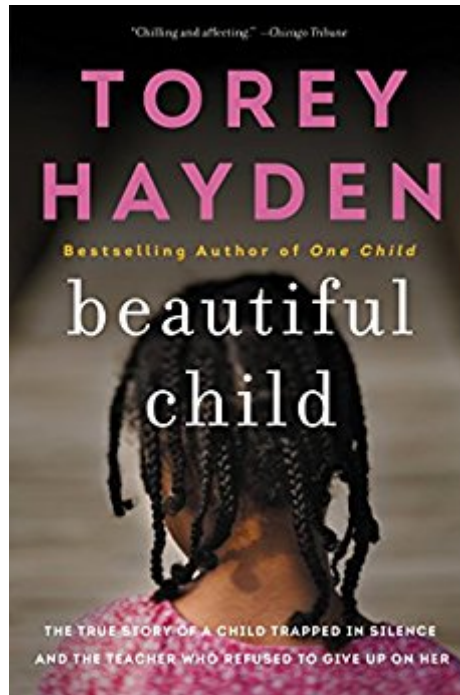




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Beautiful Child



Synopsis

From the bestselling author of *One Child* comes this amazing, true story of a mute and withdrawn seven-year-old girl and the special education teacher determined never to abandon a child in need. Seven-year-old Venus Fox never spoke, never listened, never even acknowledged the presence of another human being in the room with her. Yet an accidental playground bump would release a rage frightening to behold. The school year that followed would be one of the most trying, perplexing, and ultimately rewarding of Torey Hayden's career, as she struggled to reach a silent child in obvious pain. It would be a strenuous journey beset by seemingly insurmountable obstacles and darkened by truly terrible revelations yet encouraged by sometimes small, sometimes dazzling breakthroughs as a dedicated teacher remained committed to helping a hopeless girl, and patiently and lovingly leading her toward the light of a new day.

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Customer Reviews

Torrey's well written book touches the heart as she goes through her days in the classroom with her

special education students. She introduces each child and their needs, but especially Venus her most challenging student, who most people had given up on helping. Torrey's tenacity and concern for Venus worked small "miracles" in this troubled and abused child's life. There were times while reading the book that I couldn't put it down and read with a broken heart for Venus. I highly recommend this book for your reading. If you've ever spent time with children in an educational setting, you will especially enjoy Beautiful Child.

The amazing part about this story is that it's true and Torey touched real people and changed their lives for the better. Truly astounding. I must admit I wasn't a complete fan, but definitely a great read. BTW: I'm biased - focus on learning theories involving behavior mod as a psych student.

I enjoyed this book, and laughed at the comments made by Billy, and was saddened by the way children are treated by their parents. Torey did a great job in putting this altogether and then ended it superbly - don't want to add a spoiler here. The story telling developed well, and as such, I could not put the book down. A must read.

The story is told with frank and honest language, is beautifully crafted and unfolded in a way that reveals slowly, as though you were there, the events that affect this child, the interventions and setbacks, and satisfyingly, there is an epilog. I bought this for a class in identifying special needs children in the classroom. I think it is a good read for anyone, but especially anyone who works with children "in a classroom, clinic, or daycare."

I have followed Torey Hayden's teaching career from the beginning. Each year her teaching methods seem to evolve as she is met with a new group of students. All of Torey's pupils are individuals to her, each with their own set of problems and strengths. Most learn much from Torrey, who seems to learn much from each of them.

Great book. Torey does a great job at showing her passion for children. As a social worker myself I can identify clearly with her excitement when children succeed. This is the second book I have read of hers and I was not disappointed.

This was not my favorite Tory Hayden book. That being said it was an interesting and compelling book.

a very heartwarming story about a teacher of a special needs student who has severe mental problems. The teacher has to learn to go inside the child's personal life and home life to fully understand how to reach the child. She goes above and beyond to unravel the façade of the child. To understand the complexities of the child's behavior she must first learn to understand the child.

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