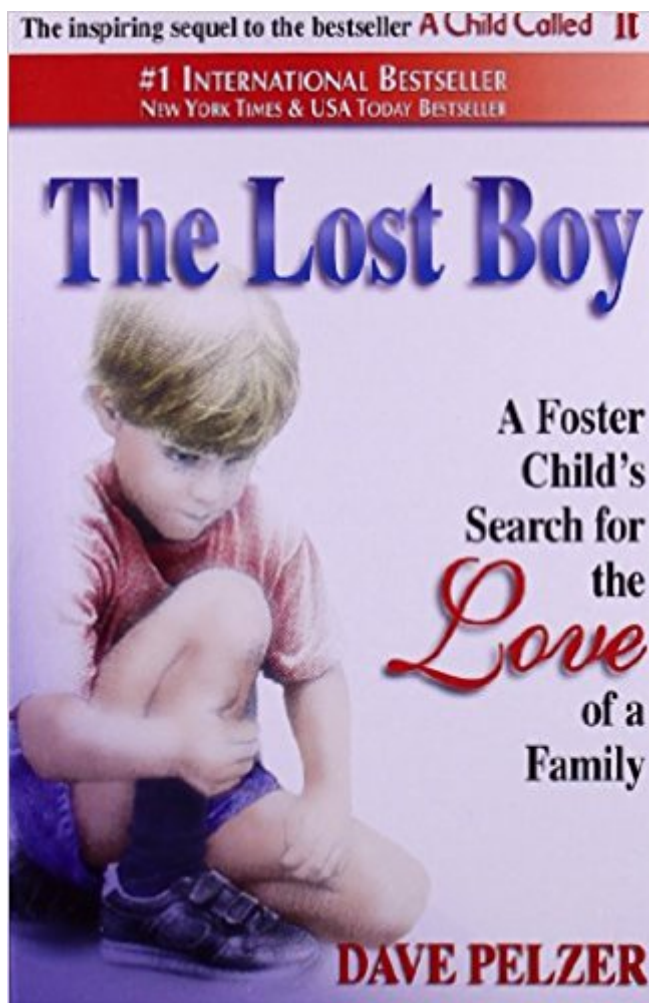


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# The Lost Boy: A Foster Child's Search For The Love Of A Family



## Synopsis

Imagine a young boy who has never had a loving home. His only possessions are the old, torn clothes he carries in a paper bag. The only world he knows is one of isolation and fear. Although others had rescued this boy from his abusive alcoholic mother, his real hurt is just begining -- he has no place to call home. This is Dave Pelzer's long-awaited sequel to *A Child Called "It"*. In *The Lost Boy*, he answers questions and reveals new adventures through the compelling story of his life as an adolescent. Now considered an F-Child (Foster Child), Dave is moved in and out of five different homes. He suffers shame and experiences resentment from those who feel that all foster kids are trouble and unworthy of being loved just because they are not part of a "real" family. Tears, laughter, devastation and hope create the journey of this little lost boy who searches desperately for just one thing -- the love of a family.

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[View larger](#) Angels and superheros. The true story of Dave Pelzer continues as he is rescued by teachers, social workers and foster parents from one of the most severe cases of child abuse documented in the State of California. The *Lost Boy* recounts Dave's life from the ages of 12 through 18 from his placement in foster care to his enlistment in the U.S. Air Force. It is a story of indomitable spirit, unyielding faith and courage. It is also a story of the professionals who serve children with their selflessness, dedication and love.

Following *A Child Called It* (Health Communications, 1995), which was nominated for a Pulitzer

Prize and appears frequently on high school reading lists, this is the second in a planned trilogy from motivational author and speaker Pelzer. Here he tells his story from the time he left his abusive mother and alcoholic father, through his experiences in five foster homes and juvenile detention, and how he eventually made it into the Air Force. He was a defiant, rebellious boy who, despite his background and personality, managed to endear himself to many guardians, social workers, and teachers. Pelzer writes in an honest, sometimes rambling, style; he is never bitter, and his story will find many sympathetic readers. However, he leaves many questions unanswered (which may appear in the third book), dealing with his adult-life relationships, his son, the mother of that child, and the ways he turned his life around. This is sure to be popular among students and readers who await a sequel to *A Child Called It*. Well recommended. ?Linda Beck, Indian Valley P.L., Telford, Pa. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

