing honesty of their pain, and guilt, it is a story of endurance, friendship, and survival against the odds. It is not a story for the faint hearted, but it is a story that must be told, for in the end, it is a testament to the human spirit.

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Sherry-Ann Hussain says

Damn it. I cried. Ugly crying. I felt every emotion. Disgust. Anger. Sadness. Rage. It shows just how much psychology affects, not just one person, but an entire family. I'm so emotionally drained just reading this book that I can't even begin to imagine what these women were feeling. Absolutely terrifying that it's still happening in this day and age; unfortunately you never know until the "unthinkable" happens.

LAURA JONES says

you won't read this without crying but also admiring the strength of these women. both of these women suffered abuse in different ways but when they found the strength to leave they were betrayed in the worse way possible. when their husbands took the children for visits they carried out a premeditated murder of them. even when served prison sentences they showed no remorse for their acts,

Sarah says

If you have kids don't read this. It's hard to imagine this actually happened. It's terrible.
The person who recommended it to me said it would help me to understand why women stay in bad relationships. It didn't. I still don't get why they stay.
I can't believe the husbands sentencing either! They deserved a harsher punishment. I couldn't believe they were so evil.

Siany says

This is not my usual book and am guessing being pregnant whilst reading this isn't the best thing.
This book was heart-wrenching and emotional and made me teary at the end when the obvious happens.

It is written like a conversation happening between them (June and Giselle) and them telling their story in parts. Firstly how they met their partners, the abuse, having their children, leading up to their childrens' deaths and the after effect.
Throughout the book it was all extremely well written and I found myself not being able to put the book down.

You feel incredibly sorry for June and Giselle and even though I found myself questioning why they put up with it, especially when it came out Rab also beat Shaun for defending his mother, I did find myself sympathetic. I don't pretend to know how it must of been and how hard it was to get out of that situation.

Both men are despicable vile excuses for human beings. The fact that they still have never shown remorse for their actions and what they did to those poor defenceless children is disgusting and I have no doubts they

will burn in hell eventually.

This is a very powerful story and definately serves as a wakeup call to anyone who may read this and is in an abusive relationship. This is not what I would class as a misery memoir, but I am unsure what genre I would put it in, although if you do like that genre I would recommend giving this a go. As for June and Giselle, I hope they can find peace within themselves and their families and good luck to them both in the future.

Leonie says

A very tragic story and something that all within society should prevent. Definitely feel that women need to be empowered in their lives to not put up with the way that men feel they can treat them.

Yasmin Green says

Sad

I found this book very interesting. No one knows what goes on behind close doors. This story of June and Gisselle is so sad. Please read it

Elaine says

Heartbreaking and absolutely terrifying

This book broke my heart. It is one of the most disturbing books I've ever read. That such evil can exist in the world is unfathomable. Both ladies are such strong wonderful women to be able to put down in words their heartbreaking stories. These stories must be told and we owe it to these ladies and the many others like them to read their stories. We must never feel alone.

Vicky Mortimer says

This book is beautifully written and at the same time heart wrenching. The evil of two husbands/fathers depicted throughout. My heart goes out to two amazing women and their amazing strength of ability to share their anguish with others. A book that I will never forget!!!

Lynda Kelly says

As expected, this made for some shockingly sad reading. Such an horrific coincidence that both sets of murders happened on the same day like this. It's nice June and Giselle found each other the way they have, for, as they rightfully say, nobody else can say they understand and really mean it.....

I liked how we got to know each woman and how they met their partners in life and all about their children.

I've not Googled their stories yet but I will, so I can see the people I've just read about.

For me, the worst offender was Ash. For all Rab's disgusting behaviour, I'd say you knew where you stood with him but I think Ash was a really sly case. I hated to read about how he manipulated little Paul....there was some humour from the ladies, who both have terrific families around them, thank goodness, helping them to go on after these godawful crimes. And of course there were parts that made me more than a bit sniffy, especially reading about June's pyjamas and Jay-Jay's hammer.....

I was staggered by the sentences handed down in both cases. Neither were sufficiently long enough.

Two passages really struck me (and others, since they were previously highlighted by readers before me)...."....the family annihilator is responsible for more than one-third of child murders" and "....children may be safer on the street with strangers than they are in their own homes".....they're both frighteningly scary and go against all that kids have been taught for hundreds of years. As one lawyer said, these types of crimes are on the increase. That really makes you think.....as did what psychologist Ian Stephen said, too, "They are the nice guys.....and they live next door".

I did spot a couple of words they should correct. Subtly used and not subtlety and, describing newborn Paul, "His oval face, with its tiny, perfect features, was surmounted by a thatch of dark hair." That's the wrong word but I couldn't think of the one needed to replace it !

I was highly impressed that both cases and both mothers had ensured they can assist others after their own tragedies. Kudos to them both for this.

Rae Nebola says

Impressive...Emotional.. Heartbreaking

I'm not going to be able to do this book, the mothers who authored the book or their courage justice with a few words of praise.

This book and the stories it tells are proof of the strength of the human spirit, a mother's love and the undeniable fact that evil truly walks among us.

An absolute MUST READ!

Vicki says

There are two sides to this book; the initial fascination over how and why these women ended up with (and stayed with) these men and then the heartbreaking sadness that flows out of the pages and down your cheeks in the final chapters. This was truly a riveting read. I also really liked the format of the storytelling, how they told each woman's story separately but together in each chapter. Overall, an excellent book and a real look into domestic abuse and manipulation. Just a really sad story that had to be told.

Kimberly says

This book emotionally gutted me; so horrifying, yet full of love and hope.

Dawn says

A must read.

This book will touch your heart in so many ways. When I first started reading even though I knew what the outcome would be, it grabbed me by my heartstrings and made me realize we must keep this from happening to another parent. It's not as easy as telling the spouse to leave, we must find ways to protect the children when marriages go wrong. Keep your tissues closer by as you will find some of this book incredibly sad, but it's an important story to hear. May God bless these women and help heal their pain and I thank them for sharing what had to be the most horrendous time in their lives.

Nicole Hughes says

Wow!

A sad but moving story that has to be told. Four beautiful lives lost because of the control that two fathers had to have. Never forget the innocence lost. RIP four beautiful angels. ?????

Sam says

A fascinating story of two women who were married to controlling men and the horror perpetrated by those men as the ultimate act of control and possession.

I think everyone must end up asking "why did they stay?" But I can't conceive of anyone who believes that their husband/wife/partner, no matter how controlling would actually murder their own children in such venal displays of spite, jealousy and cruelty.

The hindsight of June and Giselle as they look back on their lives and the choices they made that led them into relationships with these men and then to be unable to escape their influence is crystal clear, stark and searingly honest. If only they'd known before...

To avoid confusion started this book on 25th March, but been away from the computer for a few days.
