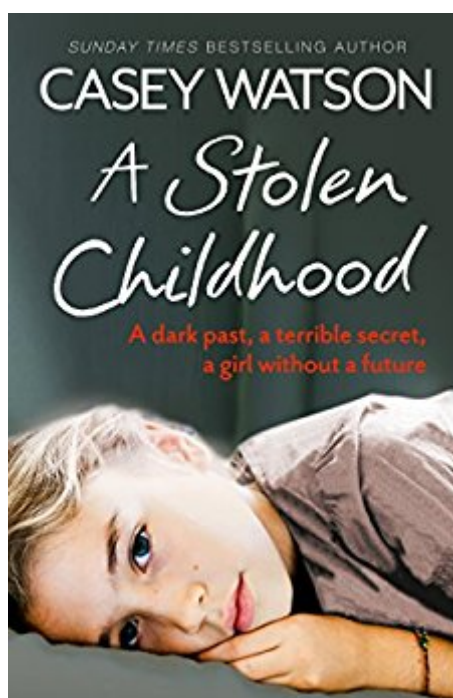


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A Stolen Childhood: A Dark Past, A Terrible Secret, A Girl Without A Future



Synopsis

Bestselling author and teacher Casey Watson shares the horrifying true story of Kiera Bentley, a 12-year-old girl with a deeply shocking secret she's too young to even understand. When Casey first meets Kiera, a small slight girl who's just lashed out at a fellow pupil in assembly, she immediately senses something's wrong. Something in Kiera's eyes alerts Casey that this is an "old head on young shoulders", and with Kiera's constant tiredness and self-soothing habit of pulling her hair out, she follows her instinct and takes Kiera under her wing. At first the answer seems simple enough; Kiera's parents aren't together and they don't get on, which makes life hard for Kiera as she's so close to her dad. But as the weeks roll on, Casey begins to understand that there's something much darker going on behind closed doors. And when she finally learns the truth, she's terrified she won't be able to save Kiera from it.

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Customer Reviews

It's amazing what a small woman with a heart of gold can do to help children that desperately need her. Since she really wants to know her students, she goes the extra mile to see what the child's life is like. She helps all four of her students and the gypsy girl but she is heart-broken for the girl that is exposed to sex by her mother, who is a prostitute and gets her involved in sex and then finds out her father, who says he loves her so much,, has sex with her. Casey blames herself for reporting this to social worker who remove her to foster care. It is a very good book that shows what some poor children go through on a daily bases and don't even know these things are bad!

This is a sad story, but it sure grabs your attention and doesn't let go. You hate to set it down. Even my husband liked it. The author is from England and so there is a difference in some terms. Obviously no country is exempt from abused, and neglected children.

The e-book *A Stolen Childhood: A Dark Past, a Terrible Secret, a Girl Without a Future* start out slow but the story sure picks up speed. I may be wrong but it seems that this story took place during Casey's first year or two as a behavioral teacher. The story actually concerns for pre-teenagers who each had some type of family problem. Casey describes how she was able with help from many others to assist the 12-year-olds become successful students. The stolen childhood part was about a student named Keira who was forced to grow up before her time by her stupid foolish parents. Casey understood the theory of social service taking a child away from home and all of their friends; but, she learned the feelings of pain one feels who helps a child by indirectly calling social services. The story was emotional and I did not want to put it down. I will read more stories from this author.

I adore all of Casey's Watsons' books. All are thought provoking. I have nothing but praise for the work people like her to do help children out of a dark place.

The book was well written and heartbreaking, but I did feel it dragged in places and that the addition of the other children's stories was a big part of that. I would have liked the book to have really focused on Kiera and her alone, but otherwise, I will be looking for more from this author

An interesting read however I felt it didn't have the depth that one of the other Casey Watson books I read had. Maybe because it was about more than one child, it lacked as much detail. Still worth the read.

I like the way Casey write about the children she helps. this is heart breaking. also sad when children are left with a person who are very mean to them and should not be allowed to have children. This was a good book that I did not want to put down till i finished it. I would recommend it.

Quite enjoyed this book by Casey watson

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