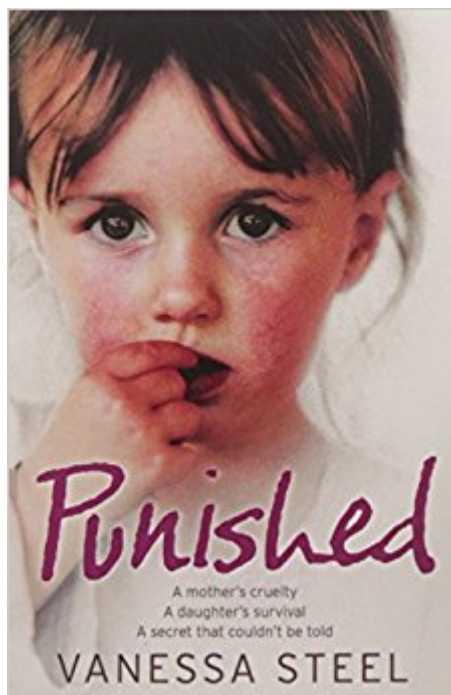




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# **Punished: A Mother's Cruelty. A Daughter's Survival. A Secret That Couldn't Be Told.**



## Synopsis

*Unpunished* is the inspiring true story of an unusual little girl, Vanessa, whose childhood was devastated by torture and abuse at the hands of her sadistic mother. Vanessa was nearly destroyed until she discovered a secret that ultimately saved her life. From the age of 3, Vanessa lived in daily terror of her mother's unpredictable rage. If she was 'naughty', her mother would lash out at her with beatings, torture, starvation and making Vanessa sleep in their garden's pigsty, tied up like an animal. Her mother said her punishments were God's revenge on her for being the devil's child. Her father lived in denial of her suffering. When she was 6 years old, Vanessa's grandfather began to sexually abuse her to her despair, aided and abetted by both her mother and grandmother. At eight years old, she then discovered that the 'mother' who hated her so much had adopted her as a baby and would never love her as her own. At the most horrific times of Vanessa's abuse, she nearly lost all hope that she would escape her prison, until mysterious things started to happen to her that allowed her to fight back. This is the story of how Vanessa survived a childhood that nearly destroyed her and how her secret led her out of the horrors of her past.

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## Customer Reviews

Vanessa Steel was born and brought up on the outskirts of Birmingham in the 1950s. She survived her childhood ordeals and developed a psychic gift (as a young child she foresaw the assassination of Kennedy in 1963 oblivious to who he was), and started working professionally as a medium. She

is now one of the most sought after psychic mediums in Britain with a long list of private clients including many celebrities, both in the UK and abroad.

I don't know what possessed me to buy this book!! You know this stuff happens every minute of every hour of every day, but God bless those who are able to survive & bear witness against these animals that call themselves "parents". If you don't want kids, there are plenty of ways to achieve this goal. If you're too ignorant to know, then ask somebody!! There are too many people in this world that would love to have children, but for whatever reason, can't ( I'm one of them )...Then you have monsters like the ones in these books...its a darn shame

Fantastic gripping tale. Almost didn't seem real it was so dramatic and painful. But, I looked online and it appears the story was an autobiography of Vanessa Steel, the author. It was incredible to read and couldn't put the kindle down until I read the whole story. I can't believe how evil some people can be. It made me cry often.

I don't usually read abuse books. But this brings out the reality of abuse and it is horrific abuse. My mother was an angry person that often slapped me around. My brother and sister were sickly and she left them alone. She would make comments when she was hitting me that my father loved me more than he loved her, I really hesitated to read this. I understand the not telling anyone because if no action was taken you were going to still be there and now she is mad. I understand Vanessa looking for love from "anyone". I felt the book left you hanging because there were obviously family members who knew the truth and to me that would have been needed to complete the healing process. I did feel that most of the visions were Vanessa's way of coping. Overall the book is very well written I just didn't like the unfinished ending.

This is such a heartbreaking novel that portrays the struggle of a young girl as she fights to survive her sadistic mother. Throughout the book, your hatred for her mother will grow and you will not be able to put the book down until you reach the end. You may, however, have to take a moment to relax after you've read a disturbing paragraph. This is such a sad and shocking story that your face will twist into a horrified expression as you read-- the author portrayed this fantastically and made the reader feel emotionally attached to the main character, Vanessa. Vanessa is a young girl who lives with her family in England. Although she has a father, he is rarely around; leaving poor Vanessa to be abused by her mother. Her father or anyone else is unaware of Vanessa's abuse

and others are in denial. Vanessa has no one to turn to in fear of being punished further, and she is in constant torment of her sadistic, disturbed, and manipulating mother. As I said before, this book is heartbreaking AND entirely true. The saddest thing is knowing that all of this actually happened to an innocent little girl, who was unfortunate. This book will leave you crying, screaming, and smiling as you read because you will be so immersed in it. Definitely worth it-- Punished is one of the most thought-provoking books I've ever read.

This girl Vanessa went through tons of abuse - ranging from a lot of little things to a few real bad things. The beatings with the rubber hose and a cane were quite abundant. The locking in a cupboard as a little girl also shocking. Plus forcing her to hold her urine and stool as a very little girl was also abusive. At least this mother hid most of the severe abuse from the father. Still the father pretended he did not know about it. The girl was rarely abused in front of her father. Then there is the sexual abuse from her grandfather which this mother knew about. Then there was tons of emotional abuse. Overall she was treated better than Dave Pelzer was by his mother. She was not quite the female equivalent of the Child Called It, the abuse was quite severe. In addition, Vanessa was actually adopted and so this was not even her real mother beating her. She also had a brother that was abused to a far lesser extent. When the mother could not handle him she sent him to an institution till he was 15. I still do not understand why the father did not try to stop this abuse. Also why Child services looked the other way. Part of the reason was this took place in the 50's before Child Abuse became something authorities got involved in trying to stop. Another reason was this story took place in England as well. So times have changed since this story took place. Still a good book raising awareness of abuse that still slips through the cracks today.

My heart broke for Vanessa as I read page after page but felt in my heart that she would be the survivor and would be blessed with love and happiness. I grew more angry with the mother as I turned the pages but recognized very early in the book that she too had been a victim. Although Vanessa's dad loved her I truly wished he had manned up and put a stop to the abuse. In the end, Vanessa proved to be exactly what a mom should be...loving and forgiving. God bless her.

Most of my reading was done with tear-filled eyes, a very heavy and broken heart, and a sickening feeling. Unfortunately, I found the book to be very similar to my upbringing (mother and grand-father), which has given me a stronger sense to be gentler, more patient, and more attentive to my children -- as this is the absolute worst life that any child could possibly live through. I am

speechless in my prayers and wishes for Vanessa who survived her horrible upbringing, but still managed to muster through and never once gave up hope. Bless you and may God forever take great care of you and reserve a special pair of golden wings for you. Every parent should brave through the readings of this book and think twice before having, adopting, or raising children AND assess ALL who will be around the children in their care. Moreover, the abusers of children should die a long, torturous and cruel death in the town square - where all can see what will happen when one abuses a child.

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