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Neglected by her careless parents, Marianne turned to her neighbour, the one person that she thought she could trust....

Eight year old Marianne, the eldest of five children, was neglected by her slovenly mother and her violent alcoholic father. Uncared for and unkempt she was rejected at school by her peers and scarcely tolerated by her teachers. Only one person gave her the affection she craved; a neighbour who seeing the vulnerable child knew she was easy prey for his perverted desires.

'Little Lady' he called her over the few months he groomed her. Less than twelve months later she was caught in a trap of fear - if she talked she would be punished. With no one to turn to she kept 'their secret'. At thirteen she fell pregnant.

Still too frightened to speak out she refused to tell the social workers who the father was. Without family support the teenager gave birth to a daughter in the unmarried mother's home.

Six weeks later the baby she had already grown to love was taken away for adoption. Marianne returned home, but the neighbour's abuse continued and a year later she was pregnant again.

This time her father literally tried to beat the baby out of her but she failed to miscarry. Scared for her life and that of her baby's she ran away from home carrying only a plastic bag stuffed with her few possessions.

Marianne who still missed her first child desperately struggled to keep her second daughter. Two months after the birth she realized that for the baby's sake she would have to hand her over for adoption.

Helpless is Marianne's heartbreaking story as told the bestselling author of Don't Tell Mummy.

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### Luis says

#### NOTE: A TRUE STORY

Oh, God, I nearly cried many times. (And that says something 'cause I seldom feel of being near to crying.)

A unique true story of a girl who likes her abuser. Neglected by family, she found refuge with him. I'm going to assure you, this *is* an endless loops and turns of emotions. This will break you into pieces. Don't be deceived when the situation is getting better, 'cause it's just flying too high to fall too hard. And you yourself will feel the pang of fear and pain and pity that will surely wreck you.

You would really feel it--the burning sensation in your chest--and you would greatly want to be in her situation and help her yourself. The childhood she went through was unbearable. It's a miracle she went out of it with still sane mind.

And you know what's the power of *Helpless* over you? It's realness. I have much respect for Marianne Marsh. And thanks to you, Toni Maguire, for making her experiences of abused childhood life make an impact to us.

#### NOTE: I BOUGHT THIS JUST FOR 50 PESOS!

You know the book *Speak*? Don't go into it. Read this instead. I'll be more than happy to lend this to you.

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### Jeanine says

Heartbreaking story.. I too was hoping the creep next door was arrested and tried for being a pedophile.

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### Katryn says

Omg! C'est tellement un livre touchant! C'est horrible tout le malheur qui lui est arrivé. Je ne peux toujours pas comprendre comment les gens peuvent parfois se montrer si cruels et insensibles. Après la lecture, j'en suis restée chamboulée très longtemps. C'est tellement triste. Et frustrant aussi. Parfois je me disais: mais pourquoi personne ne l'aide?? Pourquoi tout le monde continue de la faire souffrir au lieu de l'aider? C'est un mystère. Il y a tant de fois où quelqu'un aurait du être là pour elle, où ses parents auraient dus la protéger.

Un livre envoutant, frustrant par la stupidité et la cruauté humaine et triste par-dessus le marché.

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### Christina Culbertson says

This book was incredible. True, theirs alot of tough content, but Mariannes story will have you raising your

hands in triumph for her in the end. From the age of 8 years old, she was sexually abused for years by her next door neighbor, ultimately having two children by him, then having to give them up for adoption. Marianne was taken advantage of by a grown man that knew her weaknesses. He preyed on her like a true pedophile does on children. He put Marianne through so much, and I felt so bad for her so many times throughout this book. Her family knew she was raped, but never states that in the book, but her parents were never loving, nor gave her any type of guidance or love, and that is why Marianne fell prey to her next door neighbors tactics. Marianne was treated unfairly by everyone. Kids made fun of her at school, her parents called her a slut, made her go to a pregnant hone, when all along her pregnancies were not her fault. She was raped and impregnated twice by her pedophile next door neighbor, and just imagining a child having the things done to her that Marianne went through is frightening and terrifying for a young little girl. It takes alot of courage to stand up and tell the true story like Marianne did here in this book. I wanted to strangle her next door neighbor so many times in this book, for what he did to her. He made Marianne think everything was all her fault. He knew all She wanted was to feel love, and feel special by someone, and that's what he used against Her. In the end, I am so proud of who Marianne became, and that she finally found a loving husband, and had her own family to call her own. I was so happy for her in the end.

