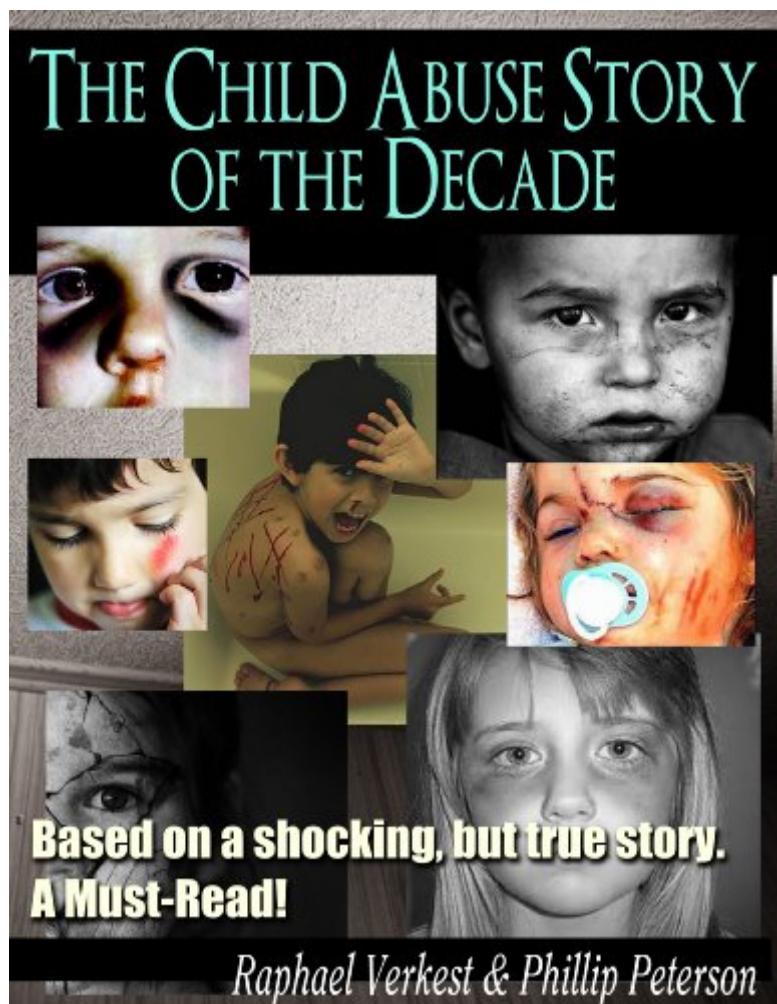


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# The Child Abuse Story Of The Decade - Based On A Shocking, But True Story



## **Synopsis**

The Child Abuse Story of the Decade is based on the true story of a large Belgian family spanning the year 1879 to the present day. It focuses on the shocking brutal treatment by one family member who was a brother, husband and father directed towards other family members. It begins with a love story between two young adults and moves on to their marriage and production of 16 children. All appears well as the family prospers. However, one of their children, Christian, shows an early predisposition to violence and brutality. The story then follows Christian from his early violent tendencies, through the alienation of his brothers and sisters, into his marriage where his brutality and violent tendencies continue with his wife and children, resulting in the shocking death of one of his children. The book then follows the other children, and how the psychopathic tendencies of their father have affected their lives.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The story is sad, but by no means the 'child abuse story of the decade'. Yes, it's awful what some of the characters went through as kids. But I question some of the storyline ... how does the author

know what people were thinking many decades ago? Here is no mention of any diary or other written account of life years ago. And to think people talked about their sex life??The writing is not easy to read. It seemed like a story written in another language and translated to English. There were also errors in the book; one place Vera's name is written as Mary. Near the end there are a couple sentences crossed out and Paul is referenced as having a wife after he had divorced. And some of the dates at the beginning are wrong or incomplete.

Such a sad story! I like how the writer goes back a couple of generations to try to explain how people turned out the way they did.

I normally read a book this size very fast but book was a hard pill to swallow. It hurt me to read how horribly these children were abused. Being a retired nurse I have some experience in child abuse. I still can't understand how a Mom or Dad can stand by and allow it to happen. We do need to understand in some areas that women had no rights they had to do exactly what the husband said. I'm sure it is still the same in some areas. Please read this book and if you know someone you think is being abused please let the authorities know. You do not have to give your name and you might save a life. Thank you. Vivian Duarte. TN.t

The book has an interesting story, though how it could possibly be true is a good question. The intimate details of the grandparents and parents is quite far fetched considering that the mothers would not even acknowledge the abuse other than inside their own heads (and also the sexual details are not necessary for this story) the abuse is there but not shocking any more so than others (not extreme) the writer seemed to go off in different directions from paragraph to paragraph at times as well. Overall a decent read, but not a five star worthy book by any means.

This story showed me how the abuse of a family traveled through the generations and was consciously and abruptly stopped in its tracks!! I particularly enjoyed the different eras of writing as each generation was introduced and written about in this sorrowful but amazing story or accomplishment and retribution. This story has its highs and lows, but worth the read. I honestly can't say there was anything I did not enjoy. My suggestion is read this, you may enjoy it as much as I did.

I enjoyed the true story of Paul and his 13 siblings growing up. I cried along with them during the

sad times and celebrated with them during the good. It is a shocking story of abuse but, was very common during that era. It is a joy to listen to survivors of such tragedies. God does watch over little children!

It was an interesting book but there was really no resolution at the end. The abuse was no worse than other child abuse stories I have heard of or read about. I suppose it could have been considered the abuse story of the decade for the time setting 1950's era, but it wasn't that shocking to be titled The Child Abuse Story of the Decade. Read it if you have extra time on your hands. Otherwise select something else. I'm just glad that it was a free book.

Book was very well written, gives the reader a different perspective on how abuse in its many forms is as old as time and how it can be overcome with strength of character. I pray that Paul will find peace

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