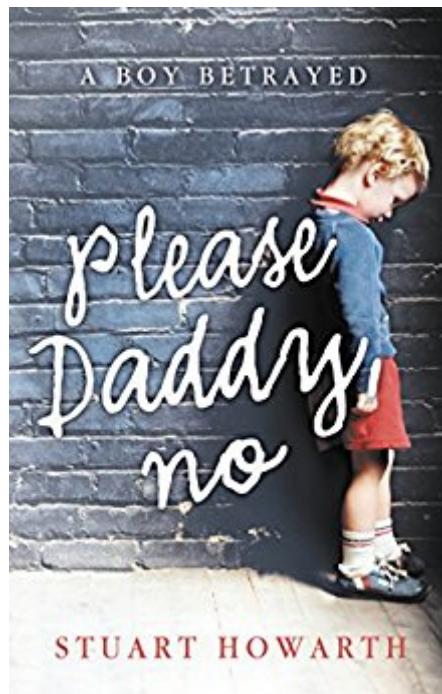


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# Please, Daddy, No: A Boy Betrayed



## **Synopsis**

Stuart just wanted his father to love him, but he was made to believe he was too naughty to be loved. Finally David Howarth was sent to prison for abusing Stuart's young sisters. Nobody knew the truth about Stuart's abuse until one fateful day when his father tried it again and Stuart fought back in the only way he knew how. Stuart Howarth spent the first thirty years of his life in mental and physical hell. After years of emotional torment and despair, at the age of 32 Stuart felt an overwhelming urge to see his father (who he now knows was actually his stepfather), then living in Wales. Seeking reconciliation, Stuart was only to be met by the same old abusive man. The rage, pain and confusion boiled over in Stuart and he fought back, killing his stepfather. When Stuart's story came to light in the courtroom, it was so terrible that he received the minimum possible sentence for his crime and only served thirteen months in Strangeways prison in Manchester. But while in prison, the cruel system compounded the crimes of his evil abuser, and he suffered at the hands of the prison guards. What happened to him during those months led to him suing the Home Office and Strangeways on his release and winning his case. This is the story of a sweet-natured boy who grew into a brave young man and refused to allow himself to be a victim any longer.

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My heart goes out to Stuart his story is horrible and sad. Stuart's abuse was from the hands of his Dad/Stepdad and prison employees day after day after day and survived all of it. I hope he gets the help he was in need of for so many years. Stuart has a beyond wonderful wife she is truly an Angel I feel if it wasn't for her Stuart would not be here to tell his story that may help others. I hope he writes another book so we can see how his life has been and how it is now.

This was an amazing book. It came across totally honest. It was heart breaking, the horrific abuse and degradation these children suffered at the hands of their step father. An eye opening look at the world of one boy's abuse and how it affected his future, what his demons drove him to.

Heart wrenching story. I'm glad I found it, as a survivor of child sex abuse myself, I was able to identify incredibly well with Stuart. I didn't suffer to the same extremes though, and for that, I'm very thankful. It was incredibly eye opening, the depth and detail he went into, sparing no humility. Thank you for telling your story from start to finish. You left no stone unturned.

Such suffering, how can any human do these things to a child? Stuart did an exceptional job telling his story. And so much goes on in prisons that we never hear about. Why so much cruelty in the world? Mothers keep an eye on your children, read and watch the signs, if you feel something is wrong, their probably is something wrong.

It is hard to fathom how someone could survive a childhood fraught with abuse and neglect but apparently that is what the author has done. All in all a well written saga of a dysfunctional family and the sad outcome for them as the years pass .

Although all childhood abuse is hard to read as a subject but sexually abuse is even more disturbing. And the abuse he received in prison, totally unacceptable. People continue to need understanding and protection so children know what is right and wrong.

Reading all the abuse at the hands of his father was difficult. His subsequent mistreatment by the

system was heartbreaking. The strength to come through it all is admirable.

When first starting to read the book, I wasn't sure I would be able to continue. The author had an unimaginable life. So sad, so graphic but ends well. At the end the author thanks you for reading all the way through.

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