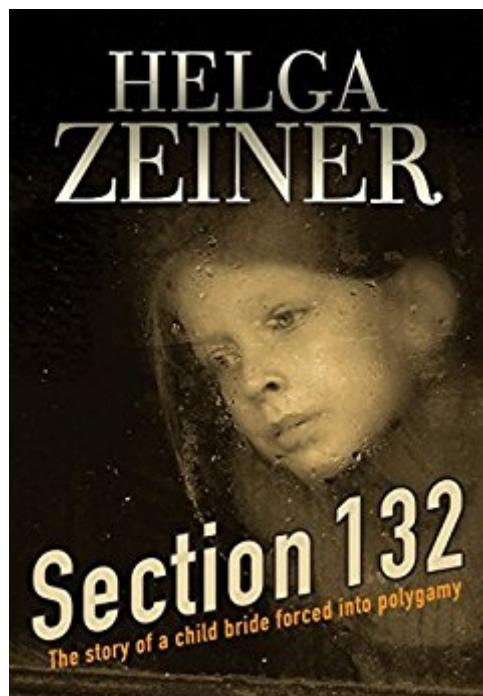


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The story of a child bride forced into polygamy Lillian grows up in an American fundamentalist Mormon sect. At thirteen she becomes the child bride of a Canadian Bishop. His compound is located deep in the wilderness of British Columbia, totally isolated from the rest of the world. When the land developer Richard Bergman buys the property next to the Bishop's land, he learns that Lillian tries to escape from the compound. But he knows that Section 132 is the covenant of plural marriage dictated by Mormon Church founder Joseph Smith. Should Richard Bergman get involved or should he respect the concept of religious freedom so foreign to him? Find out how he decides to solve this moral dilemma. If you enjoy reading about a life-style so foreign that it's hard to imagine it still exists in our civilized world, this novel will keep you on edge until you turned the last page. Reviewers comments: "Best book I've read in years!" "Great Read - a page turner!" "Deserves a five star rating!" •

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Customer Reviews

I don't understand the one star reviews. Of course no book is perfect but it is hard to find a decent

book to read and this was much more than a decent book. It is one of the few books I wish I could read again.

This haunting novel stayed with me long after I finished it. While a work of fiction, it portrays a life situation which is all too real in the back country of North America. It awakened in me a realization of the horrors of polygamous cults which enslave women. The novel, written from the point of view of one such young woman, is so realistic that I could forget that it is a work of fiction. I would highly recommend it.

I found this book really hard to review! Only gave it 3 stars, but there are parts of this book (like the first half) that are so tremendous, that I would recommend people read the book even if the end is a bit of a let down. The characters in this novel are fantastic. I didn't like all of them, some I downright despised, but the descriptives were fantastic. Each character was completely believable and each action they performed felt true to their own identities. I LOVED reading about the women in the polygamist family. While I have read many books on escapees from polygamy, it was nice to read of characters that had some good things to say about the practise, without them preaching the path - even in the midst of their horrific existence. However, I found the end of this book a little too unbelievable, while the characters remained true in the first half of the book, towards the end, everything was tied up just a little too neatly. I really don't think that these women would have reacted the way they did being in the environment they were born into. (I'm finding it hard to say much on this without causing a SPOILER ALERT). Even with me not liking the end of the book, I would still recommend this book to read though, if only for the start and middle since the characters are truly what make this book.

I didn't have high expectations for this book, but I was still disappointed. I'm sorry. I usually read the entire book before reviewing, but really only made it half-way through, maybe 2/3rds. First of all, I really don't know that much about FLDS, but I do know they wear underwear. All the time. (Especially, one would think, in Canada where it gets really cold.) I could hand wave away the sister-wives not wearing the special underwear, but not the eldest son, so superficially the sect was FLDS, but I think the book would have benefited from more research in that area. The part of about the real estate guy was just not compelling to me. I started to skim his parts and then skip them all together. There should have been more of a connection between that part of the story and the FLDS part of the story earlier, or it should have been trimmed way, way back. He should have

known about the access to the land he bought and who owned the neighboring parcels before he signed the purchase and sale. Martha/Lillian was okay as a protagonist, and most of the women were not unbelievable, but the Bishop needed a mustache to twirl and some scenery to chew on, he was such a caricature. The GateKeepers part of the action also seemed to lack connection in the first half (and really only started to pick up when the protagonist started eavesdropping).

Very eye-opening, based on true facts, read! It is an adult book unless one has a young person easily influenced by "groups"/ cults, and a parent wants the young adult to read and discuss HOW control and influence over another's thinking can occur. It is imperative that we teach our children to think and evaluate everything they hear and read in today's world of technology communication and to form their OWN independent thoughts and truths. Often children are 'protected' at home; then they go to college and are suddenly exposed to open thinking about all things. If not prepared, they can be a target to be easily influenced toward another's choice; perhaps not the best one. This book is an excellent example of how the mind is 'controlled' / broken, starting at birth! I could hardly fathom what I was reading!! How sad this is still in existence today in America! This is NOT religious freedom! Read this book and draw your own conclusions.

Helga, You are an amazing author. I read Section 132. Gripping, unbelievable (sometimes, if you never knew about FLDS) Chilling, words are inadequate to try to describe this bizarre sect, and their destructive, restrictive practices. Seriously? Murder? Polygamy and Mind Control? Manipulation and abuse, physically and emotionally by misogynists! I was totally fascinated and unable to put down the book. I read through the night, unable to contain my excitement to get to the end!. Fantastic read. Prepare yourself for a ride of epic proportions. Be prepared for scenes that will try your emotions, but read on and discover how strong is the human psyche and the indomitable human will to survive. The characters are compelling, especially Lillian/Martha. I loved it!. Thank you for this book, that opened my eyes to how blessed I am to live in a place where women are free to choose.

Lillian is just a young girl, living what seems to her a normal life in a polygamist community. After all, as a child we all think everyone lives like us. Her childhood ends abruptly, when she is "married" off to a polygamist from Canada, taken to the wilderness compound where its members are nearly starving. She is smart and is befriended by the "first wife" and protected from many of the horrors she witnesses. I have read a few books on polygamy and it seems like this one has been well

researched - although I am not an expert by any means. Another reviewer mentioned the ending was tied up a little too prettily and I could agree with that. These women have been traumatized for years, and grown up in that culture. There would be no easy adaptation to a different life. This book did spark an interest for me in the young boys that are thrown out of the communities as they are reaching adulthood and seen as a threat to the older men.

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