

RUSTING --- TOYS

The story of eight children
and the parents who abused them.

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INTRODUCTION

I must confess that I went to Mr. Webster to seek out the definition of certain words that recur with each turn of the page in this book. However, I already had definitions in mind based on my life experiences. I feel it is important for you to have them, too, as a basis for reading this story.

- Abuse: improper or excessive use or treatment.
- Beating: an act of striking with repeated blows so as to injure or damage.
- Evil: morally reprehensible or arising from actual or imputed bad character or conduct or causing harm.
- Life: the quality that distinguishes a vital and functional being from a dead body.
- Lost: ruined or destroyed physically or morally or beyond reach or attainment.
- Neglect: to leave undone or unattended or insufficient attention to something that merits attention.
- Parent: a person who brings up or cares for another.
- Rust: corrosive or injurious influence or effect or causing to be of little or no worth.
- Survival: the act or fact of living
- Trust: to place confidence in or rely on as the truth or as being confident in as not to cause harm.

You may find this a strange combination of words, but it is my hope that by the time you finish this book, you will

appreciate the extra effort given to providing you with these meanings.

There are 4.3 births in this world every second, which equates to about 353,000 babies per day worldwide. Statistically, 734 male babies that are born each day will die before reaching age one. In the United States alone, 337 children between the ages of 1 and 4 will die because of homicide. In the United States, 386 children between the ages of 10 and 14 will take their own lives. Why would I bring all this up?

When a child is born, the world does not find it unreasonable to expect the people who bring him or her into the world to take care of all the child's needs including love, shelter, safety, food, clothing, medical care, trust, warmth in cold, cool in heat, faith needs, stability, and security. Sometimes this just doesn't happen.

This story is about the eight children born to a couple who married in the 1940s and the life journey of each. Further, this is the true story about eight children who were abused and neglected as infants, children, pre-teens, teens, and young adults and describes how each one's stages in life were dictated by what he or she heard, felt, thought, and imagined through the words and actions or lack of actions by this couple, other family, neighbors, schoolmates, church members, clergy, and others. By the end of this book, the list of words that I have provided may take on different meanings or definitions for you.

Some of you will be angered, some will be sad, some will be in disbelief, some will be shocked, some will feel pity, and some will carry other feelings, but all will come to an understanding that Jesus Christ has to play a part in every human being's life if life is going to have any kind of meaning. There is no other meaning for Jesus Christ other than love. If you doubt it, read carefully these pages.

It is not my intention to shine light on the sins of my brothers and sisters, but I have no problem sharing my own. This is who I am. However, it is difficult to discuss each child's struggles through life without mentioning, at least in part, some of the sins that have resulted from just trying to survive life. Yes, that is correct. We survived life; we didn't live it.

You will discover as never before how the sins of the father (or mother) are passed down from generation to generation. You will also discover that the only way that this vicious circle can ever be broken is through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Keep in mind that biological parents are not the only ones who take an active part in raising a child. In addition to people, places and experiences have a large influence on how a child will grow and what he or she will grow into.

Finally, it is my most fervent desire that you discover that all that glitters is not gold. There have been many songs that reflect misinterpreted feelings or appearances and usually to the surprise of someone who thought they had insider's knowledge of the person, situation, or experience. *Rusting Toys* is a book that attempts to bring to the forefront the need for people to ask questions or to report anything that they suspect to be something other than "gold." It is an attempt to get the reader to discover the importance of relying on God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Enjoy the book.

