

Chapter 1 : Viga Boland, Incest Survivor | Challenged Hope

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Comments A child sits at the side of the road with a suitcase full of pennies and Cheerios. Her writing is exceptionally clear-eyed and beautiful, though the content is appalling, revealing a monstrous family. Story continues below advertisement Incest is the worst betrayal of trust, a crime we continue to look away from. Nearly 13 per cent of women and nearly 8 per cent of men have reported childhood sexual abuse by a parent or caregiver, according to an exhaustive meta-analysis of global studies published in Another is the disturbing memoir *Tiger Tiger* by the late author Margaux Fragoso, who recounts the 15 years she spent with a pedophile, starting when she was 7 and he was Critics blasted the book for being tantamount to child pornography and rightly wondered who would be reading. The book is highly graphic, which is problematic. This is a person who in the very authorship of the book and in the execution of the writing demonstrates a profound level of self-awareness. Bland added that he hopes it will help people trapped in situations involving sexual violence. The memoir shows the complex ripple effects of incest. The *Globe and Mail* spoke with Canadian researchers, educators and therapists about survivors, perpetrators and what can be done to heal in the aftermath. Unable to fight back or flee, many children freeze during the attacks, dissociating from their bodies to cope. The *Incest Diary* author often imagines floating above the scene in the sky during her assaults, though trauma remains afterward. Story continues below advertisement Offenders will often alternate violence with care, creating immense confusion for a child who may love the relative but not his behaviour, which the child is forced to tolerate. Sometimes, the abuse is the only reprieve from other forms of violence: The *Incest Diary* author surmises that participating saved her from being killed by her physically abusive father. That resonates with the complicated dynamic experts see time and again with this type of abuse. Other victims develop precocious sexuality, having sex earlier and with more partners. Throughout their consensual relationships in adulthood, some victims may develop deep trust issues, severe shame around their own sexual needs or they may start to correlate violence with intimacy. Some victims form unhealthy relationships, such as the author, who takes up with a married year-old man when she is 18 and studying in Chile. Mom rides horses, dad plays tennis and their beach house has an American flag planted outside. Although abuse crosses all class lines, the veneer helps to conceal the reality. Her credibility takes another hit because she is, on occasion, "a problem child" who runs away and grows aggressive at school. They are common behaviours among victimized children, but are used to undermine them when they disclose, Seto said. The psychologist sees parallels with the way people doubt victims of domestic violence, questioning why they stayed or returned to their abusers. When the abuse comes to light, her grandfather tries to have her committed to a mental-health institution. And when the author confides in a beloved family friend, the woman confesses that she too had been molested and her parents did nothing. She advises the author to "forget it, and get over it. This is what she grew up with and her way of coping as a child was to shut down. Some offenders have a sexual preference for minors and some are highly opportunistic or have high arousal, novelty or thrill-seeking tendencies. Others exhibit psychopathic traits: Often, sexual offenders will try to rationalize their behaviour with a series of "thinking errors," as the clinical community calls them. Entitlement is a recurring theme: The social worker will share a list of these "thinking errors" with her clients so that they can identify such thoughts when they bubble up. Treating perpetrators Individual therapy can serve to educate offenders on consent. For others, the wake-up call comes during group therapy: She also stresses teaching proper dictionary names for all body parts so there is zero misunderstanding when a child discloses. While she does not believe childhood sexual abuse can be prevented, Spring argues that schools can help bring about disclosures, meaning a child can see a counsellor faster and a perpetrator can be removed from the home sooner. Spring would speak to Grade 5 and 6 classes about sexual abuse: Is there somebody in the school you could tell, or a teacher? The *Incest Diary* author recalls a Grade 11 health class where child abuse is discussed. She faints at the word "incest" and later lies to school staff about the assaults. No one pushes the issue further. For Catherine

Gildiner, a retired Toronto psychologist whose forthcoming book *Still Standing* is about abuse survivors, the word to watch for is "secrets. Gildiner helps people develop friendships, closeness and consensual intimacy. You have shut that down and have no idea what you want," she said.

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Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain. The most any of us can do is to sign on as its accomplice. Instead of vowing to honor and obey, maybe we should swear to aid and abet. That would mean that security is out of the question. My love for you has no strings attached. I love you for free. Sometimes it has felt lonely to be kinky, poly, intellectual, philosophical, mystical and kinky like me, and then I find others who are like me in some of those ways. Oh, maybe I do. In some of these ways. Chances are that in person some of them are full of new age fru fru. But the articles are beautiful and sexy and thought-provoking. She was saying the kinds of things that all mothers, all people tend to say in certain situations. None of it rang true to me. Only believing his thoughts can do that. Still, we do have an innate and often unused ability to find beauty no matter where we look. See Shampoo Methods on the right. It is this awareness I was wondering about. I said that made us sound like victims. Well, I am totally helpless about that. Not only helpless, but hopeless. This morning, I found a new email from Mother, that reads: We view things not just internally but in context. Something that might elicit one feeling in one context might elicit something entirely different in another context. We all have examples of that. Context does not control the inner, nor should it, but it is a part of the big picture. Mother, I have no idea what this means. Then I thought about it. Totally in her business at this point, and trying to respond to her email, I wrote: Truth to tell it sounds like a lot of explanation and justification. It reminds me of an insight I had a few weeks ago. I finally got it. The simplicity of it amazed me. I have been wrestling with this argument from others for years, decades, really, starting with my Mother. That is where I find clarity. If you want to try it, look at the Shampoo Methods page, linked on the right there. What was really cool for me is that Paul got it. It was good to connect with him on this and other things. Love, Ann If you are interested in all of the IAM Instant Advanced Meditations there are over a dozen of them you can sample two more of them here for free:

