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## KERI Part 3: Keri Karin (Child Abuse True Stories)



## Synopsis

Back in 2011, a BBC documentary team were busy compiling testimonies from women claiming to have been sexually abused as children, by the late TV presenter, Sir Jimmy Savile. However, just days before the programme was due to air, it was cancelled; a move that not only angered those women, but further fuelled rumours of a wider conspiracy, as even after his death, it seemed that any mention of wrongdoing on the part of 'Old Jimmy' would inevitably only be met by a cold, eerie silence. A silence all too familiar for his victims. A year later, a rival TV company decided to make their own documentary concerning the Savile abuse claims. After some initial reluctance, Kat Ward agreed to speak to them. This time, the programme did air – and the story was huge. Literally overnight, a man who was in the eyes of the British public a national institution - as harmless as afternoon tea for many - now stood accused of crimes so heinous, that a collective air of disbelief began to descend, as people struggled to reconcile the claims with his cheery image as a children's champion and charity fundraiser. However, over the following days, more women came forward. Any disbelief soon vanished. Within a week, the list of potential victims had soared into the hundreds. Prime Minister David Cameron sought to appease a growing public demand for the posthumous revocation of his knighthood, and the Metropolitan Police publicly acknowledged Savile as a 'predatory sex offender'. No tears were shed as his gravestone was demolished. His victims must have thought they'd never see the day. But Kat Ward had long given up hope of justice anyway. After suffering a tormented early childhood, in which she was abused by her family, she eventually found herself shuttled between care homes and approved schools; institutions that promised a sanctuary from abuse, but all too often seemed to sponsor it. Many decades later, and after a life marred by depression, she was persuaded by a psychiatrist to write about her experiences, in the hope that doing so might be cathartic. She obliged, and last year the first two volumes of her autobiography took literary circles by surprise, as they became international bestsellers. And now, in this much-anticipated third volume, she recounts her early-mid teen years; no longer a small child, but a girl on the cusp of adolescence. Still traumatized by her early experiences, but not entirely without that sense of vague hope that is the inalienable property of youth. Now at Duncroft Approved School for 'emotionally disturbed girls', her life had come to resemble that of a prisoner; a good day was a bad one and a bad day was horrific. A pattern interrupted only by the periodic visits of a certain creepy old man in a shiny tracksuit, with a pocket full of a cigars and a caravan full of demands. There were Rolls-Royce trips to London. There were jaunts to TV studios. And, of course, for Kat, as with most of the girls, there were dreams of a brighter future. But despite all the promises, there was simply no way out. For at almost every turn,

another nefarious character was waiting to take advantage of the girls that no-one would believe anyway. Now you can read her full story here. No punches pulled; no stone left unturned. Just the truth, committed to paper over many years, in the hope that it might help inspire the brave, enlighten the misled and heal the abusedâ | **DISCLAIMER:** This is a true story of child abuse, and as such, reader discretion should be advised. Names have been changed to protect the innocent.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I felt your pain Keri. I cried and cried while reading your story. I feel as though I know you. I hope and pray that something more is done for people who fall between the cracks, like you obviously did. I feel like I know you. I believe you went thru hell and back. Thank God you are here and are able to write your story - I am sure we have all learned something and will be more aware of child abuse and hopefully, we will make a difference in a child's life and not allow the despicable abuse happen to another innocent life. Thank you for sharing your pain. I look forward to Keri-Karin Part II Love, Anne

This book starts where Keri left off. As Keri goes to yet a new school, home, detention system. She lives with very strict rules. Yet even behind those walls there are some that have access to her and

abuse her, again. None the less dear Keri seems to find the inner strength to carry on. She is truly an incredible young lady, and in her book speaks as one friend to another. I am sure if you liked the first book, Keri you will like this one too. Spoiler alert--at least her mother doesn't have access to her to beat her half to death all the time. Keri, you are so brave to write your so engaging books, thank you. I'll be watching for part two!

I don't normally read a book twice, but since it had been a few months since I read Keri, I decided to read it again and then I read Keri-Karin. These books are so good I read both of them in 3 days. Some people complained about the first book being too long which to me is ridiculous. I was very pleased that Keri wrote the second book as open and honest and in her own way just like she did the first. I must admit I was disappointed that it ended without me finding out how her life has turned out. I guarantee I will be looking for Part II of Keri-Karin as I can't wait to see how her life has turned out. I think she wrote both books with an honesty and straight forwardness, personal flaws and all that I don't think many people could manage. I believe every word she said. It disgust me that so many adults abused her while so many others that knew the truth did nothing. I don't understand why her grandmother didn't kick her mother and brother out of her house and let Keri move in, after all she was still a child. I feel her mother probably slowly took control over her grandmother and her home before her grandmother realized what was really happening. It seems everyone was intimidated by Keri's mother and her fits. I think someone should have given her mother a good butt whooping every day and let her see how it felt. Obviously her mother was extremely jealous of Keri and her good looks. I think her mother did not want to be intimate with Keri's stepfather so for her it was easier for her to let Keri be raped and tormented. If her mother is still living I hope she never, ever sees Keri or her grandchildren since she has no right to call herself a Mother much less a Grandmother. I highly recommend both books. I promise you will not be disappointed. I pray that Keri has found peace and I will be buying Part II when it comes out in 2013.

This book takes up where the first book left off. At least during this book, Kari didn't endure the beatings and torture she did in the first book. I really enjoyed this book and am looking forward to part 2!

I have read the first three books in this autobiography of Keri/Karin/Kat's life. I had been watching for more installments for a while, but then got busy with life, and forgot. The other day, somehow, it popped up on my radar. I'm incredibly excited to have the privilege to learn more about the author's

life. I was deeply engrossed in the prior books, following along, cheering for her, cursing her mother, and the others who treated this then young girl so unconscionably. I felt as I was right there with her, by the vibrant and detailed explanations of situations and emotions. What an incredibly brave woman, to put her life to pen, exposing herself to the world. I don't know if I could have accomplished this, had I been through what she has, but as her therapist suggested, I'd imagine it would be somewhat cathartic. Stories such as these can be so very painful to read, but I feel compelled to, as it feels as though by doing so, I'm acknowledging what the author has been through. Kat Ward as well as others deserve to have their stories known. They shouldn't be ashamed, which is what keeps many abuse victims silent, suffering on their own. I hope these writings can help others, even if they don't speak out, to at least know they're (sadly) not alone, but also that there are many out there who understand, and care. Obviously what she did in bringing out the truth about "Old Jimmy" helped hundreds of others, and I'm sure she's helped many more. As others have shared, I hope that Kat Ward has been able to find some semblance of peace and happiness in her life, after such a horrendous beginning. Thank you for sharing your story with us.

Kat's writing continues to entice you with the way Keri's life continues to unfold. The journey is well worth the time it takes to join her. Indeed, Kat's writing is above standard, and it lacks the foul words so often associated with books relating such abuse and pain. I personally found this refreshing. Kat refuses to play the victim card all the time. She often lays claim to stupidity on her part for the mistakes one without the baggage she has, might well find normal for one her age. This Part 3 was much easier on the heart but still most difficult to put down. Do continue with me to Part 4. I feel certain we won't be sorry.

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