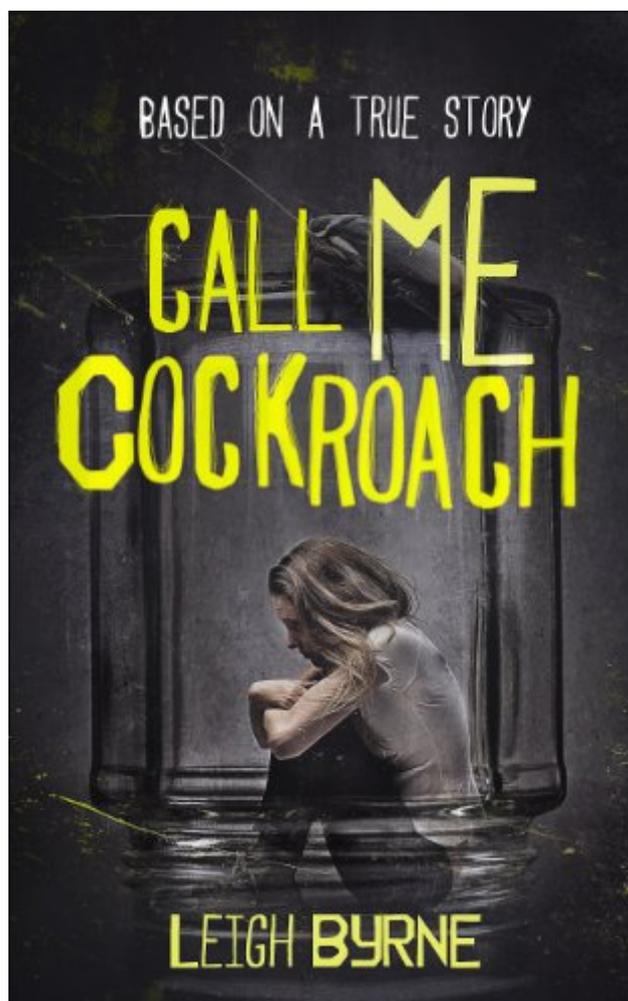


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# Call Me Cockroach: Based On A True Story



## Synopsis

Our prisons and mental hospitals are filled with tragic stories like Tuesday Storm's. Her early childhood was riddled with torturous and violent physical attacks. She was isolated from the rest of her family, locked in an attic with nothing but a bare bed and a bucket for a toilet, and fed just enough to be kept alive. The experts say it's next to impossible to find the soul's light in a dark past like Tuesday's. They say she'll never trust again after being betrayed by the people she loved most, or silence the voices inside her head telling her she's worthless and unloved. She's doomed to suffer a lifetime of depression and self-destructive behavior, and destined to be drawn to people who will again abuse her. That's what the experts say. And the thing about experts is "they're usually right." "Call Me Cockroach" is a chilling illustration of the unfortunate truth that no one comes away from severe childhood trauma unscathed. For those of you who've read Byrne's debut book, the Kindle eBook bestseller, "Call Me Tuesday," this memoir is the rest of the story. To everyone else, it's a glimpse into the tormented mind and troubled heart of a woman struggling to overcome the debilitating aftermath of a horrific childhood.

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## Customer Reviews

Having read Ms. Byrne's first book (*Call Me Tuesday*), I knew the background story. I am so thankful she wrote this second half. Getting out of the abuse to her aunt's was a first step, but it was only a first step. *Call Me Cockroach* helps readers see the lasting impact the abuse had on her adult life, but rather than being a maudlin tale of "Woe is me!" it serves as inspiration that those who have been abused CAN overcome. It is by no means a sugar-coated or saccharine fairy tale; Ms. Byrne details her struggles and mistakes as well as her accomplishments. However, the matter-of-fact manner in which she reveals the challenges she's faced and both the positive and negative ways she's handled her adult life give evidence of her strength and determination. The message is clear: it isn't easy and it isn't pretty, but surviving IS possible.

I found *Call Me Tuesday* and *Call Me Cockroach* while searching for a book on a person in crisis for a class. I loved this story because the writer makes no apologies for her life, and there is no magical, uplifting (and ultimately) unbelievable redemptive ending, and that, in my opinion, is real life. I recommend this book to anyone wanting to read about crises through the eyes and mind of a child, and later, a damaged adult struggling to come to terms with being let down by those who are supposed to love you.

I think this has got to be one of the BEST books I have ever read-EVER!!! The first book in this duo "*Call Me Tuesday*" is probably THE BEST book I've ever read with this one coming in a close second. While reading, I experienced so many emotions from hate with balled up fists to sadness and crying like a baby. I am usually a crime/drama/mystery type reader, and for once chose to go a slightly different route when this book and the first one appeared on my radar, and boy am I so glad I did. It definitely gave me a glimpse into a world I knew very little about-abuse, especially so graphically detailed through the eyes of the one who was abused. I refuse to refer to her as the "victim", she spent her whole adult life trying to escape the stigma of being a victim, that it just won't be right to call her that. Would highly, highly recommend this book and the first book to anyone, even those who typically don't enjoy reading.

I read the first book a long time ago. It was one of the first books I read on my Kindle, and I loved the storyline. The things that child had to go through! I cannot imagine how difficult it was for her! I didn't know there was a second book until recently. This book was just as good. I didn't want to put it down! I suggest reading the first book first (because it fills in the blanks), but this book can be read

alone also.

This book had me captivated from the start, the life story of Tuesday is a story of life its mysteries, and of our lives becoming whatever we make of them. Child abuse is a huge problem in our society and this story details how abuse affects our entire lives whether we want it to or not. Luckily "Tuesday" seems to hv figured out a way to deal w all of the trauma that she had been thru in her life.

AMAZING BOOK ABOUT AN ABUSED CHILD (THE SCAPEGOAT CHILD) THE MOTHER WAS A HORRIBLE ABUSIVE PERSON BUT THE FATHER IS THE ONE I FIND MOST REPULSIVE. HE WAS A WEAK MAN AND A COWARD. I PERSONALLY HOLD HIM MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN THE ABUSER BECAUSE HE ALLOWED IT TO CONTINUE AND HE COULD HAVE STOPPED IT AT ANY POINT BUT HE CHOSE NOT TO SO THAT HIS LIFE WAS EASIER. HE WAS A PATHETIC EXCUSE FOR A FATHER.

There were times that I thought I could not keep on reading...the subject matter was so intense! The idea that a mother could treat a child in this manner made me feel physically ill. But Tuesday was a survivor and against all odds she survived. Her survival and eventual happiness...are what make this book worth reading. It gives hope to those who find they have suffered abuse...feel that the will never be loved or have joy in their lives. Tuesday may have survived like a cockroach would but she she managed to turn her life around and that is a miracle in itself. Highly recommend.

I really enjoyed this book, it was sad but it also had humor, and the writer just told it like it was. It was like you were right there with her. I'd recommend this book as a good one. I couldn't put it down.

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