Chapter 3 : Jane's Inner Child Memoir: Father-Daughter Incest and Mother's Betrayal

The harvest of incest-survivor books reflects the popular vision of mind and memory, in which the mind is a camera or tape recorder: all events that happen to us are recorded in memory, although.

Judd, 42, writes about her traumatic childhood, attending 13 schools before she was 18. She says she struggled with depression and loneliness as her mother, Naomi, and her half-sister, Wynonna, traveled as successful country singers -- the Judds. Not a singer, she was left with her father during the school year. Judd, the star of "Double Jeopardy," writes of abuse at the hands of numerous men, including an unnamed family member. Coincidentally, she said, Naomi and Wynonna Judd go on tour again in 30 cities on April 1. She was left alone so much with her mother and sister touring the country to make it. This family has had so much tragedy, one by one. All of America thinks I want to be famous. They have it all. But there are pitfalls to super stardom. She and Wynonna reportedly wore second-hand clothes and occasionally lived without electricity or indoor plumbing in poor, rural Kentucky. Naomi Judd, now 65, was the daughter of a Kentucky gas station owner and a riverboat cook. She was abandoned by her boyfriend Charles Jordan, the father of her first daughter, Wynonna, who was born in 1964. Naomi was only 18 at the time. She then rushed to marry Michael Ciminella and gave birth to Ashley in 1965, but the troubled relationship only lasted four years. She ended up raising both daughters as a single parent. The Judds charted 23 hit singles and won five Grammy Awards in less than a decade. The duo was successful but the mother-daughter relationship was tumultuous. Naomi Judd was forced into retirement in 1991 after she was felled by chronic Hepatitis C. Wynonna continued as a solo artist. Wynonna, 46, has had her share of trauma. They had a son and a daughter. She remarried her former bodyguard, D. Roach, in 1995, but three years later, he was arrested for sexual assault of a child under the age of 18. Wynonna Judd Battles Weight, Money Problems Wynonna Judd also struggled publicly with her weight, telling Oprah Winfrey in 1998 that she had a "severe" dependency on food. She found herself in need of help handling money after moving from a childhood of poverty to international stardom. I loved the great rock star lifestyle. As for her sister, Ashley Judd, she said her abuse started as pre-teen when she was growing up in Kentucky. An old man lured her into an empty storeroom by telling her he would give her a quarter to play a pinball machine, and then molested her. Later, Judd said she was a victim of attempted rape while she was working as a model in Japan. Ashley says she only learned to fight her demons after entering rehab for depression at Shades of Hope in Texas. Therapy sessions there exposed memories of childhood incest. Judd said she still has bouts of depression. She will return to the screen in the film "Tooth Fairy" this year. Celebrity watcher Palmer said writing the book and working as an advocate for those living with AIDS also helped Judd exorcize her painful childhood.

Chapter 4 : NPR Choice page

She chronicles her story in her memoir, The Kiss. Kathryn Harrison's father left when she was a child. When he came back into her life 20 years later, she was manipulated into a four-year incestuous affair with the father she had only met twice.

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Survivor Geri Henderson, Ph.D. and her former therapist, Seanne Emerton, LMFT, LIMPH, LPC have formed a unique collaboration to write their book, Healing from Incest: Intimate Conversations with My Therapist. The book is in an

unusual collaborative format, where Ms. Emerton gives her analysis of the narrative memoir written by Dr. Henderson.

Chapter 7 : Popular Abuse and Survival Memoirs Books

I am an incest survivor and in an incest survivor support group. First, a lot of incest survivors divorce their families of origins so family is not always an issue.

Chapter 8 : Survivors < Incest < Sex Crimes

Chapter 6 The Incest Survivor Memoir Memoirs about recovered memories of incest share in the new possibilities for expressing experiences of incest, but their reception has been influenced by the shift from media coverage largely supportive of recovered-memory.

Chapter 9 : Ashley Judd Claims Incest and Abuse in Memoir, One More Trauma in Judd Family - ABC News

It's a curious thing that many survivors of father-daughter incest seem even angrier at their mothers than at their fathers. I speak from experience. It's puzzled me for a long time why my mother's passivity and lack of protection seemed to hurt me even more than my father's acts of violation.