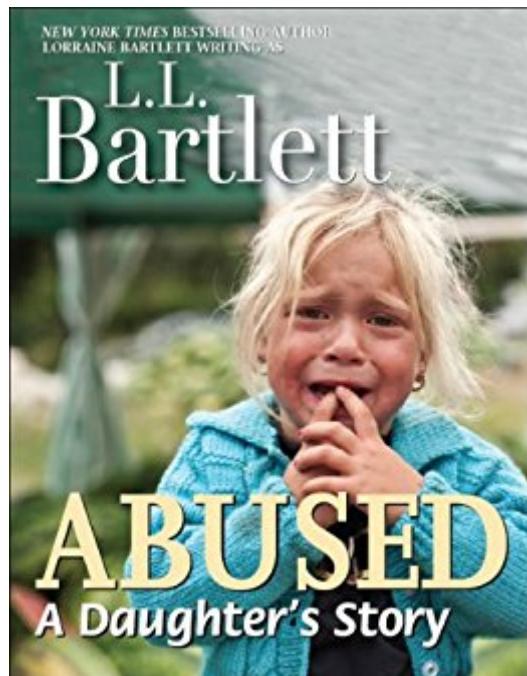


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Abused -- A Daughter's Story



Synopsis

Emily Miller knew her life was about to change forever the day her mother said, "I'm pregnant." She'd hear those words again and again--and with every pregnancy Emily's father changed from bad to worse. For years the Miller family suffered through his rages. It took a terrible loss for the family to regroup, and all the love Emily can muster to save her siblings. Bartlett's powerful short story, "Abused: A Daughter's Story," grabs hold immediately and doesn't let go. This heart-tugger's hero, Emily, displays amazing resilience and strength. I know I'll remember this story for a long, long time. --Julie Hyzy, Barry- and Anthony-award winning author of the White House Chef Mysteries L.L. Bartlett is a New York Times bestselling author who writes the Jeff Resnick Mysteries, which Booklist has called "Gripping!"

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Customer Reviews

I thought that the author could have greatly expanded on personalities, feelings, etc. Book was shallow. As a victim of abuse for many years, I know of all the feelings, changes, fears, etc. that the entire family fears at the hands of the abuser. There is just so much more that could have been

written, rather than just 'scratching the service' as she did.

I read that this was a memoir, and then I read it was a novelette. Which is it, and do I really care now that I've read it? No, because the characters were not developed, which made it impossible to get to know them. The author seemed to be rushing to finish the book on her lunch break. Not worth the little time that it took to read it.

Obviously the book was going to be sad just by the title you know. But I had a great connection with this book because of personal reasons but the courage it takes to keep pushing is not easy and with this book people can see the way it is in a child that has been abused or not even a child anyone. The feeling the pain.... Everything.

I would definitely recommend this book to my family & friends. It's written so well I felt like I was in the story.

I think this book was a fairly good read. I agree with some of the other readers in that it was a little too short for my taste. I would have liked to see more character development (especially in the main character) and perhaps a little more background info on the abuser (Dad). I think it is very realistic of what happens in dysfunctional families.

I have been blessed in that I lived in a fairly normal home. I had two wonderful parents -- in fact, I am fortunate to have them both even now. At this writing, my mother is 89 and my father is 95. Our family situation wasn't always perfect, but in retrospect, I realize that I had a normal-to-very-good upbringing. I've always felt concern for children raised in abusive home, even if it hasn't been my personal experience. I appreciated this story in that it showed how it is about living in an abusive home. At the beginning, Emily Miller, the main character (the story is told in 1st person) shows her father demanding that she take pictures of her deceased mother in her casket! Then it drops back to previous events that led up to that moment. But then the story continues. Her father continues his abusive habits, and as time goes on, he manages to estrange his children. It doesn't take long to read, but its emotional impact hits right in the face. I was grateful that Emily was able to get on with her life. No two "abusive families" are exactly alike, but I think that this story paints an accurate picture.

It was a good enough story but rushed. It could have been better with more "feeling" from the abused and more detail. I am slow reader and still read it in a couple hours. It reminded me of my stories when I first started writing. I learned to make the most of the heart stopping trauma and fear that gripped me at certain points. Don't rush through to tell your story.

This is one of the saddest books I've read in a while. My heart broke for this little girl and her siblings. Couldn't put my ipad down until I finished it.

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