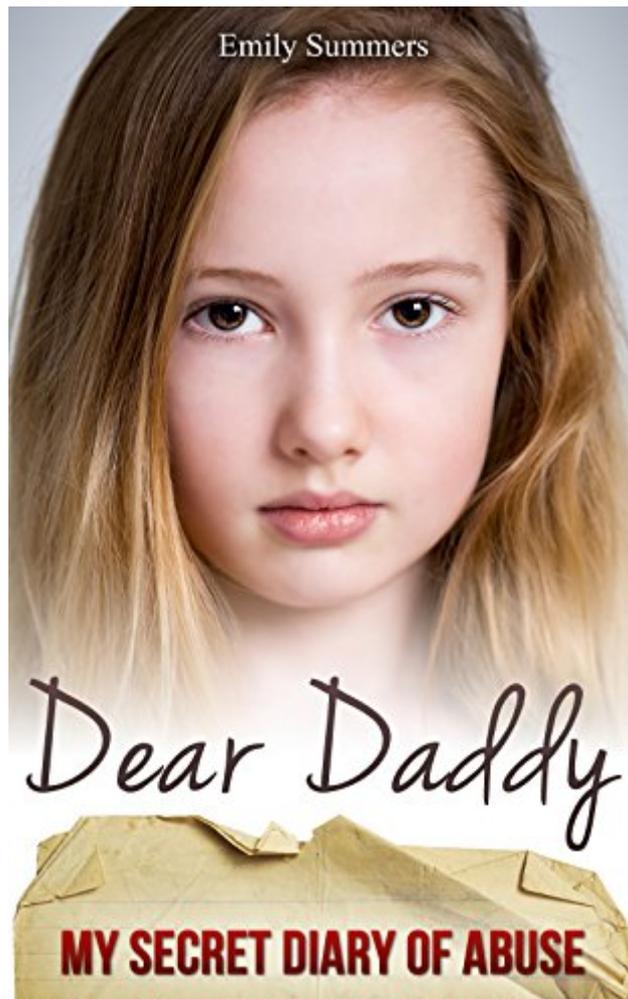


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# Dear Daddy: The Child Abuse True Story That Will Break Your Heart (Child Abuse True Stories)



## Synopsis

Secrets are like vampires. They captivate us with their forbidden mystery and promises of excitement. Yet once inside us, they become toxic; compelling us to infect others, who in turn want nothing more than to be bitten. It's a vicious cycle that ensures nothing remains secret forever. The only way to protect yourself from their destructive energies is to simply turn the other way when offered one. To resist the lure of the forbidden fruit. But sometimes, something just happens to you - or you just happen to witness something - that forces one upon you; like an uninvited guest that arrives without warning, and leaves only under great duress. Unfortunately, I have been burdened by such a secret for over twenty years. You see, my childhood was stolen from me in broad daylight, right under my nose, by a cunning thief who dazzled me with his charms, only to run away with my innocence forever. It was the perfect crime, and at the time I was the perfect victim. But thankfully, I was able to pick up the pieces of my life and gradually go on to live quite normally. In fact, I even forgot all about my childhood trauma. Or so I thought. Because it was during a recent chance encounter with my old teenage diary that I realized my demons had never truly left me. They had only been lurking in the shadows all along as I busied myself with other things. I suppose I learned the hard way that a secret kept in darkness only grows in potency.Â But there is one way to diffuse a secret. To take away all of its power. And that is to make it public. For no vampire can survive in the cold light of day. So it is at the behest of my wonderfully supportive husband that I have decided to lay bare the ghosts of my childhood in this book, in the hope that in doing so, I'll finally be able to lay them to rest forever. It's been a long, hard journey for me to get to this point. And I thank you, dear reader, for playing your part in my recovery. Emily

**WARNING:** This book is based upon a true story of child abuse, and as such contains passages that some readers may find disturbing.

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## Customer Reviews

Manipulation can be hard to see when the person is very charming, kind, and your very young. Which also can make the victim carry a lot of guilt. This story sets the tone for all of the factors of a predator. They know what they want and how to get it. Sadly it's always the law who has doubts about what has transpired. Which makes it even harder for some to come forward. Trust from this child's parent is one thing she did have on her side. Predators know when you're most vulnerable also. It makes it easier for you to become their prey. This story is filled with... the perfect recipe for the most vulnerable lonely child.

It was well written and especially honest. I thank Emily for sharing her experience. I think it would especially be good for young girls to read to know how these pedophiles "work" in gaining their trust. I am especially glad Emily and her mother finally learned how to bond and communicate. I'm also glad for the tremendous fathering she received from her father as a youngster. This is an excellent read. I'm sure it will be a help to many.

Moving well written story. Stories like this are important for every parent to read. Sadly, it's not that weird looking unknown man parents ought to be worrying about; abuse is usually perpetuated by someone well known to the family.

This was a good book when you finally got to the diary entries. However, I really thought the abuse was from the dad and not someone else. It really threw me off. I was looking for a self-help book from someone being abused by their father. Therefore, I did not receive the help I was looking for but Thanks for sharing your story.

Enjoyed reading the book from o m start to finish. Book left you a with wanting more . Unfortunately in this world there are a lot of children who have their innocent s taken away at a young age. And I thank god for this story it opens our eyes up to the whole situations.

All too often such nightmares are, "swept under a rug," or hidden away, "behind closed doors". I hope many more will read this book and use the strength they have to also find a cathartic way, whether by counseling, writing, sharing, or whatever method is right for them, but find a way to voice! Get it out! The pain you still feel from such events is hurting you way longer than it has to. When I say, "use the strength they have," I mean just that. If you are a survivor of abuse . . . you have strength, because you did survive. We can't do it alone. There are many who will help. Do a little homework, be certain the method you choose is right for you, but also safe and appropriate. Thank you, Emily! Well done!

A 14-year-old is flattered by the attentions of a 20-something man and becomes infatuated with him, has enjoyable sex with him once and is then devastated when he is no longer interested. Turns out he tried this before with another underage girl. He ultimately does jail time. The diary entry format includes an overabundance of the (ho-hum) daily drama of teen life. The "heartbreak" mentioned in the title refers to the author's loss of her infatuation, rather than the statutory rape. As other reviewers have said, this is best suited to adolescent readers. All things being relative, this story is not the heart-breaker claimed in the title, except perhaps to the author. Glad it's part of Kindle Unlimited and I didn't have to pay for it.

Excellent autobiographical story by a woman who was seduced by an older man at the tender age of 14. What she believed at the time was true love turned into a nightmare as she learned that she wasn't the only young girl to have been duped by this man. There are a few spelling errors, some purposely left intact to keep the realism of the story as told by a (mostly) young girl and (wholly) real person. My only actual criticism, though, is that the title tends to mislead the reader into expecting the abuse to happen at Daddy's hands. It does not! In fact, Daddy is remembered with nothing but love and respect throughout.

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