

# The Stolen Childhood: A Shocking True Story of an Armenian Girl's Survival

In the heart-wrenching memoir, *The Stolen Childhood*, author Lucine Kasbarian recounts her harrowing experience as a young Armenian girl stolen from her family during the Armenian Genocide.

## A Childhood Shattered



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Lucine's idyllic childhood in the vibrant city of Van, Turkey, was abruptly shattered in 1915 when the Ottoman government launched a systematic campaign of extermination against the Armenian population.

One fateful day, Turkish soldiers descended upon their village, slaughtering her father and older brother before Lucine's very eyes. Along with her mother and younger siblings, Lucine was forcibly taken from her home and marched into a desolate desert.

### **A Perilous Journey**



Armenians on a death march during the Armenian Genocide.

The death march that followed tested the limits of human endurance. Lucine and her family endured starvation, disease, and relentless harassment from their captors. Many succumbed to the harsh conditions, their bodies left behind as grim reminders of the atrocities being committed.

Amidst the chaos and despair, Lucine clung to a flicker of hope. She knew she had to find a way to survive and reunite with her remaining family. Her resilience and unwavering determination became her salvation.

## **A Stolen Identity**



To escape persecution, Lucine was forcibly converted to Islam and given a new Turkish name. She was separated from her mother and siblings, never knowing their fate. Alone and vulnerable, she was exploited as a young bride to a Turkish man.

Haunted by her past and longing for her lost family, Lucine kept her true identity a closely guarded secret. For decades, she lived a dual existence, pretending to be a Muslim woman in public while secretly clinging to her Armenian roots.

### **A Dream Revived**



Lucine Kasbarian reunited with her sister after 80 years of separation.

Lucine's dream of finding her lost family never waned. With the help of dedicated researchers, she embarked on an extraordinary journey to uncover the truth about her past.

After eight long decades, a miraculous reunion occurred. Lucine was reunited with her sister, who had also survived the horrors of the genocide. The two sisters embraced, their tears of joy a testament to their indomitable spirit.

## A Legacy of Resilience



Lucine's story is not just a tale of survival; it is a testament to the unbreakable bonds of family and the power of resilience in the face of unspeakable adversity.

Through her memoir, Lucine Kasbarian shares her firsthand account of one of the darkest chapters in human history. Her courage in speaking out serves as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for justice and reconciliation.

*The Stolen Childhood* is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand the human toll of war and genocide. It is a story that will inspire,

horrify, and ultimately leave you in awe of the indomitable human spirit.

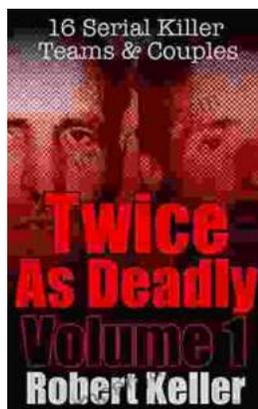


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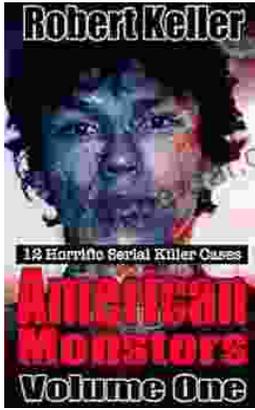
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