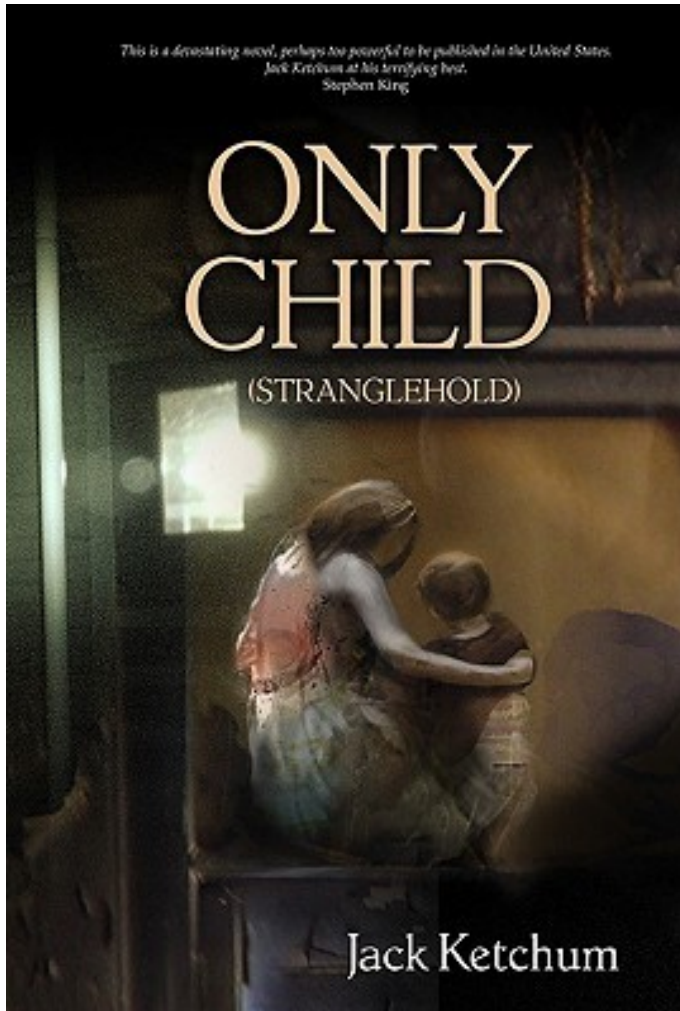

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Only Child



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Description

Originally published as *Stranglehold* in the U.S. and *Only Child* in the UK (and later, in the U.S. as well)

Arthur Danse doesn't live by the normal rules. He knows he has been put on earth for a purpose -to show people that the world is a dark and terrible place. To say no to Arthur Danse is to receive a lesson in fear and pain. No matter who you are.

Wife... lover... stranger... or eight-year-old son... Lydia McCloud is one of life's givers. A nurse whose own hard upbringing gives her a special sympathy for those in need. Lydia doesn't discover the real Arthur until it's far too late. Until she's married to him and their son Robert has become the centre of her world. And she's forced into the battle of her life for the sake of her only child...

Insightful reviews

Jenn: Lydia found out that her husband has been sexually assaulting her son. Arthur is a pillar in the community who owns an upscale bar restaurant. Back and forth to court they went till the kid had to stay with Arthur's parents. Lydia was threatened and shot Arthur and his father so she ended up in jail and Robert was left to live with the Grandmother. She ended up being the sexual predator towards Arthur and soon her grandson. I think it's fucked up that people are so twisted to do such horrific things to other people, especially kids because when they grow up they might be inclined to do the same.

Kim: As depressing as Ketchum can be, he made some great observations about people throughout the book. I believe the book is now titled *_Only Child_*, and I think that title fits just as well as original title. This is a book that looks at the way sociopaths attempt to have relationships, and how their dark sides just find a way out. It also looks at our justice system and how it often fails those who need it most, yet they don't have the money or political ties to grease the wheels of justice.

Usually after I finish a Ketchum book, I want to break something. It's not because I hate his books. It's because I HATE the real horrors that are more likely in our world, those with human monsters instead of supernatural ones. Ketchum reminds us that "happily ever after" is not the reality for some, and perhaps, we can even do something about it.

This book was an incredibly quick read since it grabs you right at the beginning. It does slow a little during the court scene, but the information discussed there does have strong relevance to the story. The ending, of course, is Ketchum, so don't expect them to walk off into the sunset. If you'd like a short story along the lines of Ketchum's clear issue with the justice system, I'd strongly recommend Madison Smartt Bell's "Witness."

Andrea Schneeberger:

Jack Ketchum hat es wieder einmal mehr geschafft mich von der ersten Seite an zu fesseln. Der Roman ist spannend, schonungslos und emotional Berührend. Wer Evil mochte wird auch Wahnsinn mögen.

David Nelson: Mediocre. well wrapped up (I suppose), yet at turns tedious and infuriating throughout, with bizarre blind spots. one other access within the American cannon of "Thank God violence was once there to resolve our problems!" mythology.

Bracken: this can be the easiest Jack Ketchum publication i have learn yet. even supposing different stories recommend that this ebook is over the top, he treats the topic of kid sexual abuse with massive sensitivity and honesty. Also, as a legal professional i will say the court docket scenes are the main exact representations of trial and the family members courtroom approach that i have read. He merits a few actual compliment for the standard of his research. I want extra humans can have the tummy to learn this one to determine how our method totally fails to serve teenagers in court. But again to the storytelling. This publication has precisely what you will have from Jack Ketchum: genuine villainous character(s), a powerful ethical center, and an intensely compelling storyline. there's one personality story-line that very heavily resembles one within the Lost, yet I cherished it greater right here (this ebook being far better than The Lost, IMO). After the 1st 3rd of the book, it used to be a Herculean attempt to place it down and parcel the tale out to make it last. i am completely satisfied i purchased the Gauntlet restricted edition. That used to be \$35 well-spent!

Carrie: I wasn't yes what i used to be in for examining my first Jack Ketchum novel. All I knew was once that Stephen King has known as him the "scariest man in America". And he wasn't lying. Stranglehold used to be a very anxious novel. The characters have been plausible & the tale is particularly good written, however the material is heartbreaking. I nearly want the radical was once informed from the viewpoint of the Robert, the kid on the heart of the storm, now not the adults. i believe it would've made a better impact, yet that, as you recognize is barely opinion. i am nonetheless unsure to whether or no longer i'll learn one other Jack Ketchum novel. This one used to be difficult to learn now and then & actually made me uncomfortable. yet might be that's the brilliance in Mr. Ketchum's writing: he forces us to seem into the maw of human depravity unblinkingly, & combat with how we believe approximately it & which course we'd decide to unravel awful situations. when you are keen to do so, i might suggest Stranglehold. Ketchum's writing is visceral, unwavering, & hits you correct within the gut. really a roller-coaster trip of a novel!

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