



## **Book Review**

### **Twisted Roots of Evil**

By Susan Kesegich

This book is the true story of one girl, a local girl who resided and grew up in a small town in Georgia. She along with her siblings suffered through incest, physical and mental abuse, deprivation, poor living conditions as well as witnessing the physical abuse to their mother. The entire family endured this hellacious torment for many years, but ultimately survived.

This book is very inspirational, and gives the reader a sense of knowing exactly how the author and her family were feeling. This book is very easy reading and hard to put down, it show pictures of the family throughout the years which gives the readers a picture to place with the words, to personalize the story even more. And because the story takes place in a small Georgia town, it connects to the reader that this family could be living next door, or going to school with your own children.

I definitely suggest this book to any professional, working with children suffering through abuse, or parents raising children who have suffered this abuse, or individuals who are abuse victims themselves. The book depicts the thoughts of a child being raised in a family with such turmoil, and what methods she used to survive and escape the terror she endured growing up. I had the pleasure of hearing the author speak on her childhood experiences, and she was brutally honest of the abuse she suffered and the way the family was failed by the judicial system. But in the end, justice was served and the healing process began.

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