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### **Sophie O'Connor says**

This book was really emotional and it made you empathise with the young girl in it and the problems and abuse she goes through. The fact that it is a true story and is written by the lady who this abuse happened to made it even more emotional. Really nicely written, however because of the events of the book its quite a sad and emotional read.

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### **Erin says**

The sensationalised title and cover of this book irk me somewhat. They feel almost disrespectful to the content.

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### **Jasmine says**

What happened to the man next door??!! I really wanted to hear he had gotten his comeuppance.

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### **Vicki says**

What a sad story. This book made me feel many emotions... Poor girl was doomed from the start being born into such an unloving family. I read this is 24hrs as I just hoped and wished for a happy ending that I couldn't stop reading. Can't believe how far it all got and nothing was done and being a true story is even more heart wrenching :(

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### **Jonas Stephan Johnson says**

Good day all well i faith this is a book through lose is the only way to win god bless correct go in peace.

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### **Aspen says**

Very well written. It is amazing that this woman has survived her past, enough so to tell the story in stark detail. It is a very difficult read, very upsetting events.

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### **Gemma says**

Another harrowing story of a vulnerable child being taken advantage of.

It was softly written, and only 'harsh and direct' in some points. However the overall theme of the story was terrible and you could often fill the blanks where Marianne may have left parts unsaid.

I can never feel right giving 5 stars to an abuse story. But it kept me gripped however for all the wrong reasons.

It wasn't discussed in the book, but I hope the "man next door" got some sort of punishment for what he did to her, especially when he discreetly threatened her with being 'friendly' with her little sister. Surely he couldn't be allowed to get away with that. Her parents do not deserve to be parents if they can't protect their flesh and blood from someone right under their nose.

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### **Claire Derbyshire says**

This is a book that made my stomach churn how a poor innocent child can be treated in such a cruel way by someone she trusted and then too her beaten by her dad when he finds out she is expecting and having to give 2 off her precious babies away, so so sad, glad she managed too move on and have a family off her own too love and care for

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### **Ben Manuela says**

I'm on page 57 at the moment and it is really interesting

the little girl Marianne and her neighbor they have a bond that is greater than her mum as she hardly has time for her.

Marianne doesn't understand what's going on and her mum doesn't realize what is happening to her daughter while her neighbor is trying to get her trust and now his wife is involved but does not know what her husband is doing to the little girl and his sneaky plans to do with her. Marianne then has a new member of her family and her mum doesn't have time for her and so the neighbor comes to the rescue with the things she needs and now she trusts every thing about him.

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### **????? ????? says**

### **Marianne, la petite, la douleur, l'exemple d'une enfance usurpée...**

**Durant 314 pages de ce journal intime, je n'ai trouvé que le chagrin et les douleurs.**

**Je suis tombée face à face avec les larmes d'une petite fille qui s'appelait Marianne, une petite fille me rend totalement triste et solidaire avec son histoire dure.**

**J'ai posé plusieurs questions à partir de l'histoire de la petite lady : où sont le rôle et le devoir des parents ici ?**

**Je ne comprends pas ces parents incapables de sauver et protéger leurs enfants, incapables de les écouter de les aimer... Ils ne méritent pas d'être parents au début.**

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## **Rahil says**

Ce GRAND livre m'a fait traversé mille état,m'a appris plein et plein ! Merde ! on doit découper les pédophiles en morceaux pour le tant de mal qu'ils font dans ce monde ! Combien de vie foutue dans ce livre ? CHAQUE PARENT DOIT LIRE CE LIVRE,enfin, Chaque être humain ! Il traite la psychologie d'un enfant, l'effet d'avoir père violent et alcoolique, une maman faible et Careless, la confiance,le mariage , la grossesse, l'importance de fournir amour et intérêt à l'enfant au lieu de la peur accablante , et la façon DONT LA FEMME PAYE TOUT !!! L'adoption et ses lois, la psychologie des mamans qui ne peuvent garder l'enfant illégal qu'ils ont eu , et surtout L'HOSTILITÉ HUMAINE ! je voulais tuer cet homme d'à-côté pour l'avoir laisser tomber , la façon dont il l'a pourchassé de sa voiture, comment peut on violer un enfant et la laisser ainsi !

C'est une biographie impressionnante, et accablante! Heureusement pour elle qu'elle a enfin trouvé un mari idéal, dont moi-même je rêve ! j'ai adoré ses mots, sa compréhension, sa mentalité, son soutien et son amour pour elle !

Ce livre est un grand livre, UN GRAND !!

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