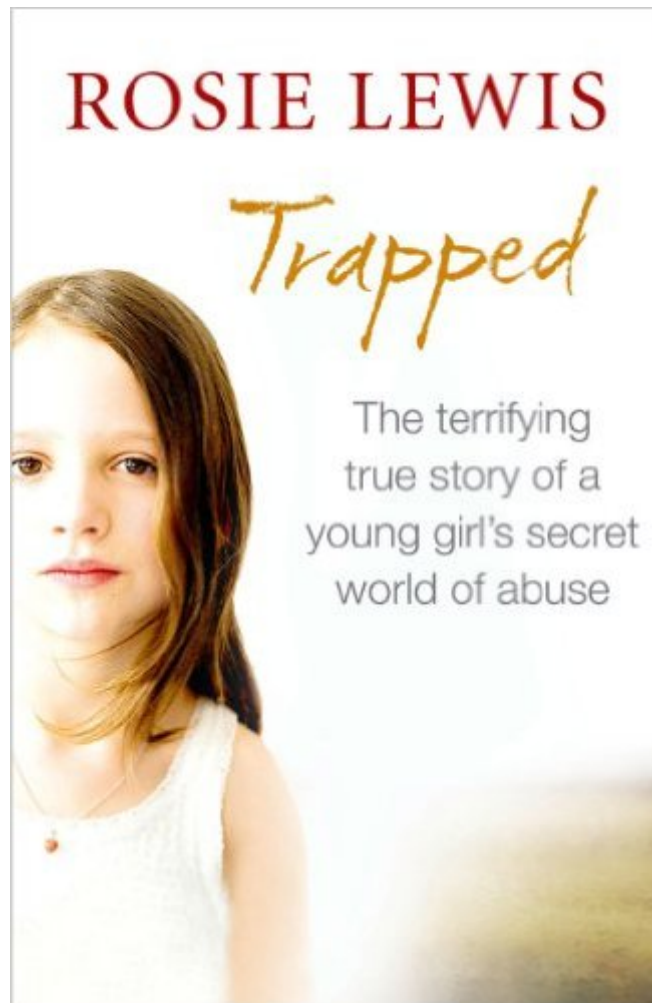


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# Trapped: The Terrifying True Story Of A Secret World Of Abuse



## Synopsis

Trapped was a Sunday Times bestseller and the first memoir from foster carer Rosie Lewis. Phoebe, an autistic nine-year-old girl, is taken into police protection after a chance comment to one of her teachers alerts the authorities that all might not be what it seems in her comfortable, middle-class home. Experienced foster carer Rosie accepts the youngster as an emergency placement knowing that her autism will represent a challenge – not only for her but also for the rest of the family. But after several shocking incidents of self-harming, Pica and threats to kill, it soon becomes apparent that Phoebe's autism may be the least of her problems. Locked for nine years in a secret world of severe abuse, as Phoebe opens up about her horrific past, her foster carer begins to suspect that Phoebe may not be suffering from autism at all.

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## Customer Reviews

I have an adopted daughter who went through a lot of neglect and horrible abuse. I am aware of the emotional and physical baggage they come with to your home. I am so impressed with how Rosie deals with this young girl. You have no idea until you have a child like this what turmoil is involved raising them. Our daughter was able to overcome her past with lots of prayers, persistence, and love. Rosie had an even harder challenge than us, and did it so well. Many people might think this a rare occurrence, but it's not. You have to read this book to have your eyes opened to what is happening to children everywhere. And also be blessed by the big heart Rosie has. I must say it appears the UK has higher standards for their foster homes than we have.

I love reading the "UK single mum foster carer" genre, and while this isn't quite as good as a Cathy Glass novel, I have to admit I was riveted the entire time I was reading. The book was interesting and important to read in its being an eye-opening type of horrific story that needs to be told, especially if you're not overly familiar with foster care or the hellish situations so many children find themselves being pulled from before being placed in foster care. What I felt the book lacked was the realism that I enjoy so much in Cathy Glass books. Cathy Glass is a stickler for details, making the whole experience feel like it just clicks together and makes sense, as she works with social services and deals with red tape and all kinds of people within the system. THIS book tended to gloss over a lot of those details like meetings and the social services hierarchy, and the people within that hierarchy that I would have grown accustomed to 'getting to know' in a Cathy Glass book. I appreciate being privy to those details... it makes me feel more a part of things, and gives me a much clearer picture of the child in question. Since this is pretty early on in Rosie Lewis' career I'd say she's made an AMAZING start and can go nowhere but up! Looking forward to see what else she has in store.

I truly admire foster care givers, without them these poor children wouldn't stand a chance but because they open their homes and hearts it makes life and death difference in the life of an abused child. I will never understand how anyone could harm a child in any form and especially the children's own parent who suppose to love and protect them, it breaks my heart. Glad to hear Phoebe is doing so well and found a loving, nurturing home. Thanks to Rosie for all she does to help these children feel safe, loved so they can open up and begin to heal.

I prefer Cathy Glass's books on the subject of foster care and children who are looked after under the UK social services. Her books are more personal, insightful and homey than this author's first, as well as Casey Watson's. It seems to be a new and popular genre, as another reviewer wrote. I did not feel connected to Phoebe or even Rosie and her family. I wanted to enjoy the book more- maybe her next one? The one coming out seems similar to CG's *The Child Bride*, about a girl from a culture who believes in honour killings etc. I would try another Lewis book. Cathy Glass is my undisputed favourite, though.

This is another book dealing with foster care. Unfortunately this child was old enough to realize she was be taken from her parents without understanding why. She was 7/8 when removed and only saw them a couple of times before she was permanently removed.

This story is one which will remain with me. Rosie Lewis tells of a child she fostered who had suffered abuse from her birth parents. As this young victim of abuse acts out her emotional fragility, Rosie is able to comfort and reassure her, while teaching her that she can love and trust safely. The book is beautifully written and highly recommended.

Read in 2 days! I would have lasted one day with this child. Rosie deserves an award for changing this girl's life. I could never be a Foster parent. Kudos Rosie! Total page turner!

Loved this book, I look forward to reading more of Rosie's stories when I can find them on sale as they are a bit costly for me. She is a great writer and caregiver..

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