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# Sophia's Story



## Synopsis

In 1995, Sophia McColgan's father was sentenced to prison for the serial rape and abuse of his children over many years. He had first raped Sophia when she was only six. It had taken immense courage on the part of Sophia and her family to bring the murky, hidden world of family child abuse to the public gaze. Then, in 1998, Susan McKay published "Sophia's Story", one of the most acclaimed Irish books of modern times. Now re-issued with a new introduction by Susan McKay, it records a triumph of the human spirit in the face of the most degrading and destructive betrayal of trust. Sophia McColgan, who now lives abroad, was Irish Person of the Year in 1998. "She might have stepped from a medieval painting. The soft, deep, dark eyes, the clear, pale, skin, the long tumbling chestnut curls. And the stillness, not of an uncomfortable kind, but of a serenity born out of stoicism and suffering." - "The Irish Times" . "A story that needed to be written, and needs to be read." - "Evening Herald" "Sophia's courage and determination are heroic and will surely shine as a beacon to thousands of people who did not think they could fully live again." - Books Ireland. "Who should read it? Everyone." - Irish Social Worker.

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A tough book to read, no doubt. The abuse and terror that these people have survived is beyond belief. The story is enthralling and you yearn to be able to help and makes things right for the small children they once were. Sophia, her mother, her brother Gerry and sister Michelle suffered rape, torture and disbelieving psychological abuse at the hands of their father. They told the guards, social workers, doctors, nurses, neighbours, anyone who would listen and nobody did

anything. They endured hell and worse and I wanted to cheer at Sophia's and her brother and sister's courage and bravery throughout. A must-read if only to show that in the face of horrendous evil, heroes emerge.

My wife read this series and found the story writing itself very good, but the story painful and disturbing. How this woman survived is a true testament to what can be done when one sets their minds to it. There are too many stories like this one.....

This is an incredible BOOK!!! I really hope things are changing due to Sophia's perseverance. I know she has changed a lot of lives by what she has done. May God bless you Sophia and I wish you all the best!!!! Please all read this book. I know it inspires others to break free and speak.

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