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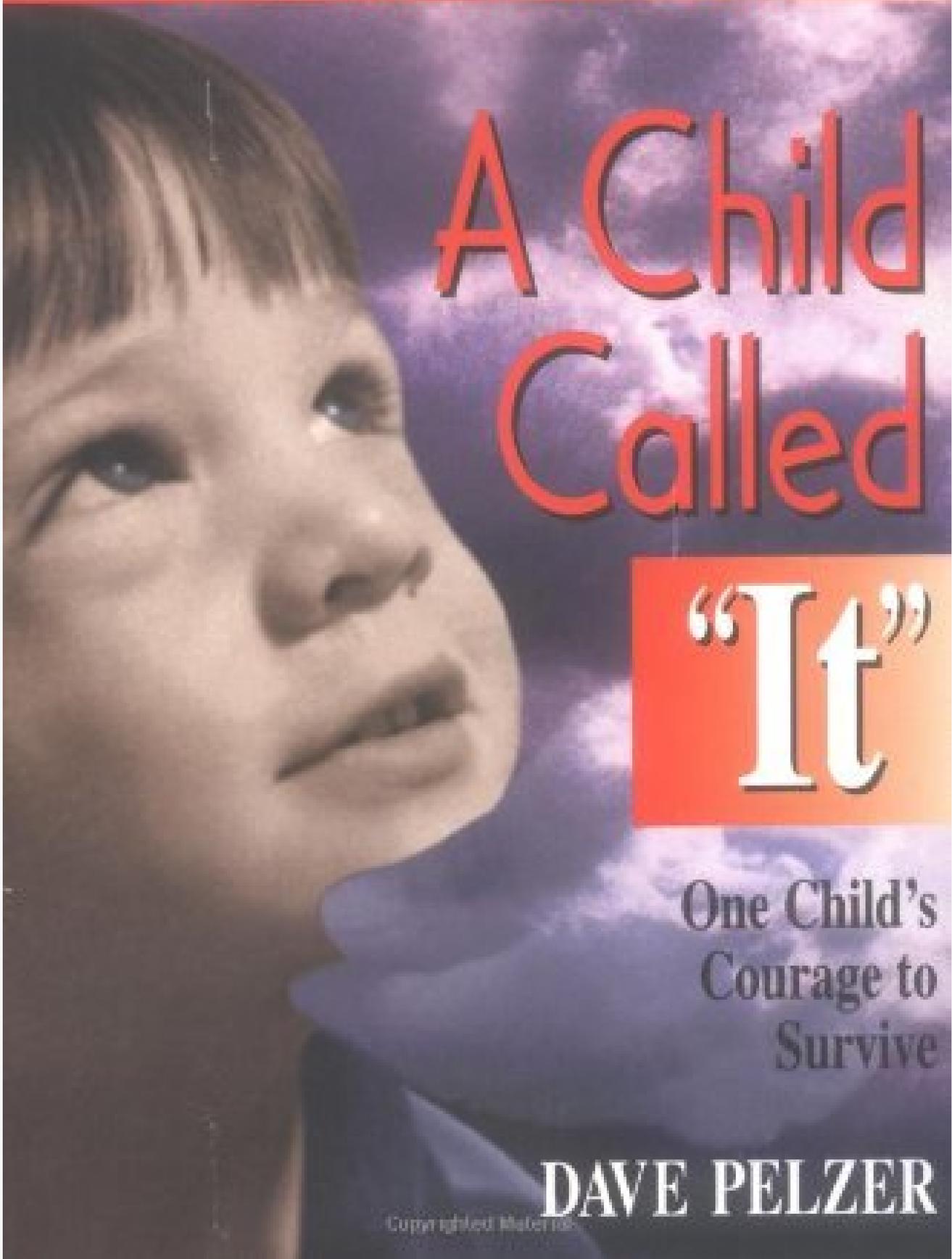
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# A Child Called

