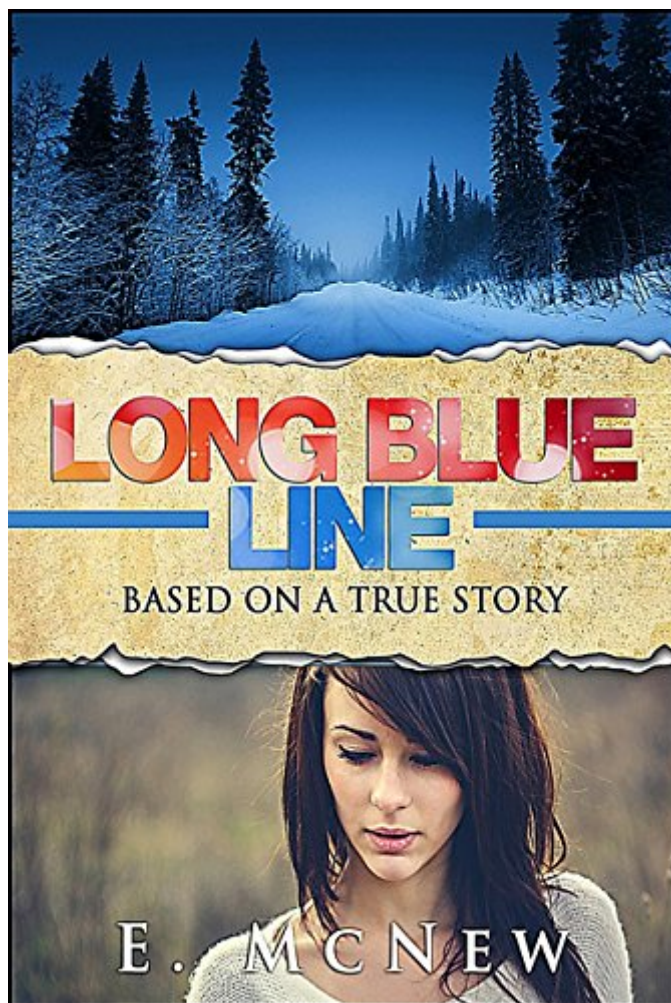


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Long Blue Line: Based On A True Story



Synopsis

Taking place in the idyllic town of South Lake Tahoe, CA, Long Blue Line is the coming of age of Elizabeth Jeter. It candidly reveals the provocative and secret world of a planned teen pregnancy and the brutal consequences that follow. The girl next door - popular and driven. Once upon a time a beautiful teenager looked forward to school letting out and the warm, carefree days to come. But in the summer of her fifteenth year, things would drastically change. After reading a romance book sensationalizing a young woman's perfect life following the hookup with a wealthy prince charming, Elizabeth set out to create her own fairy tale ending. This would become the beginning of the darkest hours in her life: pregnancy, bridesmaids, drugs and jail. Long Blue Line is Elizabeth's true story about her descent into addiction. Her obsession with pregnancy, social issues, independence, and, ultimately drugs is chronicled in brutally honest Prose that will leave you spellbound. Her journey isn't over - far from it. She still has nightmares, but today she is wiser and lives in reality. If you are this girl, you will take a deep breath and nod your head knowingly. If you knew this girl, you will rethink your assumptions. If this girl is your daughter, you will finally get an insider's look at what she can't put into words. Above all, you will be moved - moved to tears, to unity, to action. Elizabeth is one of the lucky ones. She survived. Sadly, many young women and their children are unable to escape the madness and become another one of too many true crime stories. Not everyone gets a second chance, and she hopes to inspire others with her straightforward honesty.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished reading E. McNew's "Long Blue Line" and was pretty blown away by the honesty and emotion of this heartfelt memoir. While it is described as a memoir about planned teenage pregnancy, this really felt more to me about addiction and what this disease can take from families. It's clear that many of the other reviewers don't understand this one bit. However, as someone who is a long-time recovering addict (and mother) herself, I can understand this and relate to this story more than words can say. The author's deeds may have seemed selfish on the surface, but they were a byproduct of an untreated illness. I found the story itself to be gripping, emotional, honest and incredibly well-written. Definitely recommend.

What a story. Between Long Blue Line and the last few books I've read, (including The Girl With No Past: A gripping psychological thriller and Spilled Milk: Based On A True Story) I'm back into reading full-throttle. I haven't dedicated myself to reading in quite a few years, and I am excited to have a hobby that takes me away from the busy world. This memoir is one that many women (myself included) will probably be able to relate to. The author takes you through some serious issues with despair, co-dependency, parenting issues, substance abuse and so much more. What she's gone through in her short life is astounding. I recommend this book for anyone who is struggling with the mentioned issues and if you think you're alone, read this book.

The story is long and drawn out with lots of mistakes. The content is micro-managed. More editing is needed. The responsibility of Elisabeth's behavior was placed on everyone around her, a trade for most addicts. Three kids before the age of twenty, which Elisabeth claims to love with all her heart, seems to be a lot of responsibility for such a young girl. I can't help but wonder why she felt a need to produce more children after the first one, knowing she was addicted. It's a sad story because bad choices wrecked many lives.

The story is very riveting and easy to read, and I would have given it a five star rating if not for the grammatical errors. There were many, glaring grammar errors, several with pronoun usage as in

between you and I. (should be between you and me). There was used for their. I do not believe the writer got a professional editor. and if she did, she should fire her at once. The mistakes are not a few but many and this took away much of my reading enjoyment.

The author takes you on an amazing heartfelt journey into her past, her thoughts and dreams. You stand beside her as she realizes her brightest wishes and steps into her deepest nightmares. You feel the sorrow and anguish, you hold the love and innocence. This is truly an astonishing and inspirational recounting of a life lived in the dark and the light. Of self destruction and illumination.

"Long Blue Line" chronicles the journey of one young woman as she navigates a planned teenage pregnancy. The author, Elizabeth, after being inspired by the media, decides she wanted to become a mother. Unprepared for the responsibility of being a parent, the pregnancy triggers a downward spiral involving conflict, drug abuse, and other struggles. This is a poignant story that'll tug on your heartstrings from start to finish. It's a story that many can relate to. Fortunately, the darkness in the story was a learning experience for the author, and you can see plenty of potential for teaching moments throughout the story. A recommended read for anyone who wants to read a powerful story.

This book is spellbinding. Despite the poor editing so typical of self-published books, the author shines. This is must reading for all teenagers (male and female) and young women, as well as anyone who cares about the well-being of a teenager or a young woman. Those who think teen pregnancy, drug addiction and mental illness "can't happen" in their family will find this book of particular benefit.

Long Blue Line is a well written memoir that walks you through the life of a young girl who wanted to start a family and move out of her home at the young age of 15. She ends up getting her wish and also getting more than she bargained for. This story is a sad tale of crisis after crisis. These things could happen to anyone and we don't know how we ourselves would react if we found ourselves in her shoes. I think it was courageous for E. McNew to tell her story.

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