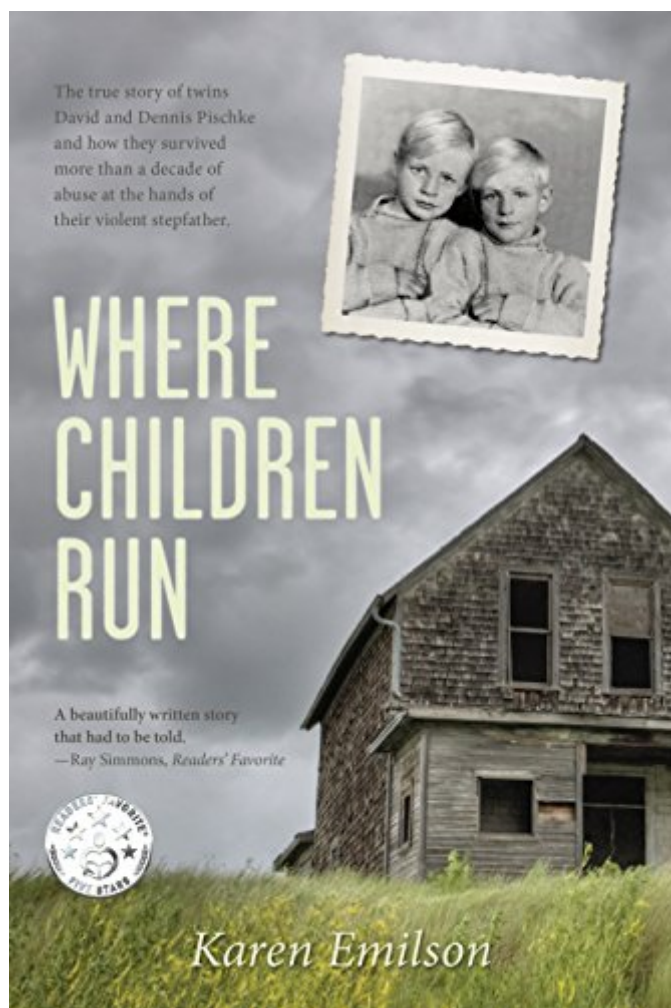


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Synopsis

Twins David and Dennis Pischke's lives change forever when their father dies, and a man damaged by the war arrives at their farm near the isolated town of Moosehorn, Manitoba. Boleslaw Domko quickly works his way into their lives and their mother's bed. "Where Children Run" opens with one of their earliest memories—the day Domko throws their infant stepsister against the wall. In this first-hand account, the Twins recall years of neglect, starvation, and enslavement; horrific beatings and candlelit nights spent in the nearby St. Thomas Lutheran Church. Neighbors intervene, but their efforts provide only temporary relief as the children's mother—also living in fear—refuses to press charges. The brothers vow that if they survive, they will someday expose their tormentor and members of their mother's religious organization who turned a blind-eye to their suffering. This is their story—told with stark honesty and in heart-wrenching detail. "Where Children Run" is a timeless, unforgettable book about survival; and a powerful testament to the strength and adaptability of the human spirit.

