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Barbara Kinsky says

A very good and heart-rending account of a family torn apart by abuse and ultimately, murder! The only reason I could not give it 5 stars is because I found the editing quite bad but otherwise enjoyed the read!

Fishface says

This was quite an interesting, unusual story written from a person involved in the case, from what I hope is a unique perspective. So many true-crime stories include court testimony that just covers ground you're already familiar with from earlier in the book. In this one, the court testimony clears up the whole story for you, just as if you were one of the jurors. There are clearly some good-sized omissions in the information the author chose to give, and the author uses some odd constructions that forced me to go back and re-read to make sure I was following, like "Not only was I really angry, but I wasn't stupid." Those flaws weren't enough to really dent the story. This one is well worth your time.

Ginta Harrigan says

This is a fantastically written book. It is sad with a triumphant ending. I loved it. Stacey Kananen relates the story of her horrific abuse and being on trial for a crime she did not commit with honesty and poignancy. This is a must read for true crime buffs. As a lover of true crime books I am accustom to sad endings even if the perpetrator is tried and convicted but this book ends with hope for a better future for Ms. Kananen. Again, a real must read.

Vickie Greenway says

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Book Review

Fear of Our Father is a story of horror, intrigue, and amazement that someone could have survived a life journey such as Stacey M. Kananen's. This book tells her story in a way that keeps your heart open to compassion for what her and her family have endured. It also keeps you wondering how she can ever escape this nightmare. Just as she starts experiencing something of a happy, "normal" life, things get much worse and her world turns dark and scary, again. As a reader, you find yourself thinking that this is a horror novel, as opposed to a non-fiction read of someone's actual life. The twist and turns of Stacey M. Kananen's life seem unimaginable.

I enjoyed how it was written. Her story is a difficult one to tell, but I felt like both authors brought it to light in an easy manner for the reader to understand. There is a world of abuse out there that a lot of us know nothing about. Reading this story starts the awareness. I would definitely recommend it for a "have to read"! It leaves you

wondering what's next for Stacey and is there a way I can help?

-Vickie Greenway

Kara says

Very good book told from the abused.

Victoria Flores says

What a great triumphant story of the human spirit. I want to give Stacey a big hug....

Garie Lewis says

A disturbing and sad story told very well with honesty, dignity and humor.

A more in depth review for this book will be posted after I put the necessary thought into finding the words to praise it adequately....but, don't wait for that to happen....READ THIS BOOK.

Marissa says

I'm giving this three stars for the writing quality, not the story. I admire Stacey very much for sharing her story, and I can only imagine what she had to go through in deciding to share it with the world.

However, especially with a co-author, I would have liked there to be more editing and watchfulness over the actual writing. A lot of her writing comes across as streams of consciousness that don't make a whole lot of sense sometimes, which made the story hard to follow at points.

Teresa says

I dislike books that skip around from the past to the present; especially ones that don't warn you that they are doing so. If not for that, I may have given this book one more star.

Charity says

This book is a little bit difficult to get through because of the graphic descriptions of the abuse the co-author suffered as a child. But, it is, of course, important to the story because family dynamics have everything to do with why these tragedies happened. The reader really gets the feeling that the right person was chosen to tell the story.

Danielle says

I wasn't crazy about this book. Although the author's life was horrifying, I didn't like the way the story was told. There is too much emphasis on her arrests and not enough about her life as a child. Sorry!

Rachel Feldman says

This book is extremely well written. With its twists and turns throughout horrific life and death events it smoothly transitions from one time line to the next painting the clear picture from the perspective of the writers' experience. A tragic tale of a severely dysfunctional family with a hopeful ending, this book exposes the snares and dysfunctional coping mechanisms within psychological and physical abuse. A must read for anyone experiencing abuse of any form, practitioners working with the abused and abusive, professionals in the field of criminal justice, or anyone simply interested in a hair raising tale for their summer reading, this book does not disappoint!

Cathy Moore says

This is a true story about a family's abusive relationship resulting in the murder of the father as well as mother fifteen years apart. The murders occurred in Orlando, Florida (famous for the Casey Anthony trial). The victims had three children involved in the abusive relationship in which two end up as suspects. The son (Rickie) and daughter (Stacey) end up on separate trials.

This is the story of the daughter (Stacey) that goes to trial. She was the co-author of the book. The book talks about the abuse that the family sustained over the years. From her childhood til the trial, she tells her life story. I found the book to be a little repetitive at times, but I guess that was because of the murder investigation.

Living in the Orlando area, I did find it interesting to read about the trial. It must have been over-shadowed by the Casey Anthony Trial or I was tuned out of the news (knowing Casey Anthony was going to be on the news) during this time as I don't recall their being a lot of news media hype about the murders. Being someone who likes to visualize things, I did like that they included pictures in the book.

Lin says

Abandoned this after about 80 pages.

In those pages, she used the words "honestly" and "truthfully" about a hundred times. Made me think she was being less than honest OR truthful.

She also repeated events, telling about her brother's and father's actions over and over and over. In some instances, she quoted police interviews--which only retold exactly what she described a few pages earlier.

All that, along with the annoying back and forth in time narrative made this really badly written. Even if I was drawn into the story (which I was in the beginning 30 pages, but lost interest), the poor writing overwhelmed any potential.

Liesa Harkness says

Intriguing and horrifying story of what happens to families in abusive homes. I read the Kindle version entitled Fear of Our Father ISBN 0425258734.

At times it would have been helpful to add a restating of previous information when it came up again later in the book. There is much detail and conflicting statements it would help with the readability to have a review of the detail when explaining its significance later. That is why I removed one star from the rating.
