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For years, Jenny and sister Kim suffered horrendous physical and sexual abuse at the hands of their father. They survived in part because of their closeness and their determination to be there for each other. Both sisters left home at the earliest opportunity to escape but before long, Jenny was embroiled in a relationship with an abusive man that kept her locked in a cycle of violence and fear. Their lives followed parallel paths, with first marriage, then kids and always the terror that things would never change. Eventually, with a lot of love, grit and courage they helped each other to climb out of the pit of despair and truly free themselves from the legacy of the past. Every bit as harrowing and inspiring as Behind Closed Doors, this is a story of the power of unstintingly loyal love.

Silent Sisters Details

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Greenmoments says

What an emotional roller-coaster.

I felt for the characters and their stories. Every bit of it.

It was a tough read in some places, because you felt so bad for the characters, but then there were areas of joy. And a lot of varied emotions in between.

Maybe additionally what made it emotional was the fact that I knew the characters were talking of real, life stories, and not a fantasy. They lived through everything they wrote.

A tough, but good read.

Janie Curtis says

A complete and utterly heart wrenching true story, written beautifully, and just amazing. I've read this book twice now and to read about what these poor women went through is absolutely, painstakingly awful.

A brilliant read, really does deserve 5 stars.

Beautiful book.

Jean Smith says

Liked reading this book but very frustrating and worrying as to why someone can let themselves be bullied and abused for so long?

Patricia Kaniasty says

It was good but very long winded. I did not understand some of the decisions they made concerning their partners in life. It was confusing as to what it was that they were looking for in life and broke a lot of hearts along the way.

Rebecca says

Fantastic sequel to the first book and one I zipped through in no time. Well worth a read!

Andreab says

This was an ok read. I can't remember reading the first book so that may have contributed to my ok review. These sisters certainly struggled through life and you can't help the heart ache you feel for them. Happy to hear both are living happily now.

Kim says

Disturbing and graphic memoir by Jenny Tomlin (Martine McCutcheon's mother) and her sister, Kim Challinor. Following on from 'Behind Closed Doors', which told of their suffering as children at the hands of an abusive father, this book tells of the sisters' sometimes traumatic relationships in adulthood and the various ups and downs in their respective lives. 8.5/10.

Linda says

so much heartache and sadness that no child should endure.

Hana Nur says

pretty graphic images come to mind when i read this book.

Shirley says

A story of abuse by their father and partner keith

Jo says

This was written by both Jenny tomlin and her sister kim. Jenny goes in to detail about the mental and physical abuse she suffered at the hands of her partner. To read it and not be completely horrified at what she went through would not do her justice.

Her sister Kim wrote how she reacted to the goings on of Jenny as well as finding her own path in life, being an incredibly young mother, moving away from friends and her sister. Both also wrote the painful memories of their brother Chris and his death.

It is a very good book and I have read it several times. I would say I was a bit confused at first going between both writers but still I couldn't put it down.

Miz says

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!

Shona says

This book covers the lives of two sisters who were subjected to abuse throughout childhood and then later on in adulthood. It follows the sisters lives from the time they leave their fathers house and start their journeys of adult life. At points it could be seen as a tear jerker but something annoyed me about the book. It is written by the two sisters and it is written in a way that is well over the job. The sisters describe themselves as if they are some sort of angel, that all they do was caring and if they did get into an argument it was not their fault it was the others. They portray themselves in too good a light and at times this got to be annoying.
