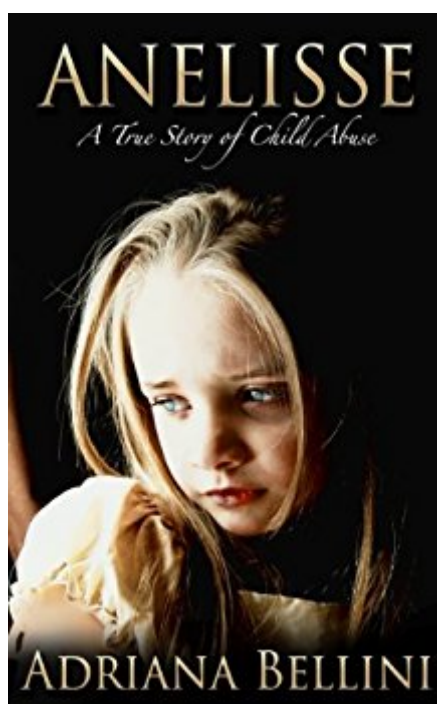


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# Anelisse: A True Story Of Child Abuse



## Synopsis

In the small New Jersey town of Arbor Falls, a young girl named Anelisse must convince her love-struck mother that her new husband is not the charming, laid-back man he appears to be. Once his violent true colors are revealed, Anelisse desperately attempts to convince her mother to leave him, but to no avail. After realizing she no longer has the support of her mother, Anelisse must do what she can to protect herself, as well as her siblings, in order to make it out of the house alive. Anelisse is the chilling true story of a young New Jersey girl who struggles to survive emotional, physical, and verbal abuse at the hands of her alcoholic stepfather. Based on author Adriana Bellini's real-life battle with child abuse, Anelisse provides a chilling, detailed look inside the dysfunctional world many abused children come from. **WARNING:** Contains graphic violence and strong language.

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## Customer Reviews

As a young girl, Anelisse and her twin sister Maddie were ecstatic that their mother has found a new husband. The girls are excited to have a father, who appears loving and attentive. As time goes by, they see a new, ugly side of their stepfather. He begins to inflict terrible abuse on their mother, and

eventually on the children themselves. A younger brother is born, but the situation gets worse and worse, until finally Anelisse must do what she can to make sure she survives. It is always difficult to say you like or enjoy a book that details severe child abuse. How can someone like that? The subject matter is so heart breaking and sad. Yet I am so glad that these types of books continue to be written, and I have great respect for the authors to be so adept at sharing these stories. This book is stark, and raw. The story is, at times, quite difficult to read, but the writing is beautifully executed. The book is based on the real experiences of the author, so it is a delicate blend of nonfiction and fiction. The reality truly comes through in the writing; it is clear that people really do suffer through these terrible situations. But the focus here is on survival, and that gives the readers and other survivors hope. I think it is so important that these stories continue to be told, so that other victims know they are not alone, and that they too can have a good life. It is never fun to read about the pain of others. But I am better for having read this well written book. I received a review copy courtesy of the author in exchange for my honest review.

So sad that you all had to go thru such pain. Thank God you all made it out alive and able to get help to overcome all that. I know full well how drinking can change some people into such cruel violent form of themselves as I went thru it with my first husband and now suffer from panic disorders and chronic pain from the abuse I suffered at his drunken hands .. God bless you for sharing your story to help others as well as yourself. I hate drinking with a purple passion due to what I endured thru out those 7 years .. This story is heartbreaking and inspiring as well that you all were able to survive and break the cycle of abuse.

This tragic, first-person account of growing up in an abusive household is not easy to read. Anelisse had so much hurt and abuse to live through that it is amazing that she had the strength to survive. I highly recommend this book. Elaine

I found this a very down to earth read that because of the content was at times hard to digest. I ran the gamut of emotions, laughter, tears, sympathy, pity and remorse. Sad that children have no say in the cards they are dealt. This amazing novel of a young woman who survived and has gone on to share her story as a way to help others gives me admiration for the author. A very tough subject that was handled very well indeed. I look forward to the next novel from Adrianna Bellini.

This tale gives a very pure perspective into an abominable situation. It flowed really well and was an

easy-read that left me with something to contemplate in regards to how many children are forced to endure such adversity.

Anelisse is the true story of a young woman's struggle with abuse, but she isn't just concerned with her own safety. She has also taken on the responsibility of protecting her twin sister Maddie and younger brother David. But when an unplanned pregnancy compels her to move out of her family home, Lissy must deal with the clash of feelings she has over her own well-being and that of her siblings. This book resonates, because it's about love, strength, and overcoming even the harshest of obstacles. It's beautifully done. Bravo to Adriana Bellini for writing such a brave story.

This was a fantastic first-hand account about a young woman raised in an abusive household. To watch her life change from good to bad to worse and then pulling out of the downward spiral is heart-wrenching. The writing was simple, but poignant and effective for the subject matter. Reading about her experiences--especially her relationship with her siblings and mother--was eye-opening and though it obviously is a painful and deeply traumatic part of her life, her words are very moving and it's obvious that she has come to grips with it. While hard to read at parts, it still maintains a sense of hope and closure about it. However, I wish there had been more to the story that spoke of the aftermath when she finally got out of the situation for good. It dealt with it some, but I would have loved to see more of her transformation from simply a survivor to a thriving person, which from her writing you can tell that she has gotten closure on this. The relationships with her mother and siblings are mentioned in the epilogue, but not enough to give me (as a reader) closure.

It always amazes me what people have lived through. Glad I read, it hit on almost every emotion I have.

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