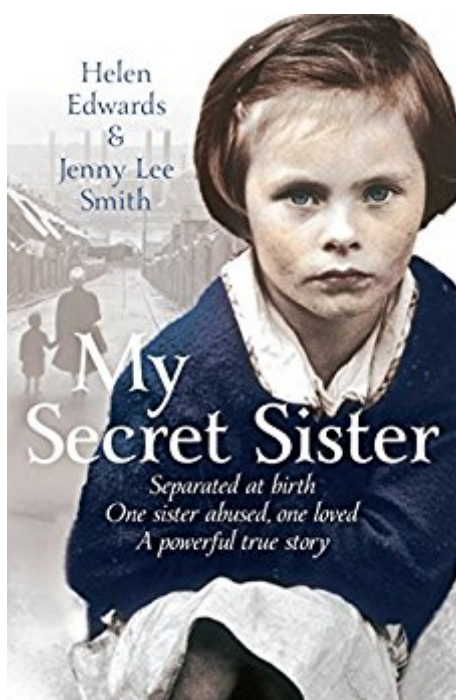


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Synopsis

Helen grew up in a pit village in Tyneside in the post-war years, with her gran, aunties and uncles living nearby. She felt safe with them, but they could not protect her from her neglectful mother and violent father. Behind closed doors, she suffered years of abuse. Sometimes she talked to an imaginary sister, the only one who understood her pain. Jenny was adopted at six weeks and grew up in Newcastle. An only child, she knew she was loved, and with the support of her parents she went on to become a golfing champion, but still she felt that something was missing. . . Neither woman knew of the other's existence until, in her fifties, Jenny went looking for her birth family and found her sister Helen. Together they searched for the truth about Jenny's birth - and uncovered a legacy of secrets that overturned everything Helen thought she knew about her family. Happily, they also discovered that they were not just sisters, they were twins. Inspirational and moving, *My Secret Sister* by Helen Edwards and Jenny Lee Smith, is the story of two women brave enough to confront their past, and strong enough to let love not bitterness define them.

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Customer Reviews

This was a wonderful story and difficult to believe that it was true and could actually happen. The

only reason for not giving 5 stars was that I felt that it was not written by an experienced writer and the style lacked something. However, this did not take from my enjoyment and once I got into the story, I just had to see what happened !

...Especially because of the nature and sensitivity of the topic. I found the narrative very difficult to read. It was repetitive, and I didn't find it engaging. I so wanted to like this book, because the story is so compelling. But I put it down after the first 80 pages because it didn't seem to be going anywhere. The abuse chapters were repetitive and not in a way that I found additive to the story. Too bad.

Interesting enough, but there was too much repetition, and although Helen did have a horrible childhood, unbelievable, her writing was sometimes sounding whiny like how we switched characters, but there were some situations that the reader could be pretty sure of what was going to happen next.

I really enjoyed reading about these two girls lives lived so close and yet so far from one another. Their totally different upbringing and how they came to finally find one another and the love they've always felt for one another without knowing they other one existed. A heart warming and intriguing read. It's well written and never gets boring. If you want to read a true story about two childrens lives from girl to middleage, how they came to terms with their past and was able to share a joint future I highly recommend it.

This fascinating story of twins separated at birth, shows how strong blood ties can be and how much stronger the ties are between twins. The two girls were brought very differently but always had a feeling of something missing in their lives, until they found each other.

Amazingly this is a true story of two sisters separated when they were just babies by their mother. One girl is surrounded with love and opportunity. The other sister is forced to grow up in a dreary situation and must endure repeated abuse and betrayal at the hands of the parents who are supposed to be the ones to love and keep her from harm. This was a really good read and is all the more incredible and interesting because it is a true story.

Very compelling, sad, interesting story. The lies on top of lies must have been hard to take once

they realized the truth. Unfortunately, the story wrapped up rather suddenly. It left a lot of holes in the story.

This was an interesting book and a decent read. I have never been much of a golf fan but I think golf fans would be very intrigued with the story of Jenny Lee Smith and her search for her birth family. Much of the book is Helen's story with Jenny's story as support which makes sense as Helen had a such a dysfunctional childhood, which always makes a better story, and because it is also the story of the girls' mother, who raised Helen. Not a life changing book but certainly head shaking. It amazed me how many times the girls' lives crossed paths without them realizing at the time. I loved that the chapters were written so simply and with such clear voices. Having read their stories, I feel like I really like these women and wish them a wonderful future.

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