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The choice between life and death should be an easy one. However, the life that I had been given—the life I'm being asked to go back to—makes death seem like a welcome reprieve.

Before I turned eight, my mother sold me. The man who bought me trained me for the life he expected me to live. For more than ten years I was held captive, beaten, tortured—shattered. There was one person who cared about me, and that gave me the strength to hold on to the small part of me that still existed. I finally escaped, only to learn that the hold of my past was stronger than the pull of my future.

Now he's captured me again, and he's given me a choice—life with him, or death.

I have 24 hours to decide.

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Ashley says

Once again Carrie Beckort makes me cry! It probably wasn't the best choice for me to read this book the same month that I read Girls Like Us by Rachel Lloyd but I did and even though I think I cried this whole month because of books it was worth it. This book discusses a tough subject and forces Angel into a situation where she must live with the man who broke her or die. What a choice! But our Angel is a survivor and that makes this book powerful. If you haven't read Carrie Beckort then read this one and you'll soon learn why I think she's so amazing.

Andrea Stoeckel says

A brutally honest book whose storyline grips you and does not let go

Charlotte Lynn says

Oh my gosh! If you are looking for a book that will pull you in, tug at your heart, and leaving you spinning when it is done this is exactly the book for you. I started this, not sure I could handle the idea of a child being sold at age eight, and was not able to put it down. While the storyline is not an easy read, Carrie Beckort told the story in a way that showed compassion and love.

Isaac is amazing. He stands up to his dad, the man, and falls in love with Angel. He goes above and beyond to protect her, putting himself in danger at every turn. He understands things that most people will never know about. He understands why Angel does not like to be touched, why she flinches at loud noises. I am amazed at all he goes through to keep her safe and his reaction when things do not always work the way he thought they would.

While this story line scares me, who wouldn't be with the thought of selling children and training them to be sex slaves, I found myself unable to stop reading about the horrors Angel went through. I also could not stop thinking about the story when I was away from the book. I had to know if she would come out on top, ever be able to live a semi-normal life, or if she was destined to be lost in the sex slave world forever.

I certainly recommend Shattered Angel.

Kelly Hager says

I was so excited to get to read this book. I absolutely loved her first book (Kingston's Project) and this sounded amazing. And it is, but it's also really, really different.

This book is an absolutely harrowing, brutal experience. It's never gratuitous but bad things happen and we know about it. The early chapters, where we experience things from a young Angel's perspective, reminded

me of Room. We are only told what Angel knows, and she doesn't know much. But since you'll be reading this from a grownup's perspective, you will understand things she doesn't.

It's not like either choice was particularly great, and I went back and forth about which would be the best choice for Angel to make. (To quote Stephen Hawking, where there's life, there's hope, and I was hoping that she'd choose life just so she could wait for an opportunity to escape again...but then, too, is it really better to be alive if THAT is the life you have? No, probably not.)

I will say that we do know for a fact which choice she makes. It isn't an ending where the reader can interpret it either way.

This is an amazing book, but be prepared to cry several times.

Highly recommended.

Indiebrag says

We are proud to announce that SHATTERED ANGEL by Carrie Beckort is a B.R.A.G. Medallion Honoree. This tells a reader that this book is well worth their time and money!

Jami Mathis says

This book took me a while to finish. It isn't a book you read in one setting. Your mind needs time to digest what is actually going on.

The way Carrie led us through Ang's life.... A terribly sad story.

This isn't a story about a girl that gets sold into sex slavery and then finds her true love. No. Its griddy. Its real. And its absolutely heart breaking.

Lou Arna says

Crappy doodles! That was intense...

Beautiful writing. Dark, very very dark. Best avoided if you can't read about rape and abuse.

Hunter says

I won a copy, and I was excited to read it, but when I got it, I was blown away! "Shattered Angel" was amazing. It was dark, twisted, thrilling, compelling; everything I look for in a book. This book is definitely

one I'll cherish, and read over and over again.

WordsAPlenty says

WordsAPlenty obtained a copy of this book to review. The review is entirely based on the opinion of the reader.

This is a story told in reverse, from Angel's point of view. She recalls her brief life in moving and emotional detail. In life, everyone has choices to make but for Angel she's been making them since she turned eight when she met the man, the man with the mean eyes.

"I want that doll, but to have the doll I can't have Mommy."

Sold by her "crackhead and prostitute" mother, Angel finds herself in a new home with continued isolation from the outside world while receiving an education that is unique to most everyone else. She is tortured, beaten, and abused daily in order to live the life the man with the mean eyes has determined. People have choices to make every day, but for Angel her choices mean life or death.

For years, Angel is groomed for this special life but she also learns about love and truth from Issac, the son of the mean man. Together they hope to find a better life but in the end, Angel's only choice is to return to her old life or death.

"I-I'm so sorry Ang. I love you. I don't know how to fix this. I'm sorry."

She has one last final choice to make but will she be strong enough to make the right one? For too long she has been disconnected from life; today she has to make the right choice but will she be strong enough to do that? When the last knock, marking her 24 hours is up sounds, Angel has made her choice.

The author, Carrie Beckort takes a fictional story and makes it real. This is not a book one can read in one sitting, no one is strong enough for the emotional tug of war that Beckort

Powerfully written, within the 288 pages of this book, Beckort will elicit every single emotion a person can experience in a lifetime. The dialog is realistic and strong; the characters are fully developed including those who are briefly present. Each character, each word is poignant and captivating. With each twist of the story, the reader is left breathless and shaken.

Beckort is a skillful writer, taking the most basic experiences and emotions and builds on them. She weaves a masterful story that encompasses all the emotions and heightens them in a constructive and powerful manner. This is a haunting story and one that could be true given human nature. One will not look at life the same again; one will not make hasty choices again without more thought. One will be haunted by both the soft innocent eyes of Angel and the mean eyes of the man as well as the story line itself.

Beckort is an expert at tugging heart strings, teasing minds and creating gasping moments. Nothing in this book is gratuitous; it can be very painful to read at times while other times you have hope that everything will work out fine. In the end, we all have choices ...

I look forward to more books written by Carrie Beckort, she is quickly growing to be one of my favorite authors. WordsAPlenty awards this book with a five-star review because it is powerful, well written and haunting. It is not a book to be forgotten anytime soon.

Karen Michener says

Shattered Angel by Carrie Beckort, is a troubling book due to its topic of human trafficking and sexual abuse. Although fictional, this topic that is all too real in our world today. If I had to describe this novel in one word it would be “unsettling”. The novel is told in first person from the viewpoint of Angel, the main character, who was sold into human bondage and prostitution at the age of eight by a crack head and alcohol addicted mother. An undercurrent of sadness and hopelessness continues throughout the novel. My only problem with the novel is the unwavering badness of the antagonist which adds an almost “James Bond” over the top evil quality that is so extreme that it introduces an unreal component that somewhat stretches the limits of believability.
