

DAVID WHELAN- NO MORE SILENCE

You, like me, have broken the silence.

I applaud you.

It took me 30 years to reveal the secret I carried from childhood.

It was and is my greatest regret that it took three decades to bring my abuser to justice and put him behind bars.

My silence allowed him to live his life, while I, like every other victim of abuse, carried the burden of his guilt.

Not my guilt – His!

And how many of us have carried that burden, which at times can be unbearable?

I have now been liberated.

And I want to share with you all how I managed to do that.

The story of my abuse – and my life – is told in

No More Silence, published by HarperCollins.

It tells how I was born into a world beyond poverty, how social workers placed me in a world where I did not even know I had a mother, father, or brothers and sisters until I was seven years old.

How I was pushed from pillar to post, in a series of children's homes, before being reunited with a family I did not know existed.

It should have been the end of my problems, but in a sense, it was only the beginning.

Family life disintegrated and I was sent to one of the most famous children's homes in the world - Quarriers Village, in Renfrewshire, Scotland.

There, I was unwittingly delivered into the hands of the man I call The Beast.

I suffered for a number of years.

I kept silent.

When I left, I built a life, a good life.

But then, 30 years later, a phone call from my abuser's wife, asking me to be a character witness for the man who had stolen my childhood, brought me to a crossroads.

Maintain the silence? Or tell all?

I told all, and found myself at the centre of the biggest ever police investigation into institutional systematic abuse. When it was over, eight abusers were convicted.

After what I went through, I was compelled to work with other survivors of historic abuse.

I am now campaigning to change the law, to offer the abused help I was not given.

It is an imperative that all of us, all over the world, wherever we may be, work together to take forward the issues which have blighted the lives of so many generations.

I am certain you will recognise yourself in my story, which is one of sadness, hope and redemption.

I hope it may bring many more of us out of the silence and into the light.

Each one of us has a unique story which needs to be told – and we can change the world by telling them. If you would like to read mine, please follow this Amazon link.

<http://www.amazon.com/No-More-Silence-David-Whelan/dp/000738890X>