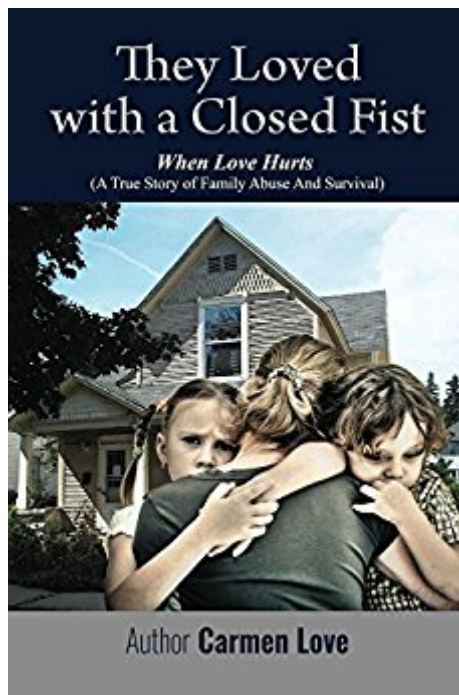


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Synopsis

A young mother of four is forced into the dark streets after discovering that the charming man she married was just another chapter in a lifetime of abuse she'd already endured. Fearing for her own life, as well as that of her small children, she narrowly escapes as he relentlessly continues to pursue them from one city to another. *They Loved with a Closed Fist: When Love Hurts* is a memoir documenting the journey of Carmen Love. A woman who, despite many obstacles, broke free for the vicious cycle of domestic violence in her life. This memoir chronicles Love's earliest memories of witnessing things no child should ever have to witness. Though she was determined to escape her dysfunctional past, violence continued throughout her adult life. Despite all odds, it was through her resilient disposition and unwavering faith in God that Carmen triumphed, breaking the cycle of violence and finally setting herself free. **WARNING:** This book is based upon a true account of child abuse and domestic abuse. This content contains passages that some readers may find disturbing. In order to protect the dignity and privacy of others, some of the names in this book have been changed.

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Customer Reviews

This story of pain and abuse kept me in my seat until the book was finished. I applaud the authors honesty and courage to share such a harrowing story of survival against the odds. I am transformed by her experience and her unwavering faith. Written like fiction, feels like a thriller, and touches you to the very core of your being. I found myself hollering "Get Out" every other page. This is a story that needed to be told and shared. It's message of faith and hope will remain with you long after THE END!

This is for anyone that have experienced physical, mental, emotional and spiritual abuse from family, friends and strangers alike. This book gives you understanding on the meaning of God's love, purpose and direction for YOUR life. To know that Carmen was able to sustain all that she had to be in God's perfect will; WOW, WOW and WOW. Many times you will have to put this book down to try and comprehend how and why a person would stay and endure love in any unhealthy relationships. Just keep turning those pages because we all need to know and understand that God has a plan for each one of us if WE are willing to hear, listen and receive the knowledge he wants to give us. Much love and blessing to Ms. Carmen Love and her children (who are my new hero's).

What an amazing story ! I am amazed by her strong faith, she went through so much but stayed strong. Everybody needs to read this book. Thank you so much Carmen for sharing your story, not so many people are brave enough to tell a story like this.

What a poignant and powerful memoir! Ms. Love conveys, in extraordinary detail, the complexity of our human narratives intersecting with others. Her story is gritty and real; yet, a true testament of her resiliency, along with God's loving embrace, cradling her through traumatic life episodes. As a therapist, it is easy to see how victims struggling with domestic violence can identify with Ms. Love's story. However, it is my hope that perpetrators of domestic violence read Ms. Love's story. With the vantage point of safety and distance, they can break down the seemingly impenetrable ego defense mechanisms of "denial, minimization and blame", garner insight into their own abusive/violent behaviors and develop the capacity to extend themselves with empathy and understanding toward the loved one's they have abused. Thank you Carmen for granting the reader a candid glimpse of your life narrative, as the process of healing will result for many who now know that they are not

alone in their journey.

Once I started reading, They loved with a closed fist, I COULD NOT put it down. The author was able to captivate her personal experiences in such a way that I felt every joy, pain and blessings. She is truly one of God's special warriors. This book is for ALL to read. Great Job Author Carmen Love, Great Job~

Honestly, how can women be so STUPID and weak to go back to a man who harmed them? Not just once but plenty. And then to be lazy and abuse the system when you're HEALTHY and CAN work. Yet choose to drag your kids from shelter to shelter and using assistance while choosing NOT to work. I wish I would of saved my time and not read this book at all!

"They Loved With a Closed Fist" is a memoir, documenting the journey that one woman took to break free from the vicious cycle of violence in her life. What allows the reader to truly invest in this story is the author's ability to be completely vulnerable. She went back in her life and visited dark places, places brimming with pain and scars, and eloquently revealed this pain to the reader without holding back anything. For this reason, the reader cared about the author's plight. When she hurt, we hurt. When she was scared, we were scared. When she felt hopeless, we felt her despair. We cared about her plight and we wanted to know how things would eventually work out for her, which kept the pages turning. I cried after reading this book because she went through so much and was able to remain strong. A beautiful depiction of courage, bravery, and determination. I cringed on several parts because the author is able to put the reader right into the scenes. This is an excellent book that the readers will never forget. If you're in an abusive relationship or know someone that is, please purchase this book. Everyone needs to read this story. Man, woman, child--no matter the race, no matter the age, no matter the situation. This is a story that embodies hope. Similar to a white rose laying unharmed upon a bloodied battle ground, this story reaches out to the reader and says, "God is not a respecter of persons. If He did it for me, He'll do it for you. No matter your situation, there's always light at the end of the tunnel. All you have to do is keep the faith and keep pressing forward. God will do the rest." As long as I live, I will never forget Carmen Love's story, and will carry her struggle and triumph in my heart as a reminder that if God bring me to it, He can and will bring me through it.

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