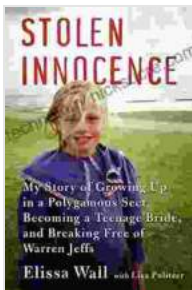


# My Story of Growing Up in a Polygamous Sect, Becoming a Teenage Bride, and Breaking Free

I was born into a polygamous sect in the rural mountains of Utah. My father had three wives and over 20 children. I was the youngest of his children, and I grew up in a world where polygamy was the norm.



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I was taught that polygamy was a holy practice that was ordained by God. I was told that it was the only way to live a righteous life and that I would be blessed with eternal salvation if I married a polygamist.

At the age of 14, I was married to a 25-year-old man. I didn't know him very well, but I was told that he was a good man and that I would be happy with him.

Our marriage was not a happy one. My husband was abusive, and I was constantly afraid of him. I was also isolated from my family and friends, and I felt like I was trapped in a prison.

I knew that I couldn't stay in that marriage, but I didn't know how to get out. I was afraid of what my husband would do to me if I left, and I was afraid of what my community would think of me.

One day, I finally found the courage to leave. I packed my bags and ran away. I didn't know where I was going, but I knew that I had to get away from my husband.

I ended up in a shelter for abused women. It was there that I met other women who had escaped from polygamous cults. They helped me to understand that I was not alone, and that there was hope for me to rebuild my life.

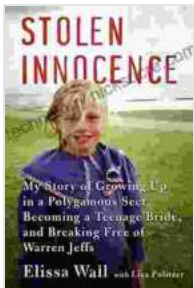
I eventually went back to school and got my GED. I also started working and volunteering in my community. I am now a successful businesswoman and a proud mother of two children.

I am sharing my story because I want to help others who have survived polygamy. I want them to know that they are not alone, and that there is hope for them to rebuild their lives.

Polygamy is a harmful practice that destroys lives. It is a form of abuse that has no place in our society. I am committed to fighting against polygamy and to helping others who have been affected by it.

Here are some resources for people who are interested in learning more about polygamy and how to help survivors:

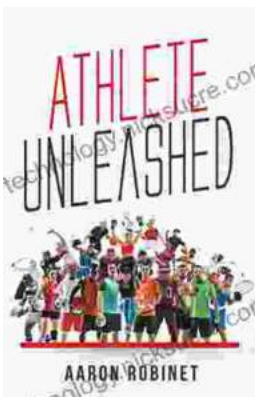
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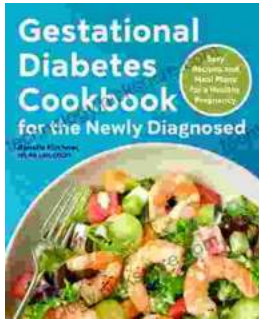
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