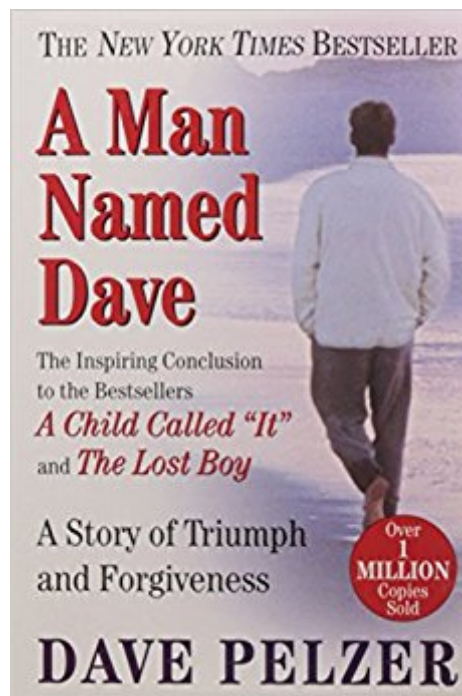




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# A Man Named Dave: A Story Of Triumph And Forgiveness



## Synopsis

A Man Named Dave, which has sold over 1 million copies, is the gripping conclusion to Dave Pelzer's inspirational and New York Times bestselling trilogy that began with A Child Called "It" and The Lost Boy. "All those years you tried your best to break me, and I'm still here. One day you'll see, I'm going to make something of myself." These words were Dave Pelzer's declaration of independence to his mother, and they represented the ultimate act of self-reliance. Dave's father never intervened as his mother abused him with shocking brutality, denying him food and clothing, torturing him in any way she could imagine. This was the woman who told her son she could kill him any time she wanted to--and nearly did. The more than two million readers of Pelzer's New York Times and international bestselling memoirs know that he lived to tell his courageous story. With stunning generosity of spirit, Dave Pelzer invites readers on his journey to discover how he turned shame into pride and rejection into acceptance.

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## Customer Reviews

The third tale in David Pelzer's autobiographical trilogy, A Man Named Dave is an inspiring story of terror, recovery, and hope experienced by the author throughout his life. Known for his work as a child abuse advocate, Pelzer has been commended by several U.S. presidents and international agencies, and his previous memoirs of growing up as an abused child (A Child Called "It" and The Lost Boy) have touched thousands of lives. He provides living proof that we can "stop the cycle" and lead fulfilling, rewarding lives full of healthy relationships. Ultimately triumphant, this book will have you living through the eyes of a terrified child, a struggling young man, and an adult finally forgiving

his dying father--reading with tissues nearby is recommended. Ending with a touching conversation between the author and his own son, you'll finish reading this with a warm heart and an enriched understanding of the need for compassion in all parts of life. --Jill Lightner --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In this follow-up to *A Child Called "It"* and *The Lost Boy*, which detailed the abuse Pelzer endured as a child, he explains how he grew beyond it. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is the 3rd book in the series which covers Dave's teenage and adult life up until he has his 2 true loves - his wife and son! The terrible horrifying abuse he went through is unlike anything you've ever known and you'll wonder how anyone could be so cruel to their own son! However, as you read through all 3 books, you'll see how inspiring it is that he grew up to be the man he is today. This is a page-turner you won't want to put down! The 3 books in the series are: *A Child Called It*, *The Lost Boy* and *A Man Named Dave*. I strongly suggest and highly recommend you buy all 3 books because when you start reading the first one, you won't put it down until you get to the very end of his life story, which is in the 3 book that he finally seems settled with his loving wife and a son he loves more than life itself....it shows how he went from absolutely nothing to being an award winning writer and public speaker who has helped tons of people! I recently purchased his brother's book, *"A Brother's Journey"*, by Richard Pelzer and will be starting it soon... When Dave was removed from the home at age 12, unfortunately his brother Richard took his place at the hands of an extremely abusive mother. If it's anything like Dave's first 3 books, I won't be able to put it down until I'm finished! Yes, this is why I strongly suggest you get all 3 of Dave's books (and even the 4th, his brother's book) because each one I read, I did it in a little over one day! Unfortunately, I didn't have all three books... I had the first one... when I finished it, I went nuts waiting for the next 2 to arrive LOL. So don't be like me - have all 3, possibly 4, ready to read because you'll be very surprised how fast you'll go through each book - and YES it's that interesting you won't stop reading until completely done - with ALL of the books! ;-)

