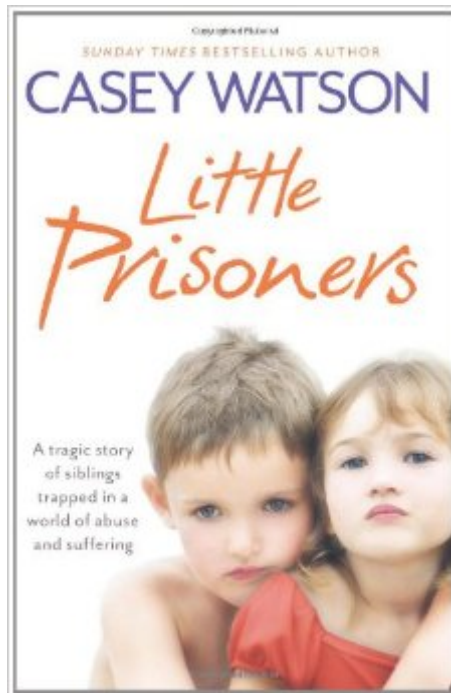


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Little Prisoners: A Tragic Story Of Siblings Trapped In A World Of Abuse And Suffering



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.

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Customer Reviews

Don't miss this tragic story of two abused and neglected children born and raised in an uneducated, inbred, dysfunctional family that encourages sexually deviant behavior as acceptable recreation.

The story unfolds when a social worker approaches an experienced foster family and requests that they become caregivers for these two children, Olivia and Ashton, who require emergency care. When the children are delivered, the foster family is appalled at the physical condition of these two malnourished children who arrive at their home with dirty ragged clothing and lice-ridden hair. Although their physical appearance is abhorrent, these children, ages +/-6 and +/-9, are not toilet trained and often exhibit sexually explicit behavior which presents a continuous challenge for the foster family. When the foster parents, Mike and Casey, request psychological counseling for Olivia and Ashton, they discover the inadequacies of the child protective system which lacks the necessary provisions for children rescued from dire circumstances. This book raises the consciousness of the reader and exposes the inefficiencies of our social systems that are poorly managed and do not provide adequate care for all children born and raised in impoverished conditions.

Praise for those who step in and help heal the children and shame on those who would hinder the process, either by laziness, negligence, or apathy. We see both help and hinder in this book by Casey Watson who works as a specialist in the foster care program in England. Time after time social workers have failed these children and even the administration of one school pretends there is nothing amiss. Casey and Mike, her husband, take in the children who need extra care because they come from a home in which abuse is so rampant, so appalling, they cannot go immediately into regular foster care. In *Little Prisoners*, they take in two dirty, frightened siblings, a six year old girl and a nine year old boy who have from birth lived in a house of unbelievable filth, sexual abuse, and mental and emotional poverty. It is the Watson's job to change behavior the children don't even know is wrong and get them to begin to learn to trust, to love, and become more emotionally stable, so they can be placed in regular foster care, or, as in this case where the kids were so damaged, a next-step care home, so they can eventually have a good chance of surviving in regular placement. Eunice Boeve, author of *The Summer of the Crow*

Liked the content to a certain point. Felt it could have used more detail. It's sometimes hard for me to read these stories since I am a retired social worker. Sometimes hard to believe social workers didn't do more, but in reality I know some parts of a case fall through the cracks and are not addressed.

As a former foster parent of many years, I am surprised that Cathy Watson and her husband were

allowed to continue fostering after the way they mishandled the placement of these two young siblings. It's inexcusable that they were allowed to continue to be sexually involved with each other repeatedly while in the care of the Watsons. They should have been separated as soon as the sexual abuse was uncovered and at a bare minimum, there should have been better supervision and alarms on their bedroom doors (alarms -- not locks). Even though counseling was put off for these two pending a final hearing, that was no reason for Mrs. Watson to basically sit on her hands and just allow the little boy to continue to molest his little sister. I was horrified to read that happening again and again. Inexcusable!! I hope all of the children in that family have since received appropriate counseling and that they've been able to heal, and I hope Mrs. Watson and her family wise up and do a better job supervising and protecting the children in their care or that they quit fostering altogether.

I really enjoy the fostering stories that I read. This one is no exception. Actually, it is one of the best one that I have read.....ever. These 2 kids are remarkable, and Casey never gives herself enough credit. What she does for these kids is amazing. I love the happy endings.

I got my Kindle for Christmas this past year and stumbled upon this series soon after. I'm absolutely hooked and have read every last one since that time. Casey writes in such an engaging way and I really feel that I have come to know her family and these amazing foster children. Casey and Mike are absolute saints in my opinion and deserve such praise and recognition for the work they do. God bless your family Casey and keep writing!!!

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 naïve 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.

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