

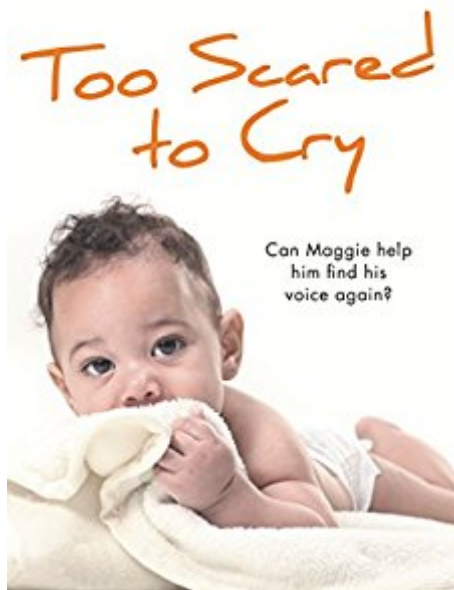


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Too Scared To Cry: A True Short Story

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Synopsis

A digital short story from author and foster carer Maggie Hartley. Also contains a sneak peek chapter from Maggie's highly anticipated debut memoir, *TINY PRISONERS*. Brothers Ben and Damien are shockingly quiet when they arrive on Maggie's doorstep. They don't shout or play like normal three and four year olds. They hardly dare make a sound, so much have they been conditioned to be 'seen and not heard' by their mother and controlling stepfather. More disturbingly, their little baby half-brother Noah is completely unresponsive. He doesn't play, he doesn't smile, he doesn't crawl - he doesn't even cry. In a state of blankness brought about by emotional neglect, poor baby Noah is disconnected from the world. Maggie has never seen such a young life so affected before. Yet with time, love and care, Maggie gradually unpicks what has caused this terrible void. She teaches the children to play and laugh and to not be afraid to make noise. We see Ben, Damien and Noah take steps towards a positive future and their journey reaches a happy conclusion when they are adopted by a loving family. With love and affection, they are no longer scared to be themselves. They are free to make their voices heard.

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Customer Reviews

I think we have a fresh new author with insight to a world we'll never (hopefully) see in our entire lives. Her accounts will bring you to your knees and pray that more people like Maggie will step up to the plate and be that middle person that these young children need! Whether Maggie believes it or not she has a great calling from God on her life to help her these precious little people, and a gift to put it all down in words!

I missed that it was a short story, and wish it was a bit longer. But it was uplifting and insightful. Made me look for her other books to read after I finished. This is a real review - I didn't get any discounts or anything - I just found the item on my own and bought it to read during a flight.

These true stories of being a foster mother are really heartwarming. Her insight into working with deeply troubled, abused and compromised juveniles are filled with lessons on parenting with compassion to benefit any parent who feels out of ideas.

Oh my! This book started out filling my heart with sadness. The children were so young to be so traumatized physically as well as emotionally. But the ending just proves love can work miracles!!

very sad story

The story of these children is a rollercoaster ride of fear, hurt and the love that saved them. A good read.

A good read about a foster parent and a child that stayed with her.

I love her books. they are real. she is an exceptional woman.

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