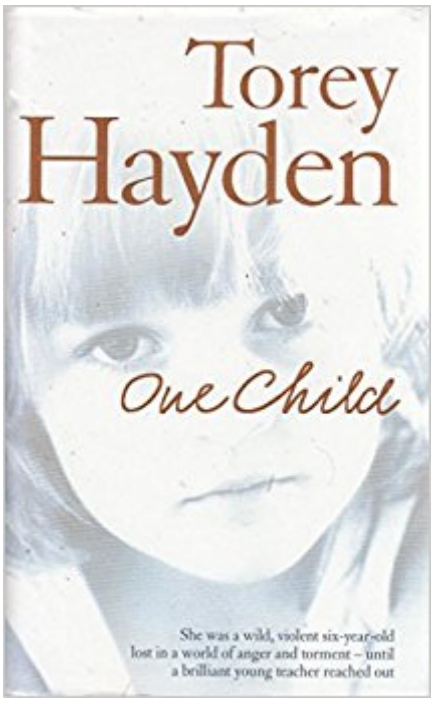
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I originally read this book nearly thirty years ago when I was a pre-teen. It immediately impacted my life. I now work in special education, and often refer this book to colleagues. It’s extremely well written, and makes the reader feel as if they’re sitting in the classroom, witnessing the events as they happen. It’s difficult to put into words how I feel about this book, this story, and Sheila and Torey, it simply hits one’s heart that hard.

This is a well known book with a fervent fan base and it was a great quick read. There is not a lot of attachment theory for you psy and sowk students out there, this is more of a emotional roller coaster read.My biggest concern is the book seems a little contrived and there is no way to verify and no peer review. Not trying to be cynical, it could be more of the author’s slant than anything else.

Amazing book! I love it so much. The author’s writing is great. she communicates her thoughts and actions well. This was a required book for my college class and I simply could not put it down, I finished it in a week.

WOOOOOOOOOOOOW! I read it on the train to work, walking up the street, on my breaks, sneaking a few pages in during work and on the couch at home until I couldn't keep my eyes open. When I wasn't reading this beautiful story, I was thinking about it. When I was done, I reread the last chapter, and kept skimming through the book wishing there was more. THEN I found out she wrote another one about Sheila!!!! I bought it today...I just finished One Child this afternoon!

I was required to read this book for my Intro to Children with Disabilities college course. I admit, I hate reading books, and most books do not hold my attention, but this book did. I sat down and read the entire book in 1 day. I've never done that with any other book. It's an easy read. Some chapters were heartbreaking, but it's defiantly worth the read.

I still remember my cousin loaning me this book while I was at her home for vacation. I was so engrossed in the book, I didn't want to go to the beach or anywhere else until I was done! Thankfully, it was a short book... When I got home, I went on a search to find my own copy. When I loaned it to a friend in college, I never got it back from her. Over the years, I bought this book whenever I saw it in the store, as I would keep loaning my copy to people and never getting it back! With online bookstores, thankfully it's a lot easer to get my replacement copies!I wrote to the Oprah Winfrey show, I think she would LOVE this book, and it would be great to see it get the kind of exposure being her Book Club pick would bring, so if you love it, write to them too! The thing that amazes me about One Child, is how few people have ever read it, I don't think anyone I've mentioned it to has ever read it, until I give them my copy. And of course, everyone loves the book!P.S. Be sure to read the Tiger's Child, not quite as emotionally powerful as One Child, but a great book on how heartbreaking reality can be sometimes.

The reviews of Torey Hayden's books convinced me to want to read the series. My pursuit of the first book One Child found a Plot Synopsis and Study Guide. Disappointed until I found the actual book based on her true experience on and read it through in two sittings. Now see how other reviews are spot on and I will be reading through all the series! I have read through all the Cathy Glass books and was looking for something as engrossing and Torey Hayden fits the bill.

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