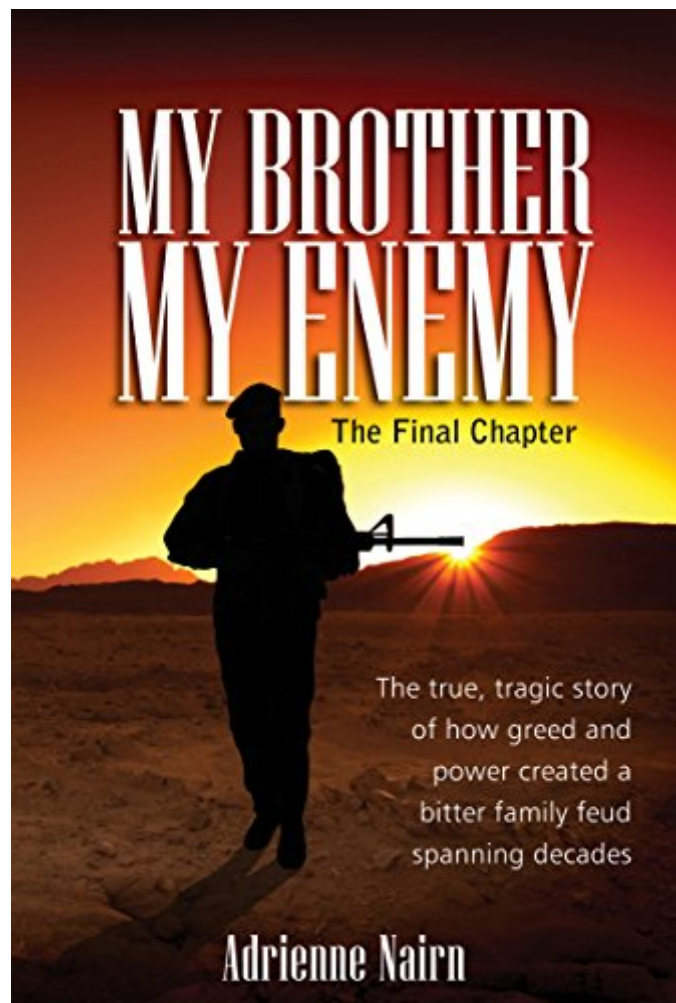




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Synopsis

Adrienne Nairn is a former British resident now living in New Zealand. Her autobiography provides a record of her first hand experiences of the issues of elder abuse, the waste of Police and Social Services resources, misuse of Powers of Attorney and matters of how inheritances are handled within families in the aftermath of the loss of a loved one.

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Customer Reviews

A sad true story saga of the bitterness, greed and corruption of one man, that adversely affected so many within a family dynamic. Abuse comes in many insidious forms and this book is rife with examples. You hear about this type of thing but reading it in the intimate detail the author describes is mind boggling and unsettling. It is a testament to the author that she persevered to get her story and those of the people affected by this drama, told. I wish her and her family all the best.

This book certainly verifies that "money is the root of all evil!" The author records how a family was

torn apart by greed and dishonesty. The incompetence of lawyers, police, courts and many other institutions, was appalling. Nairn had all of her facts recorded in great detail but no one seemed to want to take the time to do a thorough and proper investigation - on all levels. I truly hope that the author and those who have been affected by the greed and deceit of Michael, will be able to move on and truly appreciate the love of family and true friends. This is a book truly worth reading in the hope that her experience can bring insight and prevent it from happening to families experiencing similar conflicts.

Whilst physical elder abuse is easy to spot psychological and financial abuse is just as rife but not so detectable. This author never suspected her brother could be so devious and cunning although with his SAS training she should perhaps have been more suspicious. Unfortunately the authorities were not willing to help and it is surprising the author had the tenacity to continue her flight. This book concludes the family saga with surprising twists. I fully recommend it to anyone suffering the same family problems.

The first half of this book is a straightforward autobiography, with detailed information about the author's early life and the various tangled family relationships. The second half goes into the detail of the legal case she has pursued against her brother who took advantage of his trusted position of holding her step-mother's power of attorney to purloin her whole estate. When the author tries to stand up to him, he manages to manipulate the situation to make her look like she is the one in the wrong, and turns the whole family against her. The tale is a sorry one. Failures abound in the services that should have been there to protect the elderly vulnerable lady, and the supposedly expert solicitors that the author employs turn out to be completely incompetent, and as for the police at best they seem to have been woefully inept, and at worst wilfully obstructive and corrupt in protecting one of their own. As they say, "Where there's a will, there's a way". When I worked in Hospice Care, I witnessed more than one shameful scene with relatives standing shouting at each other over the bed of an elderly dying relative, both sides shoving different wills at them to sign. Where large sums of money are involved, it seems that common human decency often flies out the door. As the author points out, there should be more checks and balances set in place to keep the vulnerable elderly safe from people who are just trying to cynically use them.

This is such a sad tale told really well. I empathized immensely with the author. It's a book which you can easily relate to and understand right up until the 'rift'. I do not want to give anything away but I kept having to remind myself this book is a true story, the events are real! Families at the best of times can be difficult but this family feud is on a different level. It amazes me how money can corrupt so easily. Nairn's style is conversational and easy to read. I did enjoy this book and would highly recommend.

A very interesting and well written book that goes into great detail about destructive family relationships, and the damage that they can cause and leave behind. However, this book is far more than that, it tells a story and the journey the author took in her earlier life. I love the descriptions of the places that she visited and could almost picture her surroundings. I could also relate to some of the decisions she made. I highly recommend this book for readers both interested in elder abuse and an intriguing life story.

Siblings turning into enemies is not a new tale, but Adrienne Nairn's is the most compelling I've heard. Her language is simple but writing is powerful. In the beginning the story is mesmerizing as the author recounts one adventure after another during the early years of her life. From transcontinental sea voyages to bus rides in America, the author paints vivid pictures of her carefree days. The tone gets dark as the word inheritance starts to appear in the story, but moments of delight continue to dominate. Facing dreadful legal procedures and disappointing results, the author never gives up her attempt to fight for justice. Her attitude at the end is also admirable. Who is the winner in life? It depends on your mindset.

A well-told account of a family torn apart by bullying, greed and deception. We don't always hear about the financial and psychological abuse of the elderly, but here the author provides us with a detailed autobiographical chain of events that she has turned into a compelling read. A cautionary tale for all of us.

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