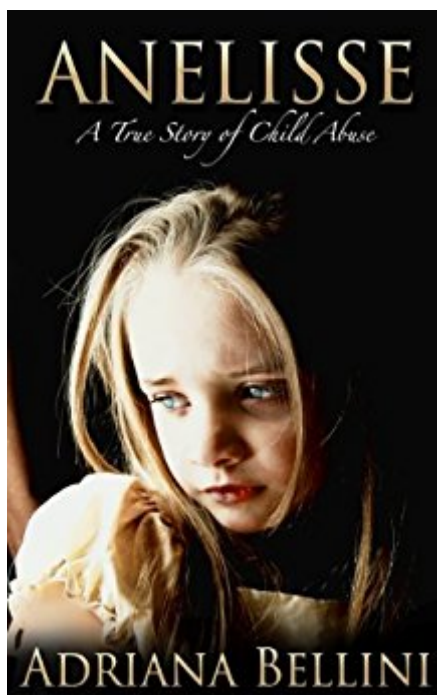


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# Anelisse: A True Story Of Child Abuse



## Synopsis

In the small New Jersey town of Arbor Falls, a young girl named Anelisse must convince her love-struck mother that her new husband is not the charming, laid-back man he appears to be. Once his violent true colors are revealed, Anelisse desperately attempts to convince her mother to leave him, but to no avail. After realizing she no longer has the support of her mother, Anelisse must do what she can to protect herself, as well as her siblings, in order to make it out of the house alive. Anelisse is the chilling true story of a young New Jersey girl who struggles to survive emotional, physical, and verbal abuse at the hands of her alcoholic stepfather. Based on author Adriana Bellini's real-life battle with child abuse, Anelisse provides a chilling, detailed look inside the dysfunctional world many abused children come from. **WARNING:** Contains graphic violence and strong language.

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## Customer Reviews

This was a fantastic first-hand account about a young woman raised in an abusive household. To watch her life change from good to bad to worse and then pulling out of the downward spiral is

heart-wrenching. The writing was simple, but poignant and effective for the subject matter. Reading about her experiences--especially her relationship with her siblings and mother--was eye-opening and though it obviously is a painful and deeply traumatic part of her life, her words are very moving and it's obvious that she has come to grips with it. While hard to read at parts, it still maintains a sense of hope and closure about it. However, I wish there had been more to the story that spoke of the aftermath when she finally got out of the situation for good. It dealt with it some, but I would have loved to see more of her transformation from simply a survivor to a thriving person, which from her writing you can tell that she has gotten closure on this. The relationships with her mother and siblings are mentioned in the epilogue, but not enough to give me (as a reader) closure.

So sad that you all had to go thru such pain. Thank God you all made it out alive and able to get help to overcome all that. I know full well how drinking can change some people into such cruel violent form of themselves as I went thru it with my first husband and now suffer from panic disorders and chronic pain from the abuse I suffered at his drunken hands .. God bless you for sharing your story to help others as well as yourself. I hate drinking with a purple passion due to what I endured thru out those 7 years .. This story is heartbreaking and inspiring as well that you all were able to survive and break the cycle of abuse.

OMG, it's stories like this that makes me absolutely abhor a child abuser--hell, any type of abuser for that matter. What Anelisse a/k/a Lissy had to endure with her twin sister and brother, was an absolute downright pitiful damn shame. Her mother definitely doesn't win the "mother of the year" award in my book because it was due to her own neglect that her children were subjected to physical and mental abuse at the hands of their stepfather. What the hell is a child supposed to do, and where does one go when they are being subjected to this type of inappropriate behavior? You may go to a grandparent or other relatives, and that's exactly what Lissy did, but thanks to her own mother's lies and cover-up just to say she has a man/husband in her life, she would make out as if Lissy were lying about what was happening to her, and her relatives chocked it up as fatherly discipline. Hmmm, someone stomping you on the ground and misshaping your face to appear like some alien out of a horror film, doesn't strike ME as fatherly discipline. Ed, the stepfather, gives parenthood a terrible name. As you read, you will feel Lissy's pain and struggles. She had to grow up, literally, overnight to protect her siblings as she felt it was her duty and responsibility to do so. Again, I wanted to kick her mama's ass for real! This is a horrible story, but one I'm so glad Lissy told, and she's finally living a happy life with the help of her very good friends who were and are

angels to her. You will root for Lissy and take great pleasure in the ending! I'm so proud of her for having the courage to speak about such a sensitive subject and not keep it a secret, which is what hurts families in the first place. You can read this book in a few hours, and what you read will leave you jaw-dropping! People like her parents deserve a special place in hell, and I hope they rot there!

This Book is a page turner. My heart broke for Lizzy & her Twin & Brother. It is so sad to hear of any child abuse, I was so mad at her Mother when it started out. I am a survivor of Domestic Violence. As much as my ex did everything he did to me over the years. I never would ever let someone put their hands on my child. If you have not been through this at all, you will not understand what I am saying. All I had in my head was how do I get out of this situation. I am happy to say that I did & I am so proud of my children. They would never put there hands on a woman or child. I get so mad when I think of Lizzy Mother telling the step father to take care of her. she would let him beat them all so bad & I cried when I read what he did at the last beating. He almost killed her then they laugh about it. I wanted to jump in the book & recue them. Also the Grand Parents were so good to the children then turned on Lizzie & I no longer liked her at all as you should believe a child first. Yes, they say forgive & you can move on but that is not true in a lot of cases. I do not want to give the book away. But it is definitely a great read. I would really recommend it. My heart goes out to Lizzy & her siblings. I kept on thinking how much more can Lizzy take. No parent should ever let someone put their hands on a child. I do not understand back in the day how people got away with using belts & their hands & what every else they had in their hands at the time.

The true story of Anelisse made me want to pluck her out of the pages and hug her and tell her that I care! It was a sad account of how she had to survive a mother who did not protect her children from their alcoholic stepfather. She loved her grandparents dearly and was so happy to stay with them as they provided the children with peace and a normal childhood, unlike the wrath they suffered at home. It was until her grandparents refused to believe her of the abuse that she realized she had no one in her life to protect her nor anyone who would listen to her. When she finally left the house, she feared for her siblings who had to take the stepfather's abuse as he had to target someone. The abuse took a toll on everyone involved and it mentally carried on to adulthood. It takes a very strong person to put it all in perspective and be able to forgive so they can move on. Some can and some can't and those who can't have a lifetime of misery. This story is a grim fact of life why some mother's fail to protect their children.

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