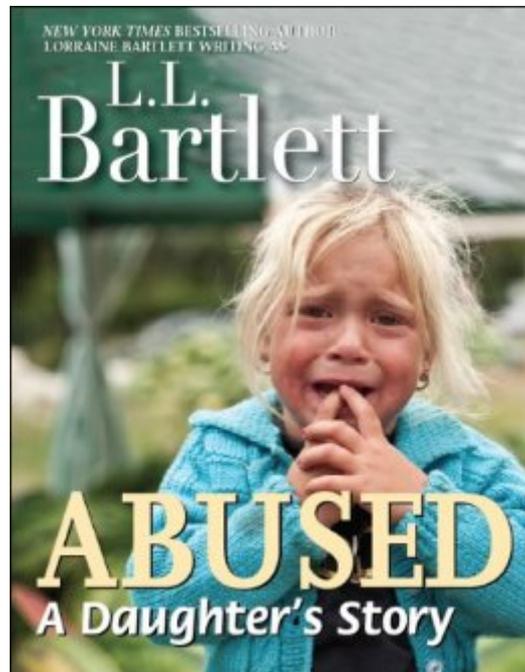


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# Abused -- A Daughter's Story



## 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

Living in an abusive household, we watched as Emily traveled the road from childhood to adulthood with determination and strength. This story was about surviving and coming to terms with who you are and what you make of your life. Kudos to Emily for the sacrifices she made and doing what was right for her. This was a good read and have that box of tissues handy.

**Plot/Storyline: 4 Stars** While the story is actually told from the daughter's viewpoint, I found it to be more of a tale of an abused wife, the mother. Emily's mother was as much a victim in this book as her children, if not more. However, I did feel more sympathy for the kids, as they were minors and forced to live with their mother's choices. The storyline was far too rushed to get any real sense of the every day events in the lives of the family. In this short novella, Emily grows from a child to an adult. This novella should have been fleshed out into a full novel to gain a full impact on readers. The arrangement of the events was very well done. The opening scene pulled me in and made me want to read more to find out what happened to the mother. This is a story that will make you cry, then cheer a little towards the end. Although I understood Emily's choices, I did wish that she could have done a bit more for her siblings at one point. However, the ending was decent.

**Character Development: 3 1/2 Stars** The novella was a little short on character development. The 'rushing' mentioned above applied to this section, also. Emily was portrayed at a deep enough level for readers to gain insight and understanding of her choices. However, the development of the characters of her parents and siblings was stunted.

**Writing Style: 4 1/2 Stars** The writing style was excellent. The sentence structuring had a nice, even flow. While the descriptions were lacking, the ones included were well done. The dialogue was good, also.

Abused-A Daughter's Story, brings home the fact that children who witness physical abuse suffer tremendously! Children should not be placed in a position where they feel as if they have to regularly protect or take care of a parent. The burden is just too great for these children to bear. This book is written from the perspective of one such child. I felt the story was well written. Though I may not have liked certain parts of the book, wished for different outcomes etc., the story is what it is. There isn't always a happily ever after for everyone, especially in families like this. Often times it is survival of the fittest--most children don't make it out without major battle scars and psychological wounds. I recommend this book. Like others, I wish it had been longer and more developed. It is a good book and well worth what little I paid for it.

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.

A Real tear-jerker! I never was abused as a child, but being a former child care protective social worker, I knew exactly what Emily went through. Although, it was short, I read this book in one day.

While not buried behind a book, I work for a domestic violence shelter. Bartlett's book really struck a cord as to the purpose behind our work. Prior to reading ABUSED, I supported our mission and knew that we needed to raise awareness for domestic violence and sexual assault, but something was missing- that missing piece came through in her book. Emily's experience with witnessing her mom being abused verbally, sexually, and physically put a face on domestic violence. Bartlett's book has definitely made an impact and really put into perspective on what happens to victims. ABUSED had me in tears and moved me like no other book has. Thanksgiving has a different meaning this year- I am thankful for having the family that I do. I encourage you to read other books by LL Bartlett.

The story was very short and with no real emotions. It seems more of a short story you see in a magazine. I am sorry she was verbally abused and seen her mom suffered and die, but the story wasn't very well written.

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.

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