

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, smiling, holding a young girl with blonde hair and a pink bow. Both are wearing matching yellow dresses with pink and purple floral patterns. They are standing outdoors on a path, with a large tree trunk behind them. A large, dark 'X' is drawn over the entire image, from the corners towards the center.

BROKEN *Butterfly*

My Daughter's
Struggle with Brain Injury

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"Everything began with the bite of a mosquito. After a string of massive seizures—s intermittent seizures hung just like the proverbial " Who ever have thought that our family's lifestyle would become derailed, that its firmly woven fabric would eventually fray and break—s story, her mother has found a way to talk about that optimism and her lessons with the world." In November of 1970, the Finell family's lives were changed forever by a family a vacation to Acapulco. Seven-year-previous Stephanie fell ill soon after their come back to the United States, but her mom, Karin, thinking it had been an intestinal disorder, held her home from school for a couple days. Stephanie discovered and matured through travel and exposure to music and takes on,acquiring an understanding she could not study from books. Pursuing a series of tests at a healthcare facility, doctors concluded she had contracted viral equine encephalitis while in Mexico. Yes, with a bite of this pesky, but seemingly so innocuous small insect that had been sucking her blood,a single resulting in cardiac arrest—Stephanie fell into a six-week coma.reprogramming" Due to the swelling of her mind from encephalitis, she experienced serious brain harm. Doctors saw little wish of recovery for Stephanie and encouraged her parents to place her in an institution, however they refused. Karin' Through Stephanie' Regardless of the toll on the family— This, in time, led her to regain her speech and some motor abilities. over their lives.s recovery. Sadly, Stephanie' Frostig herself overran the " When she awoke, her globe had changed from predictable and comforting to 1 where the floor was shaking. of Stephanie's brain.alcoholism, divorce, and estrangement— By opportunity, Karin heard about the Marianne Frostig Middle of Educational Therapy, where Dr. Not just one, but hundreds had punctured her arms and legs with reddish marks which later swelled to small welts.Sword of Damocles"Karin never gave up hope for Stephanie' Stephanie wished above all to teach other brain injured individuals to never look down upon themselves but to live their lives to the fullest. In Broken Butterfly, Karin Finell recounts the struggles confronted by both her and her child, and also the little victories earned over the ensuing years.s like for her girl guided her to allow Stephanie to fill up her lifestyle with as much positive experiences as possible. She was completely unprepared when Stephanie proceeded to go into violent convulsions on a Fri morning. Even though Stephanie grew right into a lovely young woman, her insufficient judgment caused by her injury led her into situations of great risk that required Karin to rescue her. Small was known about brain injuries during that period, and Karin was pressured to improvise, relying on her instincts, to take care of Stephanie.all from the bite of a mosquito?



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Keep carefully the family as a unit I would suggest it to any family whose unity has been place to the test due to the illness of one member. Stephanie's brain damage rendered her childlike, yet that seems to have been a gift. In the publication the mother fully conveys her dedication to her daughter also to her happiness. In the process she immortalized Stephanie who so deserves it. The vivid descriptions of outings to exotic locales are so beautifully written that the reader feels transported and can see the globe through Stephanie's eye. The implications of a disability on family dynamics, but also the deep understanding of the requirements of young adults with disabilities are well worth reading this book. I came away influenced and appreciative of my very own life. Strongly suggested for college students and learners as extra reading! Wait, given that I've read the book, I really do! Read it straight through, couldn't place it down. That recognition makes her initiatives and fights even more poignant. I bought this book because We had loved Karin Finell's previous one, on the subject of her lifestyle in Berlin; She will take the reader with her every stage of the painful yet rewarding journey. Now I understand why parents with challenged kids say they have been blessed. A Gem It took only two long sessions to complete Broken Butterfly. I couldn't place it down. What a gem. This girl was diagnosed with advanced Parkinson's lately; Wow, what this young girl accomplished in her short life with that much harm to her brain. The mother daughter relationship is precious. Poignant Memoir Beautifully Written What might have been a story of reduction and heartbreak is instead a life-affirming tale of 1 young woman's journey to enlightenment. she actually is now totally focused on transform her plight through writing, an effort I completely understand. The unit of the family members as such is worth focusing on and to put love and understanding first rather than selfish thoughts of a "new" love and escape into another life. A very important practical contribution is how the article writer shows us that Stephanie suffered from the awareness that she had residual deficiencies. I have great respect not just for Finell's language and writing ability but especially for the tenacity she shown to provide her daughter the very best "the world" could offer. Given her options, the mother's choice of exposing Stephanie to numerous new conditions seems intuitively smart. It appears from her composing that her daughter rewarded her amply for her generosity, emotional and monetary support. Broken Butterfly is usually inspiring. Every girl who has ever loved a child will find this essential read. Her writing is certainly beautifully descriptive and painterly. The writer conveyed the personality and personality of her child, Stephanie without sentimentality. As portrayed she is beautiful. I didn't really expect that, from the title. Excellent! 5 Stars! I really believe the author when she writes that her child was her teacher. Karin's girl Stephanie did certainly suffer a traumatic human brain injury at the age of seven, and it modified the span of her life forever, yet her mom refused to consign her daughter to an organization and go about creating experiences that enabled her child for more information about existence than she ever could have discovered in a book. This is an excellent reading for parents and professionals that work with children with special needs. There is always a way to renew the vows once used, forgiveness plays a job here, and the few should try their finest to take into account larger issues. Imagine being seven permanently, seeing the globe and all its beauty through a child's eyes. A beautiful testament to a mother's unconditional love for her child also to the lessons our kids can teach us if we let them, this story will stay with you. A Memoir to Treasure Broken Butterfly: My Daughter's Struggle with Brain Injury, by Karin Finell, has many moments of heartbreak and despair, and at the same time it really is an inspiring accounts of the love and joy that can be found sometimes in tragic circumstances. Beautifully written and deeply honest, it traces the delights to be found in unconditionally loving a particular child, as well as the sadness of focusing on how much is permanently lost.. This book can be a poignant reminder our beloved children, actually those who go through the world differently, have much to teach us. Beautiful read... I experienced spiritualoly uplifted after pursuing Karen's tale of desparation,

disappointments and victories. "GOOD-BYE TO THE MERMAIDS, A Childhood Lost in Hitler's Berlin""BROKEN BUTTERFLY" was a page-turner, couldn't put it down! I informed her about Broken Butterfly I imagine Finell's writing helped her immensely in her grief..There is no doubt in the reader's mind by the end of the book that the author truly understands just what a privilege it had been to have known and loved her beautifully spirited daughter. Her writing kept me going.I simply had lunch with a good friend, a poet, a playwright, an actor and past dancer.If you're looking to get shed in a book, this is actually the one! Just what a life they made together. Inspiration and pleasure. Karin includes a terrible, heart breaking story to show, but it's a lot more. She writes of the joys and moments supreme with her beautiful daughter. As a professional, the descriptions of encounters with medical researchers and the impact we have (positive and negative) on the lives of our sufferers was very enlightening. Better yet, the publication is readable rather than always easy to place down.One of the best reads! How I wish I got known Stephanie, too. broken butterfly by Karen Finell Just what a beautiful love story. Susan



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