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Customer Reviews

This story was much deeper and sadder than I expected it to be. Very sad tale about a large sibling group (Norman, Walter, Steven, Eunice, twins David and Dennis, Rosalie, and Kathy), who suffered horrible abuse at the hands of their maniac step-father, Boleslaw Domko, while their mother, Caroline, did little or nothing to stop it. How any of them survived is a miracle in and of itself. I seriously doubt any of them were able to escape without severe mental and/or emotional damage due to the brutality that was inflicted upon them for so many years. The story starts in 1953. The children's kind and gentle father, Bill Pischke, had died, leaving their mother a widow with 7 children. She ends up getting pregnant and having a baby (Kathy) with a farmhand, (Domko). Domko moves in and takes over the household and nearly kills the baby in a rage one day, throwing her against the wall because she wouldn't stop crying. The mother thought the baby was dead or near death, but even though she didn't die, the baby became blind as a result of that abuse. Domko finally realizes that the baby is truly his and treats her better, spoiling her and the son they have later (Raymond), but continues to treat the Pischke children like dogs. The story seems to focus largely on the mistreatment of the twin boys, David and Dennis, although all of the Pischke children were not only starved, but beaten in the most horrific ways on a daily basis. Were it not for the kindness of their various neighbors, they would have all starved to death. Attempts to get the law involved always backfired and the kids paid for it dearly. Poor little Rosalie seemed to get the worst treatment and was beaten most severely by the step-father. There is a follow-up story about the twins (When Memories Run) written by the same author but it is not yet available on Kindle, but I plan to get it as soon as it is. The author did a great job with this story and I look forward to the next.

A MUST READ!!!!...I was abused over a 20 year period....and I still cannot even imagine the horrific, frightening times these children had!!! I got wrapped up in it so much that I'd cry for them. When I took a break from reading the pages, I felt like I was still right there in their home. Went to sleep feeling the daily agony of defeat they had to have had. Harsh and painstaking days dragged on and on. Help came, and went. Children left damaged beyond repair, one even maimed for life, just because she "didn't belong". Torture that only death could erase. Read it now. Never can there be another "just another abuse story" with this. No human being will ever, no matter what, have the SAME experience. No one can ever compare experiences. Those of us that were abused, will never ever find another who suffered the SAME as ourselves. But we can sympathize with others. NEVER tell someone else who was abused that you KNOW how it was...Because how can you???? This book will teach you not to think you had (or have) it worse than everyone else. Abuse damages

ANY ONE PERSON in a BILLION DIFFERENT WAYS. It is irreversible. Whether it be verbally spoken to/of or criticized, being slapped around, being beaten, whipped, being sexually abused (molested, raped or worse), locked up in a big room or tiny cramped closet, taped up, tied up, chained up, being left out in the cold, the heat, in rain, snow....I could write till eternity and still not list each "" type"", as some may say. No matter what... ABUSE IS ABUSE!!! READ THIS AND YOU WILL CERTAINLY FEEL FOR THESE LOST SOULS, SEARCHING FOR ANY WAY OUT THEY CAN MUSTER UP. READ IT.... AND (no pun intended AT ALL)... AND YOU WILL WEEP!!

I read this book in two days. I could not put it down. My heart bled for them twins and Rosie. How can one person be so cruel is beyond me. And I was really livid at the way the police handled it. Why was there never anything done? Why the teacher didn't step forward. And to me their mama, Caroline, was just as bad if not worse and as much to blame as her sorry ass husband for allowing anyone to treat their kids that way. She should of been punished also. This book will take u on a roller coaster of emotions. I'm glad that in the end the boys survived

I feel like I downloaded a draft copy of this book. The writing is terrible, whole paragraphs are repeated. A particular event is described and then is repeated a few pages later, there is just no flow to the book. This is a terribly sad story which has the potential to be an gripping book but has been ruined by really bad writing.

I felt so sorry for the children. But that's the way the state works. We need to improve our system. It's not one person fault, the system need a mayor over haul.

Karen Emilson is a superb writer who is highly skilled at weaving nuanced descriptions and evoking deep emotions. I read approximately one book a week, sometimes more, and this is the best I have read in years. The book is riveting and the story is haunting. If only the sequel were available on Kindle!

This book well written heartache and abuse....my heart goes out to David Dennis their mom and other kids. I was born in west virginia back in the day...I am one if 9 kids. This book touch my very soul.....I am hoping this book will help keep an eye open to abuse. And bring peace to all that needs it. Tholley@rochester.rr

Those poor children, what they had to endure and nothing was done really to protect them. A mother who could turn her back on her children being abused like that is unreal. It went on for so long. How those kids turned out normal is a blessing. Just a very mean selfish sick man to do the things he did to those poor children.

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