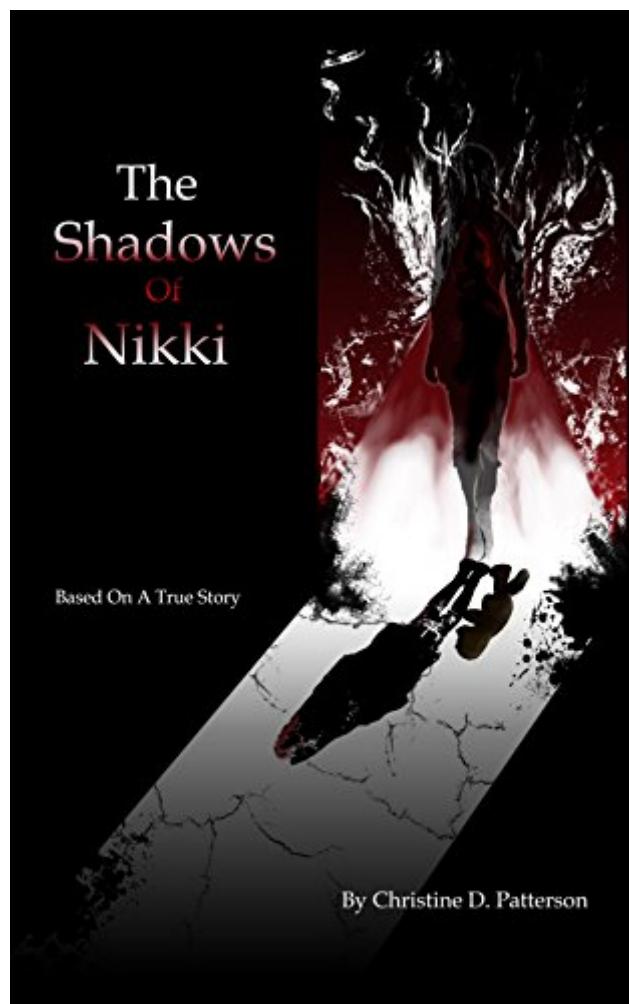


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# The Shadows Of Nikki



## **Synopsis**

You are about to take a journey back in time. This story takes place some forty years ago, where the word "abuse" was considered taboo. Within the pages of this book, is the horrific story of one little girl's life. Nikki's adopted parents, the Taylor's, had the entire justice system convinced that Nikki was insane. Nikki had been living in an unthinkable hell for years. Unfortunately, when the truth finally came to light, it was too late. Her story is one of the many shocking cases of child abuse, which never had the chance to be heard. It is time to hear Nikki's story, the side no one would listen to, until now. "The Shadows of Nikki" is based on a true story of adoption and abuse. What you are about to read, is graphic. This book is not intended for under the age of seventeen. Parental discretion is advised. This is the new challenge for the world to embrace. It is called child abuse. We have the power to stop this vicious cycle that has plagued our children for years. I Christine D. Patterson will donate fifty cent for every digital version of "The Shadows of Nikki" that is sold, and one dollar for every book that is sold. I want to help bring awareness of child abuse that plagues our world every day. It is time for these children's voices to be heard and understood. Proceeds will be going to <http://fosteringmediaconnections.org> This book is the new version of the 2007 edition.

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

Overall, the book was decent. The writing was subpar but I overlooked that since the majority of it was written by "Nikki". The warning of very serious adult content was a bit exaggerated since there was not much detail involved with any of the abusive situations which I did appreciate. I went into reading this book with a desire to have a first hand account of the foster system in the US. While it's mentioned that the system failed her, little was mentioned about the foster system. Lastly, I felt that too many chunks of her childhood and adulthood were missing. The book just seemed a recounting of a few traumatic experiences from childhood rather than Nikki's journey from a tumultuous upbringing into adulthood. In essence, the book seemed rushed. I would not recommend this book to anyone.

I've read some horrific books on child abuse both autobiography or case studies. This book had warnings that made me believe the incidents experienced were worse than any I might have read. It was not hard reading. I'm not undermining what Nikki experienced its just that the author exaggerated how readers would be affected by the story. It was not well written. Whatever Nikki experienced that left her traumatized I hope she finally find the peace she needs in her senior years and the loving support from her children.

This book represents my life...it's ironic. I was born in the 50's, taken by the state for neglect at age 2 with my sister-(9 months). Went into foster care with the same kind of abuse. The belt that were sliced at the ends, the cast iron frying pan. I too have flashbacks and I am almost 60. Did not mean to go on and on. I would love to talk with Nikki if she wishes. Our lives seem so intertwined.

This book really gets you pumped up. BUT it is a huge let down. It tells you that this is by no means suitable for any one with a weak stomach. I did not read ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE RATED FOR ADULTS ONLY...Don't waste your time or money for this book. The worst thing that happened was the child got a beating...BIG TEASE.

This book demonstrates how our current, and past, way of dealing with child abuse continues to fail. Nikki's story is one of neglect from all parties, including the ones who should have loved her the most. Once I began reading this book, I couldn't put it down! The simple writing style, yet profound

story, blend to create a novel that is a true picture of society's failings. Through the voices of Nikki and her interviewer, the reader is taken on a journey into the life of a child who never knew what true, unconditional love felt like. As painful as the story was, I couldn't put it down once I'd started, and I believe anyone who picks it up will feel the same.

Read a few pages then stopped. Waste of my money. It's like a case study that I didn't sign up for. Not for me. Confusing in the first part explaining the other foster kids. I couldn't keep up so I stop reading

Look, in not saying this poor girl didn't go through hell, but I believe a lot was left out off this story to benefit her side. It's sad when any child is abused. Verbally, physically, mentally, or sexually. It doesn't matter, but there are SO many missing pieces... Tell me your life story, good and bad. But don't think I'm stupid enough to believe that everything was perfect. You probably did act out for good reason. I'm no stranger to your plight. But do not minimize your role in the story to paint a better "monster". If I would have been presented the whole truth, I would have gave a better rating..

Loved it and hope that Nikkei finds piece at the end. May God bless her and her beautiful kids. Thanks for writing this book.

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