

VIEWING GUIDE FOR MY TRUTH: THE RAPE OF TWO COREYS



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A NOTE FROM COREY FELDMAN

Thanks to CHILD USA for putting together this viewing guide to accompany my documentary, My Truth: The Rape of Two Coreys. For all of you who suffered like I did because you were abused by trusted adults as a child, I want you to know that this film is for you! It took me 2 years and an incredible amount of effort, support from good people, and even some luck, but this is the truth of what Hollywood does to our children. It must end! I am proud to be CHILD USA's National Ambassador for justice for child sex abuse victims, and to partner with them to end the unfair statutes of limitations that have blocked justice for too many.

Please watch My Truth with care and with the following viewing guide to support you as needed. And please stay home and safe during this difficult time."

COREY FELDMAN
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BEFORE VIEWING MY TRUTH, YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Understand that this film is about the cover up of child sex abuse.

There are no graphic scenes, but there is frank discussion about the harm done to both Corey Feldman and Corey Haim.

2. Nurture yourself.

Some of the discussion in this film may be triggering or distressing, especially for survivors of sexual abuse and assault, and those who were harmed indirectly. This film may lead you to experience a wide array of emotion. Reach out to your support system and/or your therapist, if needed. If you need immediate support, call 911 or one of the hotlines below.

3. Create a supportive environment for viewing.

Watch My Truth with attention to your needs - choose a room that makes you feel supported and protected. Choose to watch with others, or alone. Reach out to your support network before, during, or after. If you need immediate support, call 911 or one of the hotlines below.

4. Protect yourself from harmful social media.

Social media engagement can be painful, and that is especially true if you have been emotionally affected by a film. Consult this guide from RAINN for more tips or information on consuming media for survivors: https://www.rainn.org/articles/tips-survivors-consuming-media

5. To speak with someone who is trained to help, call:

National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800.656.HOPE (4673) or chat online at online.rainn.org.

National Helpline for Men Who Were Sexually Abused or Assaulted at lin6.org/helpline/

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4-A-CHILD

The Trevor Project (LGBTQ suicide prevention) 1-866-488-7386







RECOMMENDED READING

FOR SURVIVORS AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM

There are many online and other resources to help survivors of child sex abuse understand and come to terms with their abuse. Here are some of our favorite books:

- Corey Feldman, <u>Coreyography: A</u> <u>Memoir</u>
- Bessel Van Der Kolk, <u>The Body</u>
 <u>Keeps the Score</u>: <u>Brain</u>, <u>Mind</u>, <u>and</u>
 <u>Body in the Healing of Trauma</u>
- Nadine Burke Harris, M.D., <u>The</u>
 <u>Deepest Well: Healing the Long-</u>

 Term Effects of Childhood Adversity

- Donna Jackson Nakazawa,
 <u>Childhood Disrupted: How Your</u>
 <u>Biography Becomes Your Biology,</u>
 <u>and How You Can Heal</u>
- Mic Hunter, Abused Boys: <u>The</u> <u>Neglected Victims of Sexual Abuse</u>
- Marci Hamilton, <u>Justice Denied</u>: <u>What America Must Do to Protect Its</u> <u>Children</u>

For a great book to read to your kids:

Jayneen Sanders, <u>My Body! What I Say Goes!</u>



FIVE IMPORTANT TAKE-AWAYS FROM MY TRUTH

BY PROF. MARCI HAMILTON, CEO, CHILD USA

1. Children up to age 18 are radically vulnerable.

Even children like Corey Feldman, who was wildly popular, appeared carefree, and who had worked in the industry since he was a toddler, cannot protect themselves from predatory adults.

2. A child alone with an adult is at risk of abuse.

Corey's parents hired someone to drive him around and to watch him when he was a preteen star. That person did not protect him from harm, and he had access to Corey alone. A child alone is a child at risk

3. Introducing a child to drugs and alcohol is a common ploy by child perpetrators.

Child sex abuse survivors often struggle with drugs and alcohol as a way of coping with the abuse. Drugs and alcohol are also common ways for child perpetrators to weaken a child's defenses.

4. It can be difficult to remove powerful men from positions of power, even when there is corroborating evidence.

This is a battle that hurts so many survivors, but it is a worthy battle, because the vast majority of survivors, like Corey, seek to protect children from the people who hurt them. Survivors need the power given them by statute of limitations reform and the ability to sue those responsible to put adequate pressure on institutions and the powerful who fail to take action despite their knowledge of known abusers.

5. Fighting for justice for all survivors can be life-affirming.

Corey came out of the other side of his difficult journey dedicated to fighting for justice for all child sex abuse victims, especially those in Hollywood. For him, this was the right choice. Such a mission can be empowering, but not every survivor is up to it. Make the decision based on your own needs.

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