

Battered, Broken, Healed

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Synopsis

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When six-week-old Jasmine is placed with foster carer Maggie Hartley, Maggie is delighted to have a baby in the house again. Jasmine has been taken into care over fears for her safety after the police are called to the family's home several times following her birth. Her mother, Hailey, vehemently denies that anything is wrong, however, and social services allow her to have daily supervised visits with Jasmine.

Baby Jasmine is a joy to be around, but Maggie suspects that all is not quite as it seems with her mum. Maggie struggles to draw timid and extremely quiet Hailey out of her shell and fears that she may be suffering with postnatal depression.

Then one day Hailey arrives for the contact session with her hair streaked with blood and her body covered in bruises. Breaking down, a terrified Hailey admits that she is being abused by her violent husband and is too afraid to leave him.

Maggie realises that the only way mother and daughter will be reunited is if Hailey admits what's going on behind closed doors and leaves her husband. But after years of physical and psychological abuse, that's easier said than done....

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