On March 2, 1998, 10-year-old Natascha Kampusch was kidnapped and found herself locked in a house that would be her home for the next eight years. She was starved, beaten, treated as a slave, and forced to work for her deranged captor. But she never forgot who she was, and she never gave up hope of returning to the world. This is her story.

I had wanted to read this book after reading articles of it in the daily mail. I downloaded it to my kindle and it was there in seconds. The book is compelling and well written, it is detailed in a way that you can picture the streets and the feelings and emotions. It was hard to believe that a woman who had been snatched off the streets at 10 and held captive for over 8 years could write such a piece of work in both an objective and subjective way. One would imagine a woman who has found freedom from a dungeon after 8 years of captivity would be uneducated and lost in a fragmented world but the book would seem like it had been written by a psychologist. It is difficult for us to grasp how this young woman has so much empathy and forgiveness for her captor who treated her like a slave beating her and stealing her youth but somehow she finds a way to understand him and yearn for his next visit to her dungeon so that she did not have to be alone. The book tells of how she lost her freedom and became a prisoner from the young age of 10 and how her mind coped with the change of environment and how her will and determination fought on a daily basis to make some sense of what was happening to her. You are taken on a journey of sadness, fear, depravity, hope, isolation, torment, and abuse but still this girls soul did not give up. We are shown how the soul of
Natascha aged 18 came to visit 12 year old Natascha and promised her she would be there for her and help her and that when she was 18 she would lead her to freedom, this inner connection of future and present souls carried her through each grueling day and night until her freedom at aged 18.

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