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A heart-stopping story of lies, brutality and fear. British girl Megan Stephens tells the true story of how an idyllic Mediterranean holiday turned into an unimaginable nightmare when she was tricked into becoming a victim of human trafficking and held captive for six years by deception, threats and violence.

While on holiday with her mother at a popular Mediterranean coastal resort, Megan fell in love. Just 14 years old, naïve and vulnerable, she had no reason to suspect that the man who said he loved her would commit the ultimate betrayal of her trust.

When her mother returned to England, Megan stayed with Jak, who said he would find her a job as a waitress and promised they would be together forever. But when Megan travelled to the city with Jak, his attitude quickly changed and instead of finding her work as a waitress, he allowed her to be raped and then sold her to a human trafficker.

Abandoned by Jak but still unable to accept that everything he'd told her had been a lie, Megan was coerced by threats and violence into working as a prostitute in private homes and brothels. Then the trafficker threatened her mother's life and it was Megan's turn to lie: sending her mother the staged photographs that had been taken of her apparently working as a waitress in a cafe, she told her she was happy.

Too frightened and bewildered to trust or reach out to anyone, Megan remained locked in a world of brutality and abuse for six years. In the end, there only seemed to be one way out.

Megan's powerful story reveals the devastating realities of human trafficking and the fear that imprisons its victims more effectively than any cage could ever do.

Bought and Sold (Part 1 of 3) Details

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Steven Ammer says

A bit disappointing...

Hard to read even the first 3 chapters. Thinking of a young girl going through so much from the get go, even before she was sold. It really is heartbreaking and undeniably a difficult thought. Her mom leaving her in another country by HERSELF at 14. Going to stay with her dad while he makes sexual innuendos to his friends about his daughter. It just makes you wonder why child protective services didn't take her away long before the trip to Greece. This rating for this book is based on how difficult it is for me to even imagine a young girl going through so much, with a mother who would allow her to even be in that situation. It's truly unimaginative.

Tom Elder says

Megan Stephens. Short Story.

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In this part 1 of 3 Megan's young life is just starting out. This part takes you through her very young life at school up until she is 14 and then she goes to Greece with her mum for a holiday, this is when her troubles begin.

4 stars. 29 April 2015.

Angela Hayes says

Very interesting. I didn't like that the book was split into 3 different purchases but the book portion I read was great. I'd love to finish, but don't want to purchase it in this manner/format.

Georgia says

Very gripping from the first line. Written tremendously and very eye-opening.

Heather Ott says

Very short book

I know part one was for free, but I wish the author had only split it into two parts instead of three. Only being able to read 4 chapters a book isn't a book at all, it's a way to make money

Mrs Susan Davies says

Very gripping story

This book keeps you gripped and not wanting to put the book down till you read the whole book. Can't wait to read part 2

Sandra Burns says

Sad

This poor girl, bad childhood. Looking for love & acceptance, used and abused in a foreign country. Mom left to go back home.

pomelo says

Empieza retratando una infancia problemática y el ingreso a la adolescencia en un ambiente familiar inestable. Todo ello reflejado en su comportamiento rebelde propio de los adolescentes pero también resultado de sus vivencias anteriores. Es una chica sin rumbo, tomando malas decisiones y sin ningún tipo de amparo u apoyo emocional. Revuelve en este tipo de cuestiones hasta que ella y su madre se van de viaje a Grecia, que es donde su pesadilla empieza.

En el primer libro como dice ella al principio, va hablando de sus vivencias que ayudan a entender un poco el camino que fue tomando, por lo menos la primera parte.

Asique..el final de este libro no es final, sino el principio de la historia.

Me gusto pero tambien fue una lectura frustrante, por como se iban sucediendo las cosas, y por las protagonistas en cuestion..creo que no estaba con muchas ganas de leer un libro como este.

Jennifer says

Startling

It is hard to understand that something like this happens in our world. Unfortunately, with people still willing to buy it, it will continue. And without anyone knowing it's happening, it will continue. Megan is very strong for coming forward to tell her story.

chris says

Dumbfounded

Came across the book and was taken by the title. I read the book at lighting speed. Still can't believe this can actually happen . Mind blowing to say the least.

linda gray says

Good read.

Found a good story kept you wondering looking forward to reading next chapters to the books. And other books by the author

Christy says

Not Sure How to Rate.... Wow, Just Wow.

I chose this book due to its title; the synopsis also grabbed my attention. Megan's story is truly tugging at my heart. I feel no need to judge here, Megan's Mom also seemed to have her own issues. As a former mental health counselor, I do not like the use of "if only...." and so on.

I am saddened and angered by what happened to Megan, her childhood and innocence was stolen. I am not angry with her, as you shouldn't blame anyone who's been violated. I am preparing to start the second and eventually move on the the third book. I think Megan is a strong woman and sharing her story took a lot of courage. Hopefully this has been therapeutic for her, will help other young ppl. Her "boyfriend," Jak (personally, I could think of other names or things to name him) - he deserves to rot.

I am not even sure how to rate this, it is nothing about Megan, I just feel if I rate it low or high I'll seem disrespectful & hardened toward Megan - I do not want to appear that way. Where ever Megan is today, I hope she is happy, safe, and thriving. She deserves to feel cared for & safe - everyone does.
