

The Marsh King's Daughter by Karen Dionne

4 stars

Powerful, terrifying and brilliantly written suspense novel, but it could be true.

Helena sets the tone of the book by telling the reader that the story is hers and hers only. It is not the story of her mother who was abducted at a young age by her father. True to her word, as if this is an autobiography, the book is about Helena.

She loved her father, even though he was a cruel monster. He taught her far too much not to love him. He gave her opportunities to become self-reliant, brave and he equipped her to survive in the snow, marshes and forests.

I liked the analogy of the Hans Christian Andersen story – The Marsh King's Daughter. But the book was so gripping that I only went back to read the fairy tale after I completed the whole book. Parts of the fairy tale are in the beginning of each chapter.

While reading the book, I could not help but think of the thousands of children who have been abducted and who had children in captivity. Some have never been found. I felt proud of Helena, but very sad about the monsters we have in this world.

Well worth reading and is a good read for those who like psychological thrillers, suspense, adventure as well as books that ultimately bring hope.

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