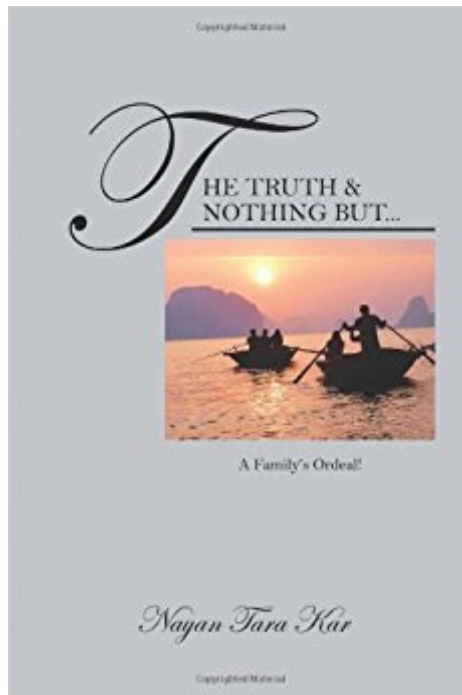




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The Truth & Nothing But...: A Family's Ordeal!



Synopsis

Family relationships are delicate. The author recalls fond and poignant memories of her childhood growing up in a tropical island-paradise and her closeness to her parents as an only child for nine years. Coming to the United States put them in a new environment and society that required fast "Americanization." Then tragedy hit the family changing their lives. It took years to bring some normalcy back to their lives but soon a stranger from a foreign land entered their lives and disrupted their family and peace. Every option the family tried to get back their victimized parent hit blocked walls. The frustrations and tribulations made the author wonder what "Truth" meant from different perspectives. This led her to an understanding that brought an uneasy closure to the whole traumatic drama in her life. An ingenious but horrendous case of elder abuse became the impetus for this memoir-autobiography-biography because something like this could touch anyone's lives. One family's ordeals and loss ended with another's gain. The laws of the country and the cracks and inefficiencies of various government agencies allowed conniving and clever tricksters to get away with a bounty. The victim's family was left dumbfounded and unable to fathom how they could be bilked in this advanced country with all types of checks and balances. The rights of the perpetrators of the crime were protected while the victims had no recourse!

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The author has had travel adventures published in community magazines. Her professional work involved software engineering responsibilities, in addition to writing scientific and technical documents while working in the medical-related and software industries. This is the author's first

publication in this genre. Now retired, she likes travelling and exploring the natural beauty of the world. She finds that it enriches her life learning about the traditions of other cultures. She takes every opportunity to view their performing arts and unique native crafts. Her interests are varied and include photography, scrapbooking and journaling her travels, playing the piano and singing, watching movies and theatrical productions with friends and family. Some of her creative challenges have included interior decorating, landscape designing, upholstering furniture, painting murals, sewing drapes, quilts, bedspreads and costumes for performances etc. The author lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has two married children and five granddaughters.

See this review at [...] - The book has won an award! The Truth & Nothing But: A Family's Ordeal! Nayan Tara Kar Outskirts Press, Inc. (2013) ISBN: 9781478706052 Reviewed by Janet Reeves for Reader Views (02/14) "The Truth & Nothing But....." is a captivating story of one family's move from India to the United States in 1964. The book is narrated and told through the eyes of one family member, Nayan Tara Kar, as she talks to her father and recounts the events that changed their lives forever. I found the book to start out a slow while I was figuring out who Kar was in the family and what was going on. At first I thought she was a young man then I figured out she was the first born respectfully carrying out the duties within the family. Kar speaks to her father as she narrates the story of what happens to her family through their trials of moving to America from India. Learning to literally navigate not only the land, but the laws is a daily chore added to the tasks at hand as Kar's father counted on her help on a daily basis. Things like having to drive on the opposite side of the road and what road signs meant for driving seem to be much easier for Kar to grasp than her father. Kar and her father walked to the University daily until they could afford to get a car later on. Both of Kar's parents were highly educated and Kar's father was a published scholarly professor who moved his family to the US on a six month teaching visa at the University of New Mexico in hopes to remove them from the political upheaval in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka). As the book progressed I became more engaged into the family's ordeal. It was surely a sad situation for the two children to see the family's heritage torn apart; it was like a tornado passing through the night by thieves who hid behind the laws that were meant to protect. I could really relate to the book on many levels because of what happened to Kar and her family. I often think of her and wonder what she feels now after the long conversation with her father throughout the book. At first I thought it was odd having a conversation with her father, but as it came to my attention, this is what makes this book a unique read!

The Truth & Nothing But...: A Family's Ordeal! I found this book intriguing. It is interesting from beginning to end: life in Sri Lanka, the adjustment to life in the USA, the attempt to maintain Indian traditions such as a wedding ceremony in their new country, the arranged marriage according to custom in India, the sad death of their lovely mother, and finally the ordeal the family had to suffer when their father was under the control of a stranger. How I wished the ending had been happy! A good read!

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