

# Childhood Issues: Abuse

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## Physical Abuse

Adler, C.S. **Fly Free.** (IMC CBC Fic Ad59f 1984)

Shy thirteen-year-old Shari, abused at home by a mother who resents her, is befriended by a neighbor who shares her love of birds and the outdoors.

Clifton, Lucille. **One of the Problems of Everett Anderson.** (IMC CBC E C6135o 2001)

Everett Anderson wonders how he can help his friend Greg, who appears to be a victim of child abuse.

Felin, M. Sindy. **Touching Snow.** (IMC CBC Fic F3354t 2007)

After her stepfather is arrested for child abuse, thirteen-year-old Karina's home life improves but while the severity of her older sister's injuries and the urging of her younger sister, their uncle, and a friend tempt her to testify against him, her mother and other well-meaning adults persuade her to claim responsibility.

Hopkins, Beverly H. **My Mom Has a Bad Temper.** (IMC CBC 306.8 H7442m 2000)

A child learns that her mother's anger is not her fault, and with some help, the family learns how to deal with it.

Klassen, Heather. **I Don't Want to Go to Justin's House Anymore.** (IMC CBC Fic K6664i 1999)

Collin is reluctant to go to his friend Justin's house because Justin is being beaten by his father.

Roberts, Willo Davis. **Don't Hurt Laurie!** (IMC CBC Fic R5448d 1984)

Laurie is physically abused by her mother; can she escape, and will anyone believe her story?

Werlin, Nancy. **The Rules of Survival.** (IMC CBC Fic W4944r 2006)

Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.

## Sexual Abuse

Caines, Jeannette. **Chilly Study.** (IMC CBC E C1233c 1986)

Whenever Sandy's Uncle Jim comes to visit, he hugs and kisses her in ways she doesn't like and she gets a chilly stomach

Freeman, Lory. **It's My Body.** (IMC CBC 362.704 F8777i 1982)

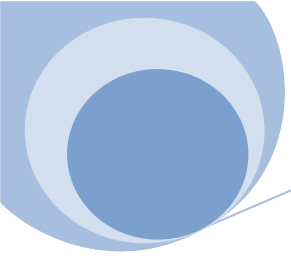
Offers children a strategy for dealing with the "uncomfortable touch" whether it is tickling or more serious abuse.

Hall, Lynn. **The Boy in the Off-White Hat.** (IMC CBC Fic H1447b 1984)

Thirteen-year-old Skeeter is happy with her summer job as mother's helper at a horse ranch, until the arrival of the overly friendly businessman, Burge Franklin, precipitates a crisis that Skeeter is not sure she can handle alone.

Polese, Carolyn. **Promise not to tell.** (IMC CBC Fic P7586p 1985)

While staying with her parents at a campground, a twelve-year-old girl is sexually molested by her riding instructor and learns the importance of talking about her traumatic experience with her parents.



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Voigt, Cynthia. **When She Hollers.** (IMC CBC Fic V8712w 1994)

Tish, a teenager who has been enduring abuse from her adoptive stepfather since she was a small child, finally decides she must do something to stop him.

Wachter, Oralee. **No More Secrets for Me.** (IMC CBC Fic W1146n 1983)

In four spate stories on the theme of sexual abuse of children, young victims are able to articulate their feelings and defend themselves, often with the help of another person whom they trust.

Williams, Lori Aurelia. **When Kambia Elaine Flew in From Neptune.** (IMC CBC Fic W6738w 2000)

Shayla, an aspiring writer growing up in a poor section of Houston, can't figure out the new girl next door, Kambia Elaine, who tells fantastic stories. She slowly realizes that Kambia Elaine needs help, but Shayla doesn't know where to find it.