

A Stolen Life: A Memoir

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Jaycee Dugard's New York Times bestselling memoir chronicles her raw and powerful story of being kidnapped in 1991 and held captive for more than eighteen years.

When Jaycee Dugard was eleven years old, she was abducted from a school bus stop within sight of her home in South Lake Tahoe, California. She was missing for more than eighteen years, held captive by Phillip Craig and Nancy Garrido, and gave birth to two daughters during her imprisonment. On August 26, 2009, Garrido showed up for a meeting with his parole officer; he brought Jaycee, her daughters, and his wife Nancy with him. Their unusual behavior raised suspicions and an investigation revealed the tent behind the Garridos' home where Jaycee had been living for nearly two decades.

A Stolen Life was written by Jaycee herself and covers the period from the time of her abduction in 1991 up until the present. In her stark, compelling narrative, she opens up about what she experienced—and offers an extraordinary account of courage and resilience.

Jaycee Dugard is the author of the memoir A Stolen Life, which tells the story of her kidnapping and eighteen years of captivity. Her second book is Freedom: My Book of Firsts. Jaycee tells of horror years as rapist's captive... Today, her memoir A Stolen Life was released to the media. It will go on sale this week' Evening Standard 12/7 'Prisoner's life of pain becomes swift bestseller... Jaycee Dugard, the California woman who spent 18 years as a prisoner in the back garden of a sex offender until she was found in 2009, has described her astonishing ordeal in a memoir which has moved to the top of the Amazon bestseller list even before its release in bookshops today' Independent 12/7 'This week's entertainment releases... No. 2 A Stolen Life - Jaycee Dugard. The US girl kidnapped and held captive for eighteen years tells her story in an unblinking and harrowing narrative' Mail on Sunday 10/7 'The 30-year-old Californian gives an unflinching account of her abduction as an eleven-year-old, and the 18 years spent as Phillip Craig Garrido's captive' TNT Magazine 11/7 'In an interview with ABC News on Sunday, Jaycee Dugard, 31, talked calmly of how she was kidnapped by a couple and held captive for 18 years - there was "a switch" she shut off to survive emotionally - but was in tears telling how she felt, at 14, on seeing the first of two girls fathered by the man: she didn't know how to protect the child, but "I knew I could never let anything happen to her". Dugard spoke on the eve of a memoir of her captivity, A Stolen Life. Last month Phillip Garrido, 60, got life after admitting guilt, in a deal whereby Nancy Garrido, 55, got 36 years to life after admitting guilt' Guardian 12/7 'London's Bestsellers (Daunt W1; Foyles W1; Goldsborough Books W1; Heywood Hill W1; John Sandoe SW3; Waterstone's W8). Dark Horse: A Stolen Life by Jaycee Dugard. Terror Memoir' Evening Standard 15/7

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