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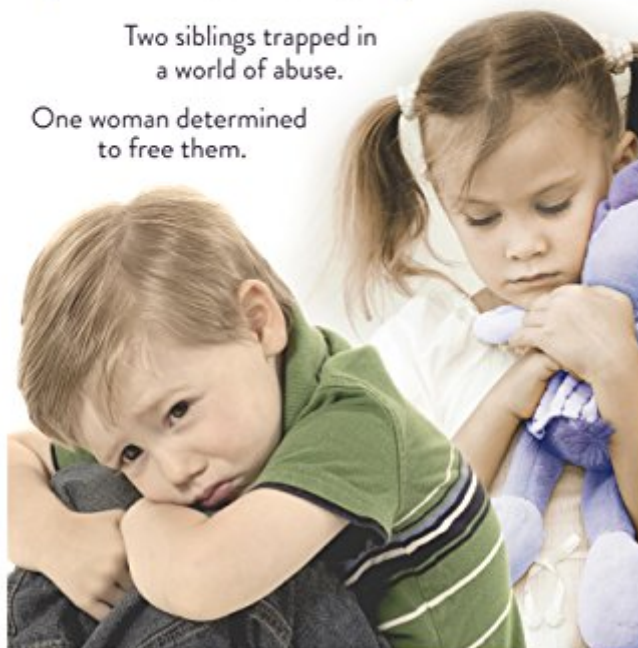
Tiny Prisoners: Two Siblings Trapped In A World Of Abuse. One Woman Determined To Free Them.

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Synopsis

Evie and Elliot are scrawny, filthy and wide-eyed with fear when they turn up on foster carer Maggie Hartley's doorstep. Aged just two and three years old, this brother and sister have hardly set foot outside their own home. They have been prisoners, locked in a terrifying world of abuse, violence and neglect. Maggie soon realises that Evie and Elliot are lacking the basic life skills we all take for granted. The outside world terrifies them; the sound of the doorbell sends them into a panic that takes hours to abate. Gradually unlocking the truth of their heart-breaking upbringing, Maggie tells their shocking true story. From emotionally scarred and damaged little children, we see how - with warmth and dedication - Maggie transforms their lives. As this moving story unfolds, we share Maggie's joy when these children finally smile again, when they realise they do have a future after all.

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Customer Reviews

I emailed Maggie when I was finished reading this book. What an awe-inspiring woman with a kind, patient and compassionate heart for traumatized children in the foster care system. I was so inspired by her methods in her toolbox to teach children coping methods and the hope to find a

forever home. I cried in the beginning because every child deserves a loving home and I cried at the end at how far Evie and Elliot had come in the short time with Maggie's family. I will utilize her knowledge and suggest her transition methods when I advocate for kids in school at IEPs. God bless this family and all they do to help kids feel welcomed and loved. An unbiased well written story from Maggie's point of view and a strong voice for children.

Tiny Prisoners captivates the life of two precious children who were brought into this world by parents who were into drugs, alcohol and abuse. They were in the hands of two monsters who neglected them until they were discovered and turned over into the foster care system. By the grace of God, they were sent to live with a very kind lady who had taken care of many children prior to them getting into stable, forever homes. Her ultimate goal was for these children to be adopted to parents who were willing to take care of these neglected, unwanted and other foster children and for them to succeed and grow up in stable, loving homes. Having many years of experience, this foster mom recognized the many issues that these children had and she had the patience, love and wisdom to deal with each "crisis" that ensued. She used every service possible in order to give them the guidance, mental security, comfort and confidence to go forward in life. Many problems had to be tackled before they were ready to be adopted. She fought for the extra time that she felt was needed (and necessary) in order for the new parents to accept these children minus the enormous baggage that each one carried from the gross neglect of their birth parents. She fought for their rights and well being as she had their best interests at heart. This foster mom made the difference in their lives so they were able to continue on in a positive, loving and safe direction and become adopted by two loving parents who adored them. In the end, she knew in her heart, that they were ready to begin a new chapter of their life, together, in their forever home.

I just loved this book especially the caring attitude of the "carer". Having an adopted grandchild, important issues were brought to light. Thank you so much for writing this book and a huge thanks to all care-givers. The sometimes cool attitude of the social workers was also noted and hopefully an eye opener for such people. Looking forward to reading other books by this author.

Very good book, this book is just as good if not better than Cathy Glass. I love how you took these babies in loved them as your own (you remind me a lot of myself in this area with Children) . Just the little things you did showed these kids they were loved and opened them up. I am so happy they found a happy home. I hope the Parents who got to have them are able to read these reviews as

well. I don't like leaving clues about the book as I feel its best others read for them self, but I think if they see ones like this nice notes to Author they will want to read book. Any how please read this book it is a very sweet book. I have fallen in love with these children .Not just Ellie and Elliot but all 6 of the Children. Can not wait to find more from this Author as I have fallen in love with the Authors writing as well.

This is the true story of 2 & 3 yr old siblings in the British foster care system. and the struggles they overcame...this is a very moving informative story about how damaging the first few fragile years of a child's life be and what effort it takes to bring about healing...I could not put this book down and was in a hurry to get to the end to see how it all turns out...my hat goes off to this single Mum foster care provider and the love, time, wisdom, and understanding she gives these children who were, at first, considered unadoptable due to the traumas they had endured...a must read for anyone that does this kind of work as you will learn a lot from her solutions to these toddlers' fears and inability to trust and just play and have fun.

Maggie's books are always excellent and this may be my favorite yet. Maggie has many talents and one is that she paints the story so that one seems to almost be there bearing witness. The true story of children so terribly neglected and abused is .heart wrenching and made me cry for them. The way Maggie can intuitively see the needs of children is a blessing and her determined actions to truly be a force of goodness to help children is a wonder to behold. Throughout all the struggles I was amazed at her creative solutions and find great parenting tips for myself. She is full of love, great humor and wit that leap off the pages. Maggie Hartley has become a favorite author and a personal heroine to me. As a former foster child who bounced in and out of 15 foster homes because of abuses and neglect, she is every foster child's dream. This is her calling and she can share these stories so well is a gift to all.

i absolutely loved this. ! just didn't want to put it down. it was very well written and kept me interested in it. I felt so bad for Elliot and Evie cor what they went through in their young. Whw. the writer would tell us how the children acted out when the door bell rang (screaming and hiding), I heard myself saying, awe, poor babies. If you have a heart and you read this book, you would wonder how anyone can treat their kids like that and just up and disappear from their little lives. All I am going to say is this you really have to read this book. Very good read!!!!!!

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