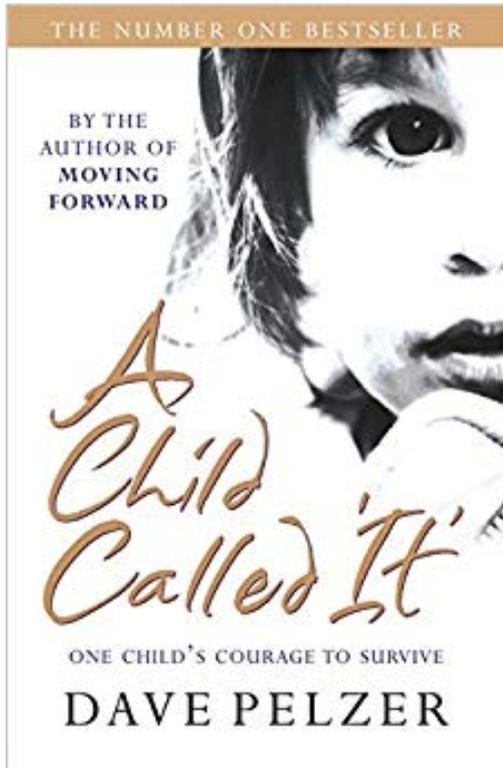


A Child Called 'It' by David J. Pelzer



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Dave Pelzer was brutally beaten and starved by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother, a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable games – games that left one of her three sons nearly dead. She no longer considered Dave a son, but a slave; no longer a boy, but an [it]. His bed was an old army cot in the basement, his clothes were torn and smelly, and when he was allowed the luxury of food it was scraps from the dog's bowl. The outside world knew nothing of the nightmare played out behind closed doors. But throughout Dave kept alive dreams of finding a family to love him. This book covers the early years of his life and is an affecting and inspirational book of the horrors of child abuse and the steadfast determination of one child to survive.

Dave Pelzer conveys brilliantly how his own determination allowed him to keep alive his dream of one day find a family who would be proud to call him their son. Truly touching, and emotionally shocking. A marvel! Best



Reviews of the A Child Called 'It' by David J. Pelzer

Malaris

Once I started reading this book, I did not want to put it down. I am so grateful for having

discovered, ' A Child Called It', as I was severely abused from the ages 5 to 17 years old. This book has started an inner healing process. As I started reading, I started crying, crying so loudly that I started wailing. Uncontrollable tears rolling down my cheeks, and many, many tissues. I applaud Dave Pelzer for using his torturous past to help bring healing to so many people. I can not wait to read his other books. If you can read this review Dave, I want to say Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you.

Malalrajas

As a social worker, no one likes to talk about these sorts of things. What makes child abuse different is how deeply it's impact goes and how many people it impacts. It's an evil no one wants to see or accept and many will look the other way. And then there are those who will not turn away and instead step in and risk pieces of them self to try and save a child. David tells his story in a raw way that leaves you saddened but inspired. It's a hard read that you can't put down. You almost "feel" what he's going through. Beautifully and courageously written.

Gralinda

My brother suggested I read this and I see why. For my entire childhood I was abused physically and emotionally by my mother while the rest of the family acted like it was normal. Only now in adulthood do they see how entirely abnormal it was for one person to be singled out for one parent's hatred and wrath. This see story is so familiar to me in so many ways; many of the same scenarios played out in my childhood, although not to the horrible extremes that the author sustained. There isn't a day that my childhood doesn't haunt me in some way, but like the author, my strong inner spirit and will to survive triumphed. I will be reading the other books in this series.

AGAD

This book most certainly does its job on bringing awareness towards child abuse. This book is the account of one child's unthinkable abuse. It offered me great insight on a child's perspective as he goes from having a loving family environment to a victim of child brutality. This book offers much knowledge on how to escape that kind of life and that it is okay to be different and that you're not alone. Lastly, it shows that the impact his childhood had on his life was great enough to influence him into writing this book and bringing awareness.

Nagor

It took me a long time to read the book. I had to put it away many, many times. My own life has so many similarities. In a different way, with different people, but the outcome is the same. And the struggle to survive is too. The daily struggle to regain your life and to believe you are worth something. That.

Thanks Dave Pelzer, for your courage to put into words what you went through and in doing so helping people like me.

Ance

It is a good read, and I think it's important for people to read this book, but proper warning must be given. This is a sever case of child abuse that is hard to stomach reading. I think because it's so traumatic that it's our duty to read the story so we may learn how to prevent child abuse.

I first read this when I was young, in grade school myself. (as of writing this review I have reread it to give an account with a fresh memory in mind) I don't know if this was the best book for a middle schooler to read. When I picked it up I understood the subject would be about abuse when I started, but I had no idea how graphic it would be.

When I first read it this book always stuck with me, in a positive way. I knew child abuse was a thing but I had no idea how truly terrible it was. It was at the back of my mind. By the time I went to high school this book was still in my mind and I tried to be diligent about looking for potential signs in my classmates.

Now as a young adult the book has always stayed with me in my mind. I often discuss politics and

mention issues I find important to friends. Child abuse is heart breaking and when I have time I try to inform people about it.

You could easily say this was a life changing book for me. The shock it gave me as a child was something i've kept with me for all of my life. It was a tool that changed they way I think and caused me to pursue more attention to the issues of child abuse, and specifically educating others.

The book itself is short and a quick read. I finished it within a two hour sitting. If you can stomach it you'll probably finish it in one sitting as well.

Beardana

This book reminded me that this just doesn't happen in movies but real life too. I've appreciated my mother more. It's usually hard to make me cry but this book though.....i literally had to stop reading because i couldn't see anymore. It's greatly written. The author did a great job writing the book. He will make you feel like it was the kid himself telling the story and it felt like it was right from his diary. This has been a great read and also the second book.

What a great book that David wrote. He is a very brave soul. I have never read I book that made me SO ANGRY but that I couldn't put down just the same. I feel that this and his other two books could be very helpful to though who have been through very hard times in life and feel they or their life is hopeless because he is proof that no one is hopeless!! If someone can survive what he did and break the cycle and have a great adult life then anyone can!!

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