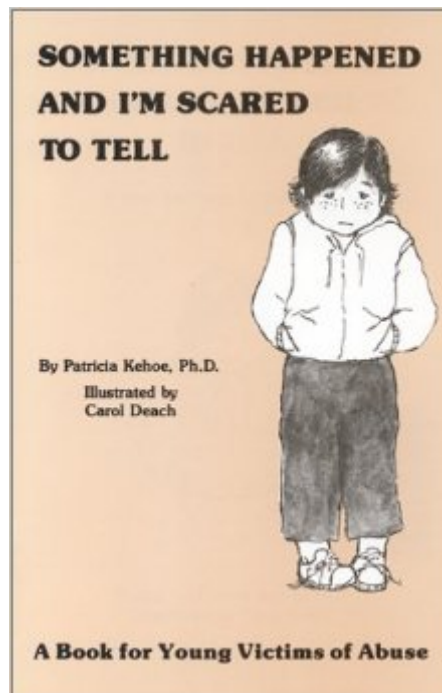


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# Something Happened And I'm Scared To Tell: A Book For Young Victims Of Abuse



## Synopsis

Discusses, in simple terms, sexual and physical abuse, explains why adults may become abusive, and encourages children to report such abuse to a trusting adult.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I feel this book falls FAR short of the mark in helping children discuss sexual abuse. It veers off into fantasy and that could be confusing for some children. I didn't like the way a lion helps a "gender-neutral" child disclose sexual abuse. I felt the lion added a touch of the whimsical and detracted from the very real concerns surrounding the issue of child molestation. On the plus side of the ledger, the feelings that accompany sexual abuse are not limited to either gender but are universal and that point is made in this book. Even so, I would not have found this book helpful at any age. The rationale the lion gives the child as to why predators target children was worded in a way that sounds as if predatory behavior was being condoned. I agree with another reviewer that the reasons stated herein are NOT valid reasons for child molestation. As a child, I was led to believe that "bad touches" were only recognized as such if done by strangers. That made me wonder if one had recourse when "bad touches" were NOT executed by strangers. Although I never bought the theory that only strangers were predators, the issue of "bad touches" being done by somebody one knew was not addressed. Had I read this book during those years, I would have

wondered why the lion "was telling that kid it's [bad touches] okay" for the reasons provided. I would also have been angry and thought, "I don't like that [bad touches] and even if it's somebody you know, it is STILL bad." I amend my earlier stand to state that if it is somebody the child knows, that is far worse because trust issues are severely impaired. One has no reason to trust or distrust a stranger, but in the case of someone a child knows, that makes for a more threatening environment.

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