# “It”

One Child's  
Courage to  
Survive

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Why the hell did I pick this book up It was depressing as hell and it was poorly written It chronicles the abuse this little boy named David went through as a child And I think abuse is too mild a term for what he went through It was horrible Reading the torture he endured at the hand of his own family was painful I came away from this book depressed And I had several thoughts that kept running through my head What was the point of this book It almost seemed like a shrink told him to write out the horror of his childhood and then he turned around and sold it There was no reflection on the events that happened so there was only horror What is the point of that The only thing I could think of was to expose to the world that such treatment did happen to someone at some point in the recent past I guess that is the crux of my disappointment here was that so much could have been done with this book It had the potential to be educational or thoughtful and instead it was just a car crash from cover to cover. This book is very likely made up from start to finish The events in it read like Pelzer imagined the worst child abuse possible and then said, And it all happened to me Yeah, right His brother and grandmother said in an interview that it was all rubbish, too, which casts doubt upon the whole thing Pelzer also bought his own book in bulk so the sales numbers would put it on the bestseller list he just doesn't have a whole lot of credibility Perhaps worse than the fact that Pelzer is, shall we say, probably somewhat fluid with the truth, is the fact that he's a dreadful writer I no longer own the book didn't put it through a shredder, like I did with *A Million Little Pieces*, but I got rid of it as quickly as I could, so I can't list any examples here, but I do recall that I've seen better writing in sixth grade themes After deleting I don't know how many comments calling me names, I'm adding this note, because it will save both me and a bunch of other people from wasting time I'll delete any comments that I consider abusive or that I think constitute ad hominem arguments, so do keep that in mind if you're thinking about composing a long screed Thanks. This book was horrible Period A waste of my time You see, what really pisses me off with this book is this I have known kids that have come from horribly abusive situations that are genuine than Pelzer is in his memoir The stories of his life in this book contradict one another, are extremely over the top and, dare I say, fabricated some Now, before anyone wants to crucify me, look at the facts His family members were interviewed and stated that this was pure fantasy I can concede that the family members may have lied He bought numerous copies of his own book to inflate sales records so that the book would have a better chance at getting on bestseller lists Again, I can concede that he was only helping his writing along by wanting his book to be seen by a greater audience However, and here is the kicker for me, if this story is true, then shouldn't just writing it and getting the story told redemption enough for Pelzer A story of this magnitude should be told, there's no doubt about that But it should be told with grace and humility Pelzer should have approached this book as an avatar to the thousands of other kids out there that don't have a voice Instead, Pelzer grandstands and makes the issue of child abuse seem like a sensationalistic piece of family trivia Very disappointing. WASTE OF TIME this book was the

hostel , or saw IV of memoirs i don t really know why i read it it was free, first of all and, i guess like any normal human being, i cannot look away from a trainwreck a child called it is not very well written you walk away with questions than you do answers you don t really learn anything you do, however, come away with having read some very disturbing and disgusting passages that describe in detail a case of horrendous child abuse i m not exactly sure what the book s intention is it doesn t work very well as a memoir there is no advice that would put this in any sort of self help category and if its intention is to provide hope to victim s of abuse, i don t know what the take away is other than if i lived through this, you can live through just about anything i really don t know what to make of this book, as a piece of literary work it s not much of one i don t know if it ever set out to be one you get little, if any, insight into the dynamics of the brothers you read one moment that the narrator hates his father, then loves his father, then hates his father you read that the narrator cannot remember the color of his mother s hair or eyes, yet he describes in great detail many settings, images, etc you really don t get any insight into the mother s descent into mental illness and alcoholism one day she s the best, most loving mother in the world, the next she is straight out of a bosch painting you get a feeling that pelzer is being very selective with what he shares with us characters are never anything but inherently good or inherently evil he s either being abused horribly or being embraced lovingly there seems to be very little grey area in pelzer s book the grey area is exactly what needs to be illuminated in a book about abuse we learn far from a book about becoming an alcoholic than we do from a book about being a drunk the latter is voyeuristic and exploitive, the former can illuminate and possibly save lives.there has been quite a bit of controversy surrounding the accuracy of this book i can t speak to that there is a blurb about the book being up for the pulitzer at some point pelzer submitted it himself, which anyone can do details like this do nothing but add an aura of snake oil the dime store self help book jacket design doesn t help matters the last thing i d want to do is come down on a dude who s lived through the type of hellish abuse described here even if his descriptions were 1 10th true, it would still be than any human being should have to endure i am not claiming that this guy did not suffer, but we need from books than a simple retelling of events we get that in the newspaper every morning.

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