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We must see how she gained her freedom from the oppression and how she lived the nightmare of those forty-five days. Her story is too real, too raw, too vital to simply set aside. Share This Article! Related Posts. September 17th, 0 Comments. September 15th, 0 Comments. September 12th, 0 Comments. September 6th, 0 Comments. September 1st, 0 Comments. Leave A Comment Cancel reply Comment. Go to Top. Thank you Karen for sharing you life with all its ups and downs. You have led a very often disturbing and painful life and have come through with love and compassion for others. Forgiving yourself was a big step and hard to do sometimes. What an amazing woman! I ended up having to kind of skim this book. It is brutal. I get that this is someone's genuine life story, and I appreciate that, but it's really hard to read. And I'm not an HSP or anything. It's just rough. So I picked this up at the library because I needed something from non fiction for the summer reading program.

I read it in a day. The story is that gripping. It is horrific what this woman went through and at the same time heroic how she came out of it. Aug 10, Charlotte Frankel rated it really liked it. Mans inhumanity to man has been part of civilizations history for ever!! Jun 26, Susan Corrigan rated it it was amazing. Sad I gave the book five stars because it is well written. She went through a terrible ordeal as well as her ex-husband. From reading her book, she did not have a great childhood.

An inspiring memoir of resiliency and recovery. Such an important revelation around how terrible political situations effect real people. I was shuddering. Sep 05, Chrisann Justice rated it really liked it Shelves: memoirs-autobiographies. This was worth reading but was very disturbing. Nov 04, Brenda rated it liked it. Personal recount of one woman's experience in Brazil, a tale of government and family betrayal.

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This novel explores the corruption of Brazil's justice system where bribery takes precedence over dignity and human rights. At the time Brazil was a military dictatorship teeming with police brutality. In April the Brazilian Supreme Court ruled to uphold a law stating that crimes committed by members of the military regime were political ones and therefore covered by amnesty. The author did a good job of conveying the horror of this story. Mar 17, Nfreyolds rated it it was amazing. I couldn't put it down. The Parrot's Perch by Karen Keilt is the tale of a wealthy American family living in the high society of Brazil who falls victim of political plotting and ultimate torture at the hands of corrupt officials seeking revenge and

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The story was fast paced, and the scenery of Brazil was brought to life. The characters were mostly well developed, though there were some areas concerning the father and mother where I felt there should have been more meat on the bones. Overall, an entertaining book. I met and heard Karen tonight at a book review in Scottsdale, AZ. She is an amazing lady, articulate, great communication skills and did a wonderful job sharing a painful part of her life with us. You can tell that she is very well informed about what is going on in Brazil and wanting to do all she can to make changes happen to save and protect so many. She is delightful and very comfortable with herself and being in front of an audience. She opened my eyes to corruption and abuse that is going on I met and heard Karen tonight at a book review in Scottsdale, AZ.

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She began riding horses at age five and competing at age nine. However, in , she fled to the US, after being unlawfully held prisoner and tortured by Brazilian police for 45 days before being ransomed. She always gravitated back to her love of writing--first as a newspaper columnist in South Carolina, and later writing four screenplays: The Parrot's Perch, Bethebotu, The Gnashing of Teeth , and Maracanazo. Keilt enjoys traveling, hiking, Anusara yoga, amateur photography, and horseback riding.

She lives in Carefree, Arizona, with her husband, Jack, and their dog, Luna. Reviews "Keilt narrates an intense yet even-handed story of living under a dictatorship.

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How something this absurd could happen is terrifying. Trigger warnings: torture, rape, kidnapping, false imprisonment, abuse. May 19, Sara rated it really liked it. Great book! Fascinating story that was well written. Karen learns that all is not as glamorous as it seems when she enters adulthood. Having been raised in a wealthy and glamorous lifestyle she expected the future to hold nothing less spectacular. Enter the realities of politics and criminality that has been laying just under the surface the whole time.

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It's a horrific tale, that could have been better told if someone had helped her with the writing. View all 3 comments. Apr 13, Theresa Edwards rated it really liked it. Born and raised in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Karen had a privileged life that resembled a fairy tale, at least outwardly. Living with Frederic Raborg, a cold, distant, abusive man was anything but a fairy tale. As a child, Karen longed for his approval. She was aware of his disgust and embarrassment whenever she failed. Ruling his family with an iron fist, Frederic Raborg was a master at running off boys who showed an interest in his daughter. That ended when Rick Sage succeeded in persuading Mr. Raborg to let him marry his daughter. The marital bliss between Rick and Karen was short-lived. While in prison, they were repeatedly raped, humiliated, and tortured mercilessly.

After their release, Karen was urged to forget everything that happened to her during her forty-five days of imprisonment. Karen kept her secret for more than thirty years until she was asked to give a deposition at the Brazilian National Truth Commission. All opinions expressed in this review are mine. Apr 12, thathorrorchick rated it it was amazing. This book was sent to me via book trieb as a part of a book club I run. I chose to read this book myself and will definitely be sharing it with others in my group. This book is about Karen and her husband Rick, being kidnapped and tortured in Brazil. Karen were young and newly married when they were ripped out of their beds in the middle of the night. They were treated horribly like they were nothing. Less than human beings. It was very hard reading through a lot of what she described.

