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A Heart Without A Home: A Memoir About Homelessness Through The Eyes Of A Child



Synopsis

9-year-old Nichole and her parents are evicted from their home because both of her parents are addicted to heroin. With nowhere left to turn, they are now homeless. In order to survive they must dig through dumpsters, beg, and steal. While living on the streets, Nichole struggles to understand why people treat them differently.

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Customer Reviews

My word! You cannot say that Andy & Madge do not love their little girl. And you certainly cannot say she doesn't love them. You can say their bodies are more needy of drugs than their heads have the means to get off of them. Life for them is finding the way to pay for the next "hit;" yet small joys are described as well. When you have nothing materially, a box of day old doughnuts can certainly seem a treasure. Blankets saved from a dumpster, begging, finding a way to survive homelessness, or even a pet rabbit to a child whose parents enjoy her joy in having it. This is a tragic story. A child understands her parents love her. She is also very intelligent & knows when to be insulted & hurt when some unthinking adult calls her dirty & her parents worthless. No child should have to live the life described for little Nichole & yet multiply her by how many, over & over throughout the

world. Well written, well done, thank you for sharing a story of a very tragic life for a child who loves her parents. And as they love her, twisted by what drugs can & will do to good people. Great..thought provoking read. Read as your heart breaks for the many who are living it. Dear God!

This was hard to read. Through it all the daughter maintained a positive attitude. While the parents did not adequately provide for the daughter at least there was no physical abuse involved and it appeared they loved her. This is an example of how people on the edge can easily fall off in a black hole of drug abuse and unfortunately pull the children with them.

What struck me as special about this story is how it illustrates that the same people who use illegal drugs, lie and steal are also very loving parents and in some ways treat their child better than people who provide their children with a stable family and home. The book shows the many complex facets of people. This is an easy, enjoyable book to read.

Book needs editing and spell check. Autobiographical story about a family living on the edge in LA told from the viewpoint of the daughter. Drug addiction is so harmful to children and the author describes the cycle of addiction well.

I think I was expecting something a little more like a novel when I chose this book, however I found it to be thought provoking in the respect that I had never thought about the addict's point of view when it came to their children. I think this author took a really long time to tell this story and it was redundant, but then again, that is the life of an addict isn't it. My hope is that kids are exposed to books like these before they are tempted to mess with drugs, and will hopefully relate to the consequences to all the other lives that become victims of their illness.

Loved ,Loved, Loved this book. Such a heartwrenching story told from the eyes of a child as she went through homelessness, dumpster diving to survive and coping with the addiction of her parents. Kudos to you Ms. Carpenter on a job well done. A must read for all!!

I don't think I have ever heard the story of homelessness from the child's perspective. Excellent book. I could not put it down. It really provided a new perspective to me of what homelessness is like. For parents and child. I just wish there was an epitaph so we could know what eventually

happened to Nichole.

The book is billed as a memoir seen through the eyes of a child. Yet it is written in the 3rd person and therefore a biography and the language used in it is way beyond what the average nine year old uses. The story is simplistically told which stacks up with a nine year old's thoughts but it never felt as if the child was talking. The dialogue is stilted throughout making it difficult to feel any emotion or empathy. A shame as it sounded as if the story that was being told had potential. Just disappointingly executed.

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