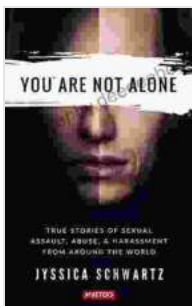


# True Stories of Sexual Assault, Abuse, and Harassment from Around the World

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Sexual assault, abuse, and harassment are pervasive issues that affect millions of people around the world. These crimes can have devastating consequences for victims, both physically and emotionally. In this article, we will share some true stories of sexual assault, abuse, and harassment from around the world. We hope that these stories will help to raise awareness of these important issues and inspire you to take action to prevent them.



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### \*\*A Survivor's Story\*\*

I am a survivor of sexual assault. I was raped by a stranger when I was 19 years old. I was walking home from work one night when he attacked me. He dragged me into an alley and raped me. I was so scared and

humiliated. I didn't know what to do. I went home and showered, but I couldn't wash away the shame. I didn't tell anyone what happened for months. I was too ashamed.

When I finally did tell someone, they didn't believe me. They said I was making it up. I felt so alone and helpless. I started to withdraw from my friends and family. I lost my job. I couldn't sleep. I was having nightmares every night.

One day, I went to a support group for survivors of sexual assault. I met other women who had been through the same thing. They understood what I was going through. They helped me to heal. I am still struggling with the aftermath of my assault, but I am getting better. I am sharing my story in the hope that it will help others.

### ### \*\*The Importance of Speaking Out\*\*

One of the most important things that survivors of sexual assault, abuse, and harassment can do is to speak out about their experiences. When we speak out, we are sending a message that these crimes are not okay. We are also helping to break the silence that surrounds these issues.

Speaking out can be difficult, but it is important. It can help you to heal and it can help to prevent others from being victimized. If you have been the victim of sexual assault, abuse, or harassment, please know that you are not alone. There are people who care about you and want to help you. Please reach out to a friend, family member, therapist, or other trusted individual. You deserve to be heard and you deserve to be healed.

### ### \*\*How to Prevent Sexual Assault, Abuse, and Harassment\*\*

There are a number of things that can be done to prevent sexual assault, abuse, and harassment. Here are a few tips:

\* \*\*Educate yourself about the issue.\*\* Learn about the different types of sexual assault, abuse, and harassment. Understand the warning signs. \*  
\*\*Be aware of your surroundings.\*\* Pay attention to who is around you and what is going on. Trust your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, get out of there. \* \*\*Set boundaries.\*\* Let people know what you are and are not comfortable with. Don't be afraid to say no. \* \*\*Be an active bystander.\*\* If you see someone being harassed or assaulted, don't be afraid to intervene. You can do this by speaking up, getting help, or distracting the perpetrator. \* \*\*Support survivors.\*\* If you know someone who has been the victim of sexual assault, abuse, or harassment, be supportive. Let them know that you believe them and that you care about them.

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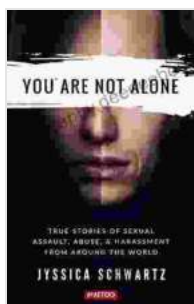
Sexual assault, abuse, and harassment are serious crimes that can have devastating consequences. However, we can all take steps to prevent these crimes and to support survivors. By educating ourselves, being aware of our surroundings, setting boundaries, being active bystanders, and supporting survivors, we can create a world where everyone is safe from sexual violence.

## \*\*Additional Resources\*\*

\* The National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE \* The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN): 1-800-656-HOPE You can also get help online at RAINN's website: <https://www.rainn.org> \* The National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE You can also get help online

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<https://www.thehotline.org> \* The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC): 1-877-739-3895 \* The National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 \* The National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs: 212-714-1141 You can also get help online at the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs' website: <https://www.ncavp.org>



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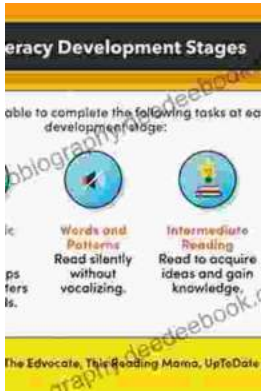
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