A retired Air Force crewmember, Dave played a major role in Operations Just cause, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He was selected for the unique task of midair refueling of the then highly secretive SR-71 Blackbird and F0117 Stealth Fighter. While serving in the Air Force, Dave worked in juvenile hall and other programs involving "youth at risk" throughout California. Dave's exceptional accomplishments include personal commendations from former Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. While maintaining a rigorous, active-duty flight schedule, Dave was the recipient of the 1990 J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, making him the California Volunteer of the Year. In 1993 Dave was honored as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans (TOYA), joining a distinguished group of alumni that includes Chuck Yeager, Christopher Reeve, Anne Bancroft, John F. Kennedy, Orson Welles and Walt Disney. In 1994 Dave was the only American to be selected as one of The Outstanding Young Persons of the World (TOYP), for his efforts including child abuse awareness and prevention, as well as for instilling resilience in others. During the Centennial Olympic games, Dave was a torchbearer, carrying the coveted flame. Dave is currently working on a book based on overcoming obstacles and achieving one's innermost best, as well as on the third part of his trilogy, entitled, *A Man Named Dave*. When not on the road or with his son, Stephen, Dave lives a quiet life at the Russian River in Guerneville, California, with his box turtle named Chuck.

Depends on who you ask this book and its predecessor are either true or just a story. For my hearts sake i hope it is just a story just because of the atrocities that were inflicted on David. True or not it gives you in site into how a foster child's mind works and how their actions aren't really out of

character when you know all the back story behind it. Also it gives you hope that with enough people believing in you and love you/your foster/adopted child will come out the other side with Battle scars but in the end ok

Great follow up to the first book, "A Boy Named It", which was a book my son had to read for school. I can't fathom what causes people to treat children this way, but Dave Pelzer writes his story. It was nice to find out how he made it through and became such a good man. I couldn't put either book down!

This book is a follow up to Pelzer's first book. Although it's not a fun read because of the subject matter, I found it extremely worthwhile. I would recommend it to anyone seeking a greater understanding on the effect of an abusive home on a child and how the experiences they have there don't necessarily cease when they're moved to another location.

"The Lost Boy" is author Dave Pelzer's sequel to his incredible story "A Child Called IT". I found his writing to be heartfelt without being self-pitying. I was moved to tears on many occasions by his triumphant spirit in the face of horrific odds. This sequel focuses on his life from the age of 12-18 and his search for a family in the foster care system. Like his first book, it is written in the style of how a child at a particular age would speak which brings the reader more into "his world". Although you could pick up this book on its own and be totally engrossed (he does a good job of inserting bits of back story from his younger years), I recommend reading his first installment— "A Child Called It"— to understand the full impact of his incredible story of survival and ultimate triumph. Although quite difficult to read at times simply from the horrors he endured, it was such an inspiring story, it was worth any discomfort on my part. He went through hell and survived to write about it and maintained the strength to go on to inspire and encourage others. Along with Jaycee Lee Dugard, author of "A Stolen Life: A Memoir", Mr. Pelzer is one of my personal heroes...

After reading A Child Called It, I knew I had to read more of David's story. I had to find out what happens after he is rescued from his mother's house. You would think that things would finally start to get easier for David now that he is free from his mother's tyranny, but they don't. He just gets a new set of problems. The Lost Boy chronicles his life from age 12 to 18, and his search for a home and for people to love him. Just like with A Child Called It, I read this book in one sitting. I simply could not put it down until I knew that David was going to be okay. I was so sad reading about what

he has to go through as a foster child, especially how he just wants to be loved. Ultimately, the book ends on an uplifting note. David's courage and strength of character are to be admired. He simply never gives up! I will most definitely read the third book, A Man Named Dave. I just have to know more about David's journey. I would recommend this book to anyone. It's a fast, moving, powerful read.

This is a tear jerker story about a young man who overcame the odds. A must read for those interested in foster care.

This book gives you an idea on how things that are done wrong to others go unnoticed for years. Some people tend to block things out of their mind and ignore the fact that some people do cry out for help. When done wrong by a family member things can become confusing and even though a person may be ill no one should have to go through life without love and emotional support. I am a firm believer that there are many toxic people in this world today and the only advice I have is to never let a toxic person have control over your mind. This book is awesome and I appreciate the author for sharing his story. When reading his books you cant help but buy the other ones. It takes courage and most of all mind control to go through what he went through. May God continue to bless him and the people who helped him through that horrible situation.

Purchased for my daughter, who had read the first book. She really liked both books. It arrived quickly and was in perfect condition.

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