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Lauren Benton says

A very good read, I love reading true stories

Jill Topliff says

an editor failed this woman. good story though

Sabrina Rutter says

When Sarah was a teenager her family became christian, and after dealing with a mentally disturbed child (Sarah's brother) they felt it was a good decision in leaving her with a religious group. The group promised that they would save Sarah from going to Hell, and change her wayward teenage ways. And so what was suppose to be a short visit to Ian Black's church turned in the minds of Sarah, and her parents into a life changing event for them all.

Sarah describes how she at first fought for her freedom from this group until eventually she was like putty in their hands. She conformed, and eventually adopted the belief of the group her parents left her in. Having total control of Sarah Ian Black refused to allow her to continue her education telling he she wasn't smart enough. She was then encouraged to marry and have children at the young age of eighteen to keep her entrapped in the group. Sarah then goes on to tell what it was like living in the cult, and how she eventually broke free.

This is an incredible story, and as a mother made me angry that her parents could be foolish enough to leave their young daughter behind. She doesn't hold them accountable, but they allowed her to slip further in into the cult even when the cult wanted to cut them off from her life. I just don't understand how her parents were sucked into it when they were not under the control of the cult leader like Sarah was. I do admire Sarah's ability to break away, and start fresh. This is not a book to be passed by if you're interested in how cults break people down, their purpose, and how they function.

Dee brown says

Very interesting read. If you wanna learn more about the effect of a cult has over a person , read this.

Colleen Hayes says

A good refresher on cults and how they operate.

Claire says

Really quite a shocking book and what's shocking is how EASY it must be to get drawn in and how completely trapped people are. Cults are one of those things that never seem quite real.

Pei says

Good book for a little bit of insight into the mental state of someone in a church-related cult. I feel the prose isn't well-polished, but this is a personal account (and also first book?), so I can forgive that. I didn't learn anything new about cults in general and a lot of the themes seem to follow the same theme that is adopted by Scientology (ala Blown for Good: Behind the Iron Curtain of Scientology, which is also a good read about being in and escaping from a cult from a male's perspective).

Graham Knight says

A really engaging read - I couldn't put it down. It was a terrifying insight into the way an authoritarian leader can gradually demand more and more from you, until, before you realise it, you are no longer an independent agent.

I had never considered the idea of a church - in this case a charismatic church in the UK - being a cult. I had always thought a belief system was a cult. So I learnt that cults operate within belief systems. It linked me to further resources after my appetite had been whetted for further research.

The pastor in question has apparently disappeared as I would love to know what he is doing now after his 'fall from grace'. The author has a brave story to tell and it deserves to be heard.

Jeanine says

Quite an engrossing story, horrifying on so many levels.

Linda says

This was a book about Sarah, a somewhat rebellious teenager, who her parents sent to a Charismatic church school. She became a person unable to make a decision, terrified of her church leader, Ian Black, and afraid she would be struck dead if she left this religious cult.

It is the story of how with the support of people trained to help others escape cults, she was able to escape with her children.

It was eye opening to see how manipulated one can become when involved in a so called "relegation" like this. What people do in the name of God is sometimes horrific.

Chloe says

Over other books I've read about cults, it highlights how cults control their members and looks at the fundamentals needed to form a cult as well as the personal account which was haunting.

Sarah says

I found this book to be deeply disturbing. For one thing, it's upsetting that this cult leader was so respected in the Christian community, even the international Christian community. It's true, he was very deceptive about his true views, having someone edit out his more inflammatory comments in the CDs that he released to the public. Still, it's a horrible indictment of Christianity and the extremes that some leaders can go to. I've always felt that Christianity is often spread by fear and emotional manipulation – it's been my experience that churches play up the emotional aspects of the faith, the feeling that people get when they're singing and praying a lot of intensity, and a lot of fear of hell is thrown in there to make people capitulate. In this book, the school just took it to the extreme at times the book made me really angry – the girls parents were completely stupid – there were many many signs that something was seriously wrong, and they didn't do anything about it – even when they knew that her husband was abusing her son. I'm sorry, but anyone who looks the other way when a child is being abused, regardless of who it is doing the abusing, is not a good person in my book. It's hard to believe that people could be so easily controlled by fear and brainwashing.
