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Wounds Of The Father: A True Story Of Child Abuse, Betrayal, And Redemption



Synopsis

In the bestselling tradition of *Smashed* and *The Glass Castle*, this raw, eye-opening memoir tells the powerful story of Elizabeth Garrison's fractured childhood, descent into teenage drug addiction, and struggle to overcome nearly insurmountable odds. Elizabeth invites the reader behind the closed doors of a picture-perfect Christian family to reveal a dark, hidden world of child abuse, domestic violence, and chilling family secrets all performed in the name of God under the tyrannical rule of her father. Like countless teenage girls, Elizabeth turns to drugs and alcohol to escape. With smack-you-in-the-face honesty, Elizabeth chronicles the dark realities and real-life horrors of teenage drug abuse, living on the streets, foster homes, and treatment centers. She paints an unsparing portrait of scratching and clawing her way out of the grips of child abuse, addiction, and betrayal to find the strength within herself to save her own life.

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Customer Reviews

"Wounds of My Father: A True Story of Child Abuse, Betrayal, and Redemption" (361 pages) is the memoir of author Elizabeth Garrison. As the book opens, we find ourselves in Chapter 1 "The First

Time", and no, it's not what you think it could be. Turns out that first time refers to when Elizabeth, then 12, tastes alcohol (left-over punch from the bowl found at her friend's house), and what an effect it had on her. "The world looked different when I stepped back outside. I didn't remember the sun shining so brightly before, but now it was beaming down on me." And by the way, did I mention yet that Elizabeth is raised as a born-again Christian, where alcohol is strictly off limits? But her (take your pick: good times/troubles) are just starting. To tell you more would spoil your reading experience, you'll have to see for yourself how this memoir unfolds. Couple of comments: the book covers Elizabeth's youth from age 12 to 18, and to state that you are in for an emotional and psychological rollercoaster would be an understatement of epic proportions. As Elizabeth descends further and further into the hell of alcohol and drug addiction, the question is of course, what drove her to this? It isn't until the second half of the book that the Big Reveal comes, and it is just devastating. Along the way, Elizabeth has started questioning everything, including from an early stage her faith. "As a little girl, I'd gotten on my knees in my bedroom all of the time, sobbing and begging Jesus to come into my heart. But no matter what, I still felt the same like I was continually being punished for sins I didn't commit." I am also struck/impressed by the laser sharp memories that Elizabeth can share with us after all that she has gone through, including all that drug abuse.

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