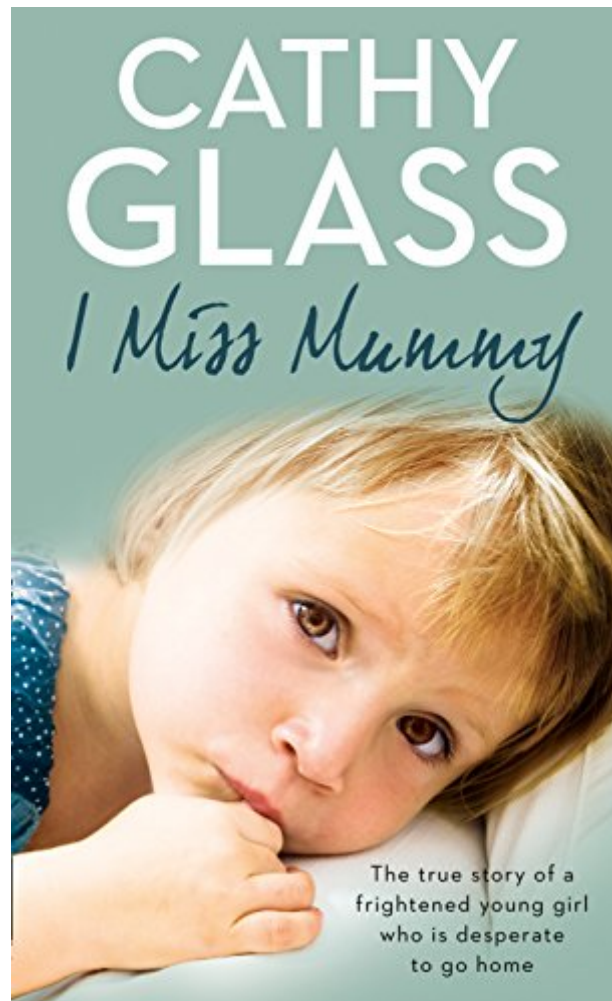


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I Miss Mummy: The True Story Of A Frightened Young Girl Who Is Desperate To Go Home



Synopsis

Cathy Glass, the no.1 bestselling author of *Damaged*, tells the story of the Alice, a young and vulnerable girl who is desperate to return home to her mother. Alice, aged four, is snatched by her mother the day she is due to arrive at Cathy's house. Drug-dependent and mentally ill, but desperate to keep hold of her daughter, Alice's mother snatches her from her parents' house and disappears. Cathy spends three anxious days worrying about her whereabouts before Alice is found safe, but traumatised. Alice is like a little doll, so young and vulnerable, and she immediately finds her place in the heart of Cathy's family. She talks openly about her mummy, who she dearly loves, and how happy she was living with her maternal grandparents before she was put into care. Alice has clearly been very well looked after and Cathy can't understand why she couldn't stay with her grandparents. It emerges that Alice's grandparents are considered too old (they are in their early sixties) and that the plan is that Alice will stay with Cathy for a month before moving to live with her father and his new wife. The grandparents are distraught â Alice has never known her father, and her grandparents claim he is a violent drug dealer. Desperate to help Alice find the happy home she deserves, Cathy's parenting skills are tested in many new ways. Finally questions are asked about Alice's father suitability, and his true colours begin to emerge.

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Customer Reviews

I like books by Cathy Glass because she is an easy read and she doesn't go into too many of the horrific details like some similar books. I usually find myself so involved in the stories of the children that she writes about that I just can't put the book down.

This is the 4th book that I've read written by Cathy Glass and yet I think this is the best book by far in terms of "suspense". The arrangements of the story have twists after twists to one point I felt that I couldn't handle it. Cathy Glass is able to deliver the story and make the readers feel for the main character in the story, even she is a little girl. The one thing I don't like about this book is other miscellaneous stuff it has toward the end, I had to skip about 10% of the final story. Overall, it's a good read and I'd recommend it to other readers.

This is a 5 star book -- the true story of a child in foster care by mistake. It broke my heart. I cried. I recommend it because it's a good, genuine, well-written story and thank heaven it has a happy enough ending... this time.

This is an English author who is a care giver in the foster system of England. This is a true story about "Alice" who has a mentally ill mother and has gone to live with her grandparents. A Social Worker decides they are too old to care for Alice. They discover a dad and girlfriend who have not been in Alice's lives at all and decide after a time of visitations with supervision that Alice can be sent to live with them. In the meantime she is in foster care. The book shows the dedication and flaws in the system and how a child can get lost having bad results on the child's life. You will want to see what happens to Alice. The author has written several books about cases she has had in the past.

There is a reason I only gave this book 3 stars. I LOVE Cathy Glass books....normally. And this book was one that could have been well written because the story itself was not dull nor was the child whom it was about. The problem was I found some very sloppy writing in this book. I found 10

typo errors throughout the book and wondered if Cathy's editor needed some eye glasses. On top of that Cathy tended to use the child's name in every sentence. It got old. When you have a paragraph with three sentences all about the child the book is about, using her name in all three sentences gets redundant. Thankfully, most of her books are not written like this one was. I still think her book about Jodie, "Damaged", is her best writing.

This is a very well written story of a traumatized child of a dysfunctional mother. However, Alice is resilient and after being placed in a loving foster home, she begins to heal. This story rings true and fortunately, ends well, even with the initial challenge of the loss of all that she had held dear. I loved it and could sympathize totally with all the characters in this story based on true events.

I gave this book a 5 star rating because, it was a well written storyline. Cathy knew early on that Alice should not be in social service care and her case workers came to realize that too. I fell in love with Alice myself. This is a case where Social Services failed Alice and her family in so many ways. Thankfully it worked out well in the end with Alice being placed back with her family. I love happy endings. I would recommend this book!!

This story was difficult to read because of the subject matter. It was interesting just how a child can get lost in the system. Speaking with people that have been through this themselves and the effect it had on their lives has been eye opening. Children are our future we need to be love and protect them and fight for them when necessary. It was a good book.

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