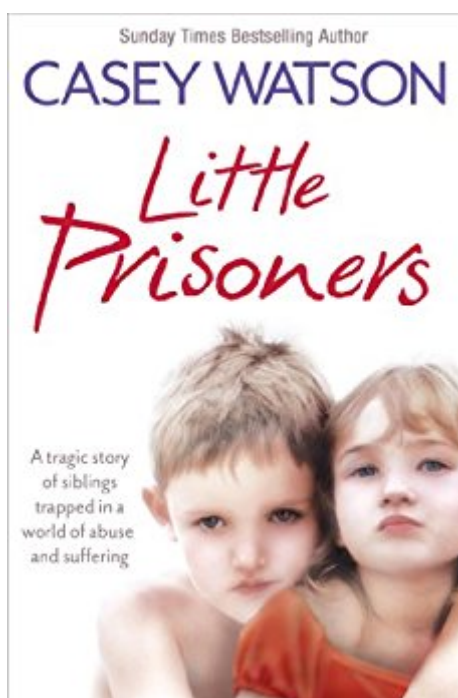


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Little Prisoners: A Tragic Story Of Siblings Trapped In A World Of Abuse And Suffering



Synopsis

From the Sunday Times bestselling author comes a harrowing and moving memoir about two innocent and frightened "unfosterable" children who do not know what it means to be loved. This is the third book in the series. The shock that strikes Casey and her family when Ashton and Olivia arrive is immeasurable. Two dirty, frightened little waifs stand before them, huge eyes staring around their new surroundings. Ashton, 9, Olivia, 6, have the same urchin look; hair running wild with head lice, filthy nails and skin covered in scabs. And the smell is horrific. The eldest two children of a group of five siblings, Casey had only been told they were coming two days earlier. But it was an emergency, temporary placement, and they were only due to stay a couple of weeks. Casey is desperate to help these poor, lost children, who have been taken away from their family because they were considered at risk, but before she can even start to understand the horrific things that have happened in the past, she has to teach them the most basic of behaviours. Ashton and Olivia have no barriers and no sense of what's right and wrong. Her challenges begin with the toilet and eating habits. The weeks roll into months and the months roll on, but bit by bit the children are starting to feel like they truly belong to a family, for the first time. With this new found security and love, gradually they start to reveal what really happened to them and their siblings at home, and slowly Casey can help them start to rebuild their young lives. Includes a sample chapter of Too Hurt To Stay.

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Customer Reviews

I liked the book a lot. What I did NOT like was the one reviewer who took the author so badly to task. Look, I value people's opinions, I do. But that lady was out of line. Badly so. It seems clear that Casey and her family were/are wonderful people and they did their utmost. My wife and I are in our late sixties now and we often wish we were younger. Not only for the usual reasons, but also for the possibility that we could possibly emulate Casey. Yeah, it was a great book. Thanks, Casey, for all that you do.

What an incredibly sad and shocking story! I've read many of Cathy Glass's books (this is only the second book by Casey Watson I've read), and up until now I thought I've heard all there is to hear about human depravity; how cruel and abusive some parents can be to their offspring. It's just so tragic. I have a little boy whom I love with all my heart, so reading about these two siblings and the horrid background they come from, broke my heart over and over again. The only thing that sometimes bothered me about this book is how naive Casey Watson seems to be at times. Take Christmas and Easter for instance. She made both the holidays into a big show to make it special and unforgettable for those two neglected kids. But she seemed baffled with how underwhelmed they both were at all her efforts. I thought to myself: if their mother couldn't care to feed them, why in the world would she care to decorate a Christmas tree for them or take them to the beach. It didn't surprise me at all that they've never celebrated Christmas or Easter or had never seen the ocean before. If food were never a priority in their house, why would the rest be? Despite Ms Watson's seeming naivety, I felt that the love, care and patience she and her husband showed towards Olivia and Ashton was simply fantastic. People like the Watsons and the Glass family are heaven-sent. It's a pity social services don't do more to support them. Overall, as sad and heartbreaking as this read was, I'm glad it had a happy ending for all involved.

Wow, what a well written book!!! I have to say this author and her husband are angels on earth. She did such a good job in telling these childrens' story. I could not believe what I was reading. If this wasn't a memoir I definitely would have thought it was fiction. How tragic for these children. This book is going to haunt me for a very long time. There are no words to express what should happen to that Gwandad and the other so called adults and cousins in that family. I hope the children are well adjusted and have happy, normal lives.

This is the first memoir I've read of Casey Watson's and it won't be the last. She has a very down-to-earth way of sharing with her readers the trials and tribulations of being a foster parent. "Little Prisoners" starts when two children, brother and sister, are taken from their mother and brought to Casey's home. The children are infested with scabies and lice and are near starving. They have horrid toilet habits and are nearly like wild animals. Worse, the children have been sexually abused and don't even know what's been done to them was wrong. It is a very sad story of how sick society can be and how innocent children become the victims. Upon finishing, I can only hope and pray these two children grow up to be whole and free from the atrocities laid upon them.

I have read lots of books a long this story line but, never one that pulled on my heartstrings like this one. There were times when I thought I would not be able to finish it because, I became so emotional by the way these children had been treated. No child should have to go through this kind of abuse by anyone and especially not family members. This makes me so angry. Thank God for foster parents like Casey and Mike Watson. I would recommend this book but, be warned it's a hard read.

Somehow it feels wrong to say I liked this book. Maybe...I liked the writing, but I didn't like what had been done to these children that ended with them being placed into the care of Casey Watson and her family. It's truly horrifying! Thank God for those who try to heal, like Casey and family. That being said, from a technical standpoint, I do like these books. The writing is well done, the pace is not too rushed or too slow, there were few to no typos that I recall. The author does tend to use "college" words when simpler would be just as effective. I also have occasionally had to look up a British colloquial word that isn't common to American English. I would absolutely recommend this book to everyone.

I love that this is a true accounting of the restoration of these two little ones who have overcome so

much! There is so much insight to be gained from reading about the way the author and her husband drew these kids out and taught them how to be the people they were born to be. They have many years of growth and learning ahead of them, but thankfully, there was intervention for them that is shared with the reader throughout the pages of this book.

Oh lord. How can people damage children like Olivia and Ashton?!? How is that even allowed to happen? Thank goodness for people like Casey Watson and her family. It's not enough that she takes these children into her home, but the fact that she writes about it so the rest of the world knows that these poor kids need a safe place to be. She's doing an amazing thing.

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