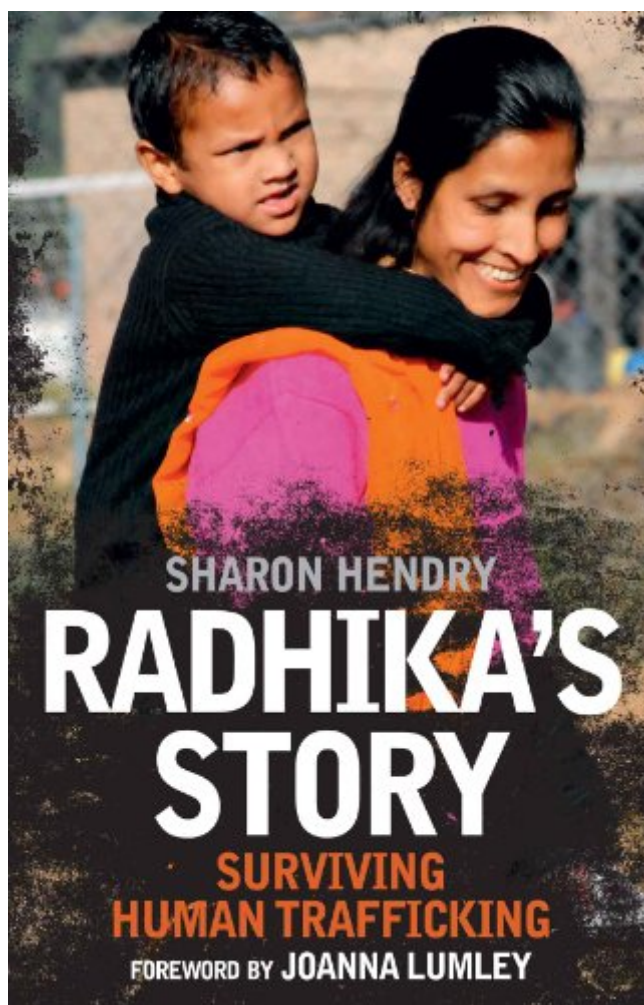


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# Radhika's Story: Surviving Human Trafficking



## Synopsis

“An incredible story of triumph over evil in the modern world. “A moving account of what a mother’s love for her child can achieve even when the odds are stacked against them both. “A horrifying first-hand account of a survivor of human trafficking in the 21st-century. “A portrayal of the illegal and sordid underworld of trafficking in human organs. Radhika’s Story. A seemingly innocent sip of Coca-Cola, drunk by a starving and desperately thirsty 16-year-old girl led to the first of Radhika Phuyal’s human trafficking experiences. Drugged, Radhika woke up hours later, in great pain, only to discover that her kidney had been removed and sold to the highest bidder. Radhika was married by force but tried to make the best of her situation. She had a much-loved son, but Rohan’s birth signified the next harrowing episode in Radhika’s life “ she was trafficked again. Living in India, separated from her son and forced to have sex with up to 25 men a day, Radhika refused to accept her lot. Desperate to be reunited with her child, she fought against the odds, finding the strength to escape her horrific life and rescue her son and finally find sanctuary in a refuge set up to help survivors of trafficking. Journalist Sharon Hendry tells Radhika’s horrifying but incredibly inspiring story. She also highlights the pervasive nature of human trafficking in the 21st century. Proceeds from the book will go to Maiti, the charity that helped Radhika and which continues to help survivors of trafficking.

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed reading about Radhika and Rohan, her son, very much. The story behind this brave girl is tragic and sad, but the story is well written, with compassion. Thanks to this book, I now have more awareness of women trafficking in Nepal and India and I am currently supporting the organization that houses Radhika and Rohan.

While I was reading this book I had to keep reminding myself this just happened a few years ago not 20! TO hear all that this woman endured is unbelievable! Then to come home by the help of a stranger only to have her family shun her, I wept! I would love to hear how she is doing now....my prayers go to her and her son that she finds someone and finds happiness! Great story, couldn't put this book down!

Radhika's story is one that no one should ever have to endure. And yet, somehow, unbelievably, both she and her son not only endured it, Radhika also found the strength to tell her story. The writing of this novel is not particularly strong. The book is as captivating as it is (and received as high a mark from me as it did) because of the subject matter, not the way in which it is written. I think it could have benefited from some tougher editing and stronger storytelling skills. That said, I highly recommend this book, if only because it helps bring to light an important topic: the ongoing suppression and abuse of women across the globe. I commend the authors for the support they've given to such a noble cause. It has encouraged me to donate to Maiti Nepal and other centres for victims of human enslavement.

I am still in awe... how can someone who's gone through so much pain still live to tell her story? That's Radhika and she's an amazing woman. The book was easy to read and very touching, I was able to finish it within a day. Everything you've heard about organs being sold in the black market, women forced into marriages, and underage prostitution, this woman has gone through it all.

This is an amazing true story of a girl who is trafficked, first for her kidney, and then later to work as sex slave in India. It was real without being graphic. Radhika persevered through her life as a slave and made it out of that life with her son. Proceeds of the book are used to fight human trafficking.

A most powerful story of exploitation of one of our globe's weakest citizens. Born into poverty in Nepal Radhika's life was a descent into the most degenerate forms of human trafficking imaginable. Naive and totally alone a 14 year old girl is tricked into taking a journey which led to her kidney being removed to satisfy wealthy traders in body parts. An arranged marriage follows and unable to make any decision she is abused, beaten, robbed and left with a baby. The love for that child is Radhika's source of survival. The degeneration spirals through a series of filthy brothels. The true story does see some help from rare individuals of decency and after unimaginable horrors she does find refuge. One cannot read this and remain aloof to the suffering of girls in underdeveloped lands.

I had no idea of the extent of the trafficking of women and children in the sex trade in India and Nepal. Stories of people being kidnapped and kidneys stolen have become a joke. And yet here it is true. We must act to stop these horrors and contribute to grow the refuges of healing.

I read this book over two days. It is a very sad book but well written. More young girls need to read books like this true story so they become aware of the horrible things that can happen to them by trusting people. In this day and age you can not trust anyone. Radhika was a strong girl and I was happy to know that she got away and is doing well.

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