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As Jodie begins to trust Cathy her behaviour improves. Over time, with childish honesty, she reveals details of her abuse at the hands of her parents and others. It becomes clear that Jodie's parents were involved in a sickening paedophile ring, with neighbours and Social Services not seeing what should have been obvious signs.

It's clear that Josie needs psychiatric therapy, but instead Social Services take Jodie away from her, and place her in a residential unit. Although the paedophile ring is investigated and brought to justice, Jodie's future is still up in the air. Cathy promises that she will stand by her no matter what – her love for the abandoned Jodie is unbreakable.

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'A true tale of hope. \*\*\*\*.' OK!

'Foster carers rarely get the praise they deserve, but Cathy Glass's book should change all that.\*\*\*\*' First Magazine

'A hugely touching and emotional true tale.' Star Magazine

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Cathy has been a foster carer for over 25 years, during which time she has looked after more than 150 children, of all ages and backgrounds. She has three children of her own; one of whom was adopted after a long-term foster placement. The name Cathy Glass is a pseudonym.

Cathy has written 24 books, including bestselling memoirs Cut, Hidden and Mummy Told Me Not To Tell.

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