

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Marion grew up and lived in Victoria until spending ten years in Townsville Qld. from 1995. She is now travelling, promoting *Tell No Secrets* throughout Australia.

Marion's pet hate is simple answers, including the common advice that has been given to countless abuse victims, "Just put it behind you and get on with your life."

Her focus is on journeying, and the recognition that everyone journeys in their own way. *Tell No Secrets* is not a formula book about how to recover, but Marion hopes that readers will be moved forward in their recovery by reading it.

At the very least, she hopes that those who have been abused will feel less alone through reading *Tell No Secrets*.

My heart's desire is to connect with people where they're at, and encourage them to take another step forward.
- Marion Young

- Book signings
- Public speaking
- Informal discussion groups
- Seminars
- and more as ideas evolve.

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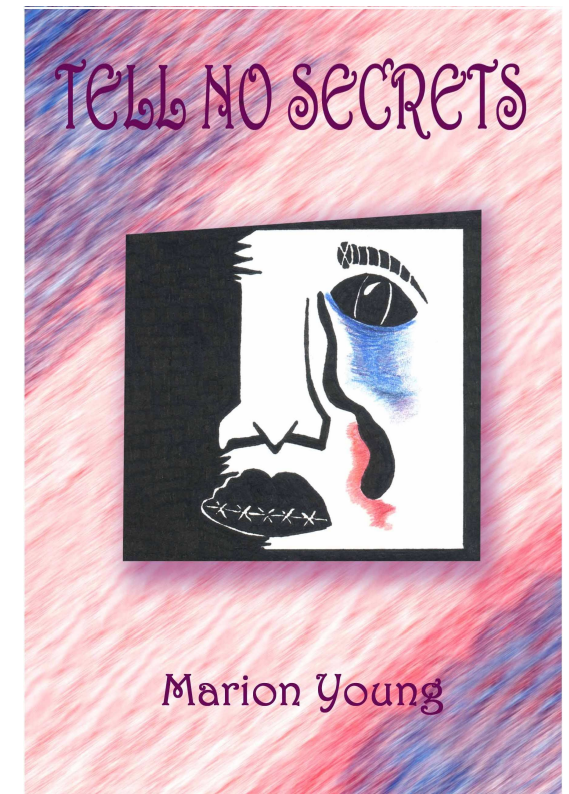
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presents



One woman's "inner world" journey
from child sexual abuse

READERS' COMMENTS

"I really appreciate the way you stress in the Preface that you are still a pilgrim like the rest of us, that you haven't 'made it' and that there is no magic formula for coping or dealing with abuse. You are like a friend that's walked on ahead a bit down the road, and has come back to say, 'hey, come this way – I've been a bit further and it's safe.'"

Karen, NSW

"I think about it all day, that I'm not the only one this has happened to. I did a lot of things you did and wondered about them too and now I can understand why. So I just want to say thank you for having the guts to do it. I know I couldn't. Reading your book helped me in lots of ways so a great big THANK YOU."

Chris, Qld

"I recently began working in child protection and it has given me a glimpse into the lives of those who are carrying their secret. It will help me to understand, and hopefully help them on their journey."

M, Qld

"Gripping. You articulated things that I haven't yet been able to put into words."

Catherine, Qld

"You have contributed to our understanding of the amazing mechanisms of the psyche and the quest for life and truth in this incredible account of your life."

Toni Mehigan, Psychologist, Qld

EXCERPTS

From Foreword:

This book is a history of Australia's attitudes to sexual abuse over the last five decades – written by someone who had to deal with each passing stage of our national wake up call to the crippling disgrace of abuse.

In *Tell No Secrets* readers will meet a warm, real human being. Marion can laugh at herself, and has been brave enough to tell the unadorned truth – not so much about what happened – but about her own inner journey to adulthood and hope.

Rev. Mike Smith, Chairman, Anchor Network

From Intro to Chapter One:

The screams of its victims are heard in another dimension, yet silence prevails in ours. The pleas for help of its perpetrators are heard in another dimension, yet respectability prevails in ours. One too scared to scream, the other silently believing it won't happen again, yet it continues to happen, generation after generation and the screams echo throughout history.

Its victims offer innocent love; in return their whole being is violated, sickened. The taste of the vomit stays with them for a lifetime, often long after the sickness is forgotten. Just vomit, vomit, vomit ...

I had remembered nothing, but my father's death brought many snippets of memory to the surface. If I suppressed them, I dreamt them – vomit, vomit, vomit ... The taste was sickening.

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