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Jul 10, Jaimie rated it it was amazing Shelves: giveaways. From the first few pages, I was completely drawn in. I could feel her dread, her anxiety, her fear. I could feel the hope and the love she had when she first met Rick and how hopeful she was for her future. And then, when she gets taken - it's like a solid punch to the gut. The unbelievable bravery of this woman to not only survive what she did but to relive it and share it

with a world who knew nothing about it - the strength that takes is monumental. I was horrified at the things she talked about regarding the Brazilian government and how corrupt everything was - the fact that government workers who kidnap and torture their own people is appalling. The way women were treated back then and maybe still are - I don't know is just The insight into the Brazilian government and the way things are down there was eye opening and it makes one grateful to live in a country that, while problematic in a lot of ways, at least grants so much more freedom than other places do.

This is a story of strength, of bravery, of unbelievable spirit and courage. It is tragic and horrifying and heartbreaking - I cried more than once for the things they had to endure. But it is also one of hope and endurance and love. This is a story of a woman who was broken and still decided that life was worth living, even if she was different than Before.

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This was really a remarkable story. View all 4 comments. Jun 10, BookTrib. Karen grew up in a luxuriously upscale neighborhood of Sao Paolo, Brazil with a pervasive sense from her earliest years that something awful could happen at any time. While he provided the family with an opulent lifestyle that left them wanting for nothing, Karen and her brother, as well as her mother, lived in fear. In addition to times when money was scarce or when they had to leave the country for months at a time for unexplained reasons, her father rarely showed the love Karen craved from him. Her stunning, American ex-pat mother deferred at all costs to her husband in return for the house of her dreams and provided little emotional support to Karen in her growing-up years. The story unfolds around an interview Karen gave to the Brazilian National Truth Commission in December about the abuses she and her now-ex-husband suffered at the hands of Brazilian law enforcement.

Using the interview questions to launch her powerful story, Karen describes the golden days of her privileged childhood, meeting Rick the affluent American, their fairytale wedding that she planned for a year, the police torture four months later that did not end until their families had paid the required ransom amount just as other affluent families had done, her daunting struggle to unravel the reasons for the arrest, her repeated attempts to build her marriage and family life in Brazil with her now-damaged husband and her escape with her baby son to America to build a new life there. Jul 10, Jaimie rated it it was amazing Shelves: giveaways. From the first few pages, I was completely drawn in. I could feel her dread, her anxiety, her fear. I could feel the hope and the love she had when she first met Rick and how hopeful she was for her future.

And then, when she gets taken - it's like a solid punch to the gut. The unbelievable bravery of this woman to not only survive what she did but to relive it and share it with a world who knew nothing about it - the strength that takes is monumental. I was horrified at the things she talked about regarding the Brazilian government and how corrupt everything was - the fact that government workers who kidnap and torture their own people is appalling. The way women were treated back then and maybe still are - I don't know is just The insight into the Brazilian government and the way things are down there was eye opening and it makes one grateful to live in a country that, while problematic in a lot of ways, at least grants so much more freedom than other places do.

This is a story of strength, of bravery, of unbelievable spirit and courage. It is tragic and horrifying and heartbreaking - I cried more than once for the things they had to endure. But it is also one of hope and endurance and love. This is a story of a woman who was broken and still decided that life was worth living, even if she was different than Before. It is an incredibly powerful read and I highly recommend it. Thank you, Ms. Keilt, for sharing your story. Apr 27, Cori rated it it was amazing. Karen Keilt had a beautiful and happy childhood minus her father's sporadic rages. She grew up wealthy, went on countless vacations, and was waited on by servants and nannies. Eventually, she gets married and prepares for her perfect fairy tale ending Until the day that her and her husband are taken prisoner by the Brazilian police force and are considered "guilty until proven innocent."

Their experiences in that dank, filthy, horrible place Karen Keilt had a beautiful and happy childhood minus her father's sporadic rages.

Their experiences in that dank, filthy, horrible place had tumultuous effects on their lives and their marriage. Karen and Rick struggle immensely to adapt to the normalcy of every day life outside of the Brazilian torture chambers. The Parrot's Perch is a powerful read. As with most memoirs, it is tragic. I would put this one in a tragedy category of its own though. The brutal torture and detainment that Karen Keilt and her then husband Rick endured in a Brazilian prison is too much to fully fathom as a mere reader.

This is a must read for all Americans, myself included, that take their freedom for granted. Bad things happen everywhere, but in Brazil, the torturers have full immunity and protection.

I am proud to live in a country where the majority of those that vow to "serve and protect," actually do. Thank you booksparks for sending me a copy of this very powerful book. Jul 21, Louise Walsh rated it it was amazing Shelves: first-reads. Mar 08, Annick Rodriguez rated it it was amazing. This is an incredible story of courage and survival. This is one woman's journey through hell and hope. Karen Keilt describes the horrors of her physical and mental torture at the hands of corrupt forces in her native Brazil and the ordeal of her personal betrayals and ultimate triumphs.