I first read this book about 15 years ago. When I picked it up and read the inside of the cover, it was so sad that I wept. I was so emotionally moved that I went on to the first chapter. As I continued reading about Dave Pelzer's dark childhood experiences, my weeping stopped and before I even realized it my sadness turned into anger and I couldn't put the book down. I work with "At Risk"

teenagers and some of them can relate to these stories. Although some of them are just whiny brats, complaining about their parents and thinking the world owes them something and to stop blaming everyone else for their behavior. So I like them to read about an individual that really suffered at the hands of his parents. I want them to understand the differences between coming from a home with a loving family that enforces rules and gives good direction and one that is truly terrifying where there is abuse, neglect, fear and constant struggle.

If you haven't read about this child's life yet it is a real eye opener. I picked up a book called "A brother's journey" from a pile of books a coworker was getting rid of. I started reading it and totally got lost in the book. That was written thru the eyes of the brother. This book is written by the child himself. I'm looking forward to reading this point of view. And this book was in good condition when I got it, is 3 books in one for a really great price.

I ordered this book for my grandson. He had read "A Child Called 'It'" and was interested in reading further. I had already read all of the Dave Pelzer books and thought they were very interesting; although, very depressing.

A Man Named Dave was the third installment in the Dave Pelzer trilogy. This book chronicled his life from ages 18 and up. It was just as compelling as the first two books, and, once again, I could not put this book down! There is something so powerful and gripping about Dave's writing. I found myself rooting for his happiness and success throughout the entire book, and cried at the emotional ending. My husband and I were driving to a specialist's office two hours away from our home, and we were supposed to be having quality time together, as my mom was home with our baby and we had all morning to talk uninterrupted. However, I was a bad wife and read A Man Named Dave for nearly an hour instead of talking to my sweet husband! I didn't want to do it, and hated myself for it, but I was close to the end of the book and just had to know what happened to Dave! My husband asked, "Is this the last book in this series? I am so tired of you not talking to me while you keep reading these books!" I told him that it was, but then, at the end of the book, I saw that Dave has written two motivational books (which I immediately bought) so my husband is going to have to put up with me having my nose in a Dave Pelzer book for a little longer! Dave's main focus in this novel was trying to find answers as to why his mother abused him the way she did. Despite the fact that he was rescued from her household at age 12, and eventually found love from a foster family, he still seeks his mother's love and acceptance. He has several emotionally draining and painful

encounters with his mother in this book, and while he never fully gains the closure he so desires, he does come to a place of acceptance and forgiveness. The fact that Dave can forgive his mother shows what a strong and inherently good person he is. Dave has not had an easy life, and in fact, it is hard to believe all of the hard times he has endured. I'm not saying I don't believe him, it's just sad that someone could have so many hardships. But, he finds happiness in the end, and I loved that. He is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and a great example of what faith in God can do for a person. I give this book, and the series as a whole, the highest of recommendations. I loved it, and will definitely be reading Dave's other books. I want his secret--I want to be motivated to live as positively as he does!

I have just bought this book that is supposed to be all three books together. I have read them separately and feel for Mr. Pelzer. Like him I am a child of abuse. No where as severe and not by my Mom who was and is quite loving. Still reading the books brought up memories of my own. I'm glad there is one book that has brought together all three. I look forward to reading it. On a side note I hope to meet Mr. Pelzer one day in person. His struggle to overcome and his success is a credit to his character. God bless him and his family.

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