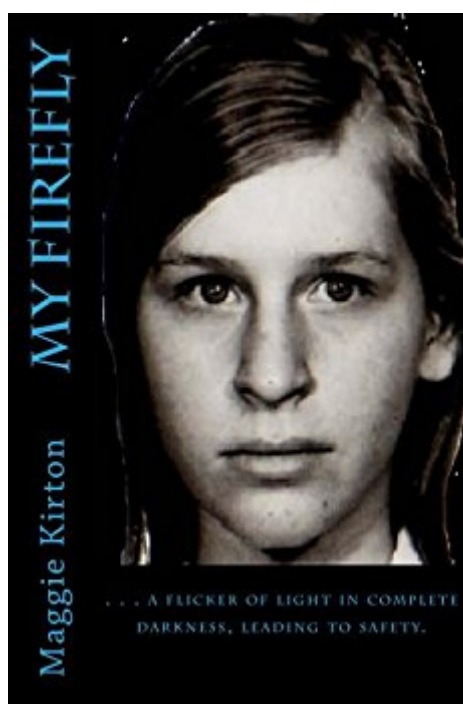


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# My Firefly



## Synopsis

My Firefly - - A horrifying account of torture and humiliation at the hands of her family, My Firefly will pull you into its pages and grab hold of your spirit. Seen from the perspective of the family home, this young girl struggles to stay alive as she is slowly ripped apart emotionally, physically and sexually by her father. Youâ™ll experience an abundance of feelings throughout this book and wonâ™t be able to put it down. My Firefly is a flicker of light in complete darkness, leading to safety. It is cruel and brutish and bloody. But, if you want inspiration, then read My Firefly. It will change your world. . . Author's reply to reviewers: Why does the house tell the story? The people who do nothing; those which watch from the rafters, standing back and shaking their heads; those which stand by and pretend it didnâ™t happen or that it has no importance; those are the people Iâ™m trying to reach. The house screamed for me because I couldnâ™t scream for myself when I wrote my story or when I lived it. No one heard me and those who did, turned a blind eye. I was a waste of their time. Maybe if they remove themselves from my voice they might use their own to make a difference in someone elseâ™s life. So, thank you, all of you, for the reviews . . . it means that my book made some noise whether it is good or bad is really beside the point. I donâ™t want the reader of my book to feel my pain or hear my screams. I want the reader to feel what the house felt: helpless, incapable, useless, and silent - because that is exactly how an abused child sees the world around them. An abused child is not so much in pain as much as they are â^aloneâ™ while waiting for the next pain to be done with. And now, before you buy my book and read it, you are forewarned. This book is brutal, graphic in its details and its subject is insane on many levels. My Firefly is being used in different school systems in Canada to help identify abuse in students. It has opened the â^doors of hopeâ™ to many other survivors. It has helped remind me that I am alive in spite of its contents. Besides, there are too many incidents to mention that are NOT in this book - I only wrote about the easy ones. Imagination saved my life when I was a child; why shouldnâ™t I write it in the most creative and unique voice possible?! 'Firefly 2' is currently being written in my voice and it will take you through the PTSD that came alive through the writing of My Firefly and continues to this day and youâ™ll find out what happens when you press charges at the age of 54! Remember, itâ™s not about who tells your story â^ itâ™s about â^tellingâ™ your story and then moving forward one step at a time! â^Livingâ™ is whatâ™s supposed to happen after you survive. Itâ™s life in post-survival that defines the human characterâ™s ability to move forward from trauma. I choose to live fully and completely in spite of my childhood because â^just survivingâ™ isnâ™t good enough for me!

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## Customer Reviews

This book swallowed me whole. The writing is exquisitely Brilliant and Original. The language so familiar and reminiscent to me, somehow. I found the first 1/2 of the book extremely difficult to read and yet too powerful to put down. As difficult as it certainly must have been to write this; the story ebbed and flowed naturally and without haste. The house telling the story is Genius on so many levels. I don't think anyone could tell this story from a first person perspective. For me as a reader, I can't help but see that the house is inevitably a part of firefly. The home of her subconscious mind, which she seamlessly taps into. This book has made a positive impact on me personally and has unexpectedly added itself to the collection of Faith and Inspirational reminding in my own daily life. Thank You So Much for sharing your story Maggie. You have written it in such a way that I think it could truly transform those who discover it. This is such an incredible story. Sincerely, A person who does not usually write book reviews.

This was a hard book to read at times. At the same time I recognized myself in The Firefly, her struggles with being powerless, and the ways she coped. I have a friend who does not like books where children are hurt. I agree with her in that it is a horrible thing but those if us who were

abused and struggled alone seek to find kindreds. Someone who we can relate to because that part of us will always struggle alone. Others need to see what we went through.

Creatively written. I enjoyed the narrative of the house as opposed to the traditional style of writing a memoir voiced through the author. I think the author has real writing ability and I look forward to reading more of her work. The story was heartbreaking nonetheless and even though I have read hundreds of similar memoirs, her memoir resonates with me more so than the others. I will not forget *Winterblue* as well.

I have just finished this book for the second time. I cried both times. I smiled both times. I found myself in unutterable awe of the brilliance and courage of Maggie Kirton both times. Telling her story from the house's perspective had to be the only way to tell it in full, truthful and forthright, without staring at it head-on. I loved that the characters were given the names of insects and that her mother was a peacock. It gave true insight into their personalities and made it so very easy for the reader to envision. It also struck me that her mother was the only bird. And aren't insects a good part of a bird's diet? She just ate them alive, but the firefly was her favorite snack. I would love to have Maggie to hang out with, just to have ready access to a survivor with such a beautiful mind.

Bravo to this author for this lyrical novel. The abuse suffered by the firefly is hard to take, but her spirit rises above it. Told inventively from the point of view of the house spirit, we follow the firefly's journey through abuse and her undying will to live. The lyricism of the writing reminds me of Alice Hoffman. This is a writer to watch!

This is a book detailing years of abuse perpetrated against a young girl. It is told in the narrative voice of the spirit of the homes in which the girl resided. Mostly because that spirit is the only one who saw the truth of the situation, and the only one who cared about the girl. Books like this absolutely break my heart. I find it hard to comprehend that people actually treat their children this way, yet I know it to be true. It is clear that this book is more than a little autobiographical. I hope the act of writing this helped the author heal. The writing is lyrical and lovely. The metaphor of insects in place of people is unique, and while it does take some getting used to, it helps deal with the horrors that the firefly withstood. Shine bright firefly.

Your book is so inspiring. I CANNOT even believe the evil you dealt with as a young, beautiful child!

I have cried for you many times throughout reading this book. I feel like I know you. I am so happy for you and proud that you persevered in spite of all you've been through. I wish you the best in all you do!!! I hope to read a second Big RED BOOK!!!

Open your mind that these events are recorded by the spirit occupying the house the firefly lived in. Seen as insects, people in the firefly's existence, walk the earth denying the firefly a life. A victim's life of delusions, pain, humiliation, and abandonment questions why. An eye-opener. Life is distorted and I got what life from a victim's

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