

One book that has contributed most to the story of my current life is A child called "It" by Dave Pelzer. This book has influenced how I live my day to day life by helping me to see how blessed I am. Sometimes we take things for granted and we don't appreciate what our family does for us. The story of the abuse that Dave Pelzer endured has not only shaped my outlook in life, but it has also impacted the future I want to make for myself and others.

A child hood is supposed to be full of good and loving memories. This was not the case with Dave Pelzer. Dave went through imaginable. He was abused in the most extreme ways. He was not only almost starved to death, but he was also beaten and neglected. His story has really opened my eyes and helped me to realize that many children in this country are being abused in some way or another. Sometimes, when we live in the comfort of our own peaceful and loving homes, we don't really realize that there our children going through what Dave went through. When I look at children I wonder what kind of life they live. It makes me think what if I was put in their situation. For these reasons, I have contemplated a profession that helps children.

In this story Dave's heroes were his teachers. They were the one who called the police and reported all the abuse. Consequently, I want to work in a field that promises to help children. Dave's story has compelled me to look into the fields of teaching, social worker, or even a field that deals with at-risk youth. I believe that adults in these careers can not only help children but also save them. Although Dave's teachers saved his life, Dave's willingness to overcome his pass is what I admire the most.

Even though Dave had many struggles that could have affected his life for ever, he chose to be stronger and to overcome his struggles. His parents might have put him through a lot I believe Dave would not want to be what his parents were to him. His strength to overcome all of his obstacles is one of the key lessons that this book has taught me. I have the choice to allow my circumstances to either bring me down or to help me become a stronger person. I have decided to not allow my struggles to destroy my dreams. Instead, I will take the lessons that I learned from these struggles to help me pursue my dreams even more.

In conclusion, the story of Dave has taught me many lessons. I have learned how to love and not hate. I have learned to appreciate life and to treat others with respect how I would want to receive it in return. Most important, I have learned to follow my dreams and not let negative circumstances bring me down. For these reasons I strongly suggest that adolescents in high school should have the opportunities to read A child called "It" by Dave Pelzer.