It is not an easy read but an important one to hear. Her remarkable journey to reclaim her sanity and her soul is one I will never forget, one of grace and courage and truth. Her raw honesty about her experience This is an incredible story of courage and survival.

Her raw honesty about her experience is unforgettable. Mar 03, Eva Lazar rated it it was amazing. Before I went to work one morning, I figured I would start my day with this book. I ended up having to rush to work. What an engrossing story! It is difficult to believe that this is a memoir rather than fiction, because of the unbelievably well-written scenery and the story itself. It is a descriptive novel that shows the reader through major events in the life of the author.

Normally, biographies do not really catch my eye because most people do not really have a story to tell. This book is different. Before I went to work one morning, I figured I would start my day with this book. This book is different. When my workday ended, I went back home and immediately picked up where I had left off that morning. The very next day I finished the book. It took me a few days to fully process its contents, but now I can honestly say that it is one of the best reads I have experienced yes, experienced! Its impact will undoubtedly stay with me for quite some time. Feb 23, Mallory onmalssshelf Bartel rated it really liked it Shelves: ebooks, net-galley.

I'll admit, the cover drew me in and I'm so glad that I did. What an honest and gut wrenching memoir. Karen, a daughter of a Brazilian father and an American mother seemed to have it all. She had just gotten married to her American husband Rick after a whirlwind romance. Then, one night everything changes. Karen Keilt shares her story of being victim of abuse and false arrest by the Brazilian Police after they Thank you NetGalley and BooksGoSocial for an eGalley in exchange for my honest review. Karen Keilt shares her story of being victim of abuse and false arrest by the Brazilian Police after they "find" cocaine in the house she shared with her first husband. After Karen is finally released from her captivity, all she wanted to do was talk about what happened, but everyone tells her to let it go.

After her husband commits the final straw, Karen and her young son leave for the United States in hope of a better life away from the corrupt Brazilian government. Karen's memoir is based off her interview with a woman trying to bring justice to those in the Brazilian government that committed the heinous abuses against her, her husband, and many others. I highly recommend it. Trigger warnings: Police brutality, rape, physical abuse Jun 11, A. Flint rated it it was amazing. A memoir of a gilded childhood in Brazil, that child becoming a young woman with aspirations of Olympic success. But there was always a darkness around the edges, a father with film-star looks, who was also mercurial, domineering and had a ferocious temper. And there were secrets. Secrets that may have led to the newly-wed author's arrest and imprisonment along with her husband.

The torture and abuse the author and her husband were subjected to in prison was horrific, the worst a human being can do to another. Surviving that ordeal and its aftermath, both physically and psychologically, required unimaginable courage and strength. In a country and society that didn't want to know after her release, that didn't want to pick at the scabs, the author had to endure an isolation that almost broke her. Putting herself back together through all the subsequent left-turns that life brings was a feat of extraordinary determination.

A fascinating read from the start, it became increasingly compelling. I could not put it down. Feb 11, Rebecca rated it it was amazing. This book was difficult to read as the author describes torture, but also difficult to put down - I read it in two days. I tried not to flinch and skip any words knowing the author had no such option in living it. The least we can do as readers is bear witness. Karen tells her story with honesty, incredible detail, and purpose: to expose the horrors and corruption in Brazil that go on today, and that ruin lives.

Karen's story is complex and full of surprises, drama, cruelty, difficult decisions, This book was difficult to read as the author describes torture, but also difficult to put down - I read it in two days. Karen's story is complex and full of surprises, drama, cruelty, difficult decisions, love, and human fallibility. Truth is stranger than fiction. The Parrot's Perch reminded me that behind so many of the people we hurry by are stories of unimaginable pain and most of the time, stunning resilience.

It's a privilege to have someone pull back the veil on their life and share an extraordinary story. Sep 23, Charlotte Grisafi rated it it was amazing. Karen and her husband Rick were arrested, tortured, starved and raped over a 45 day period by corrupt Brazilian police, during this time Karen questions everything in her life and why are they here. Dec 19, Kerry rated it really liked it. Firstly, I was drawn to this book by the beautiful cover. Carousel Previous. Carousel Next. What is Scribd? Cancel anytime. Start your free 30 days Read preview. Publisher: She Writes Press. Released: Apr 16, ISBN: Format: Book. Hopeful of helping to raise awareness about ongoing human rights violations in Brazil, she wants to testify, but she anguishes over reliving the horrific events of her youth. In the pages that follow, Keilt tells the story of her life in Brazil—from her exclusive, upper-class lifestyle and dreams of Olympic medals to her turmoil-filled youth.

In her courageous and compelling memoir, Keilt narrates an emotionally honest reckoning of her desire to find true happiness. Forbidden by her wealthy family to even mention her imprisonment, torture, and rape, Keilt is forced to make a change that will affect the rest of her life. Seen through her testimony to the Brazilian National Truth Commission at the UN, readers become witnesses to both her vulnerability and her quiet strength.

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