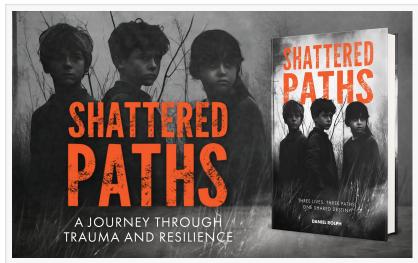


#1 Amazon Best-Seller Shattered Paths Unveils the Hidden Truths of Foster Care and Childhood Resilience

A Gripping and Emotional Novel That Gives a Voice to the Unheard

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA, February 25, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author <u>Daniel Rolph</u> is proud to announce the release of his debut novel, <u>Shattered Paths</u>: Unveiling the Hidden Truths of <u>Foster Care</u> and Neglect. This powerful and emotionally gripping book delves into the often unseen struggles of children in the foster care system, highlighting themes of trauma, resilience, and the deep



Daniel Rolph Shattered Paths - Foster Care

yearning for belonging. Based on real-life experiences, Shattered Paths is more than just a novel—it is a voice for those who have been silenced by a broken system.

A Story That Reflects Reality



Behind every statistic is a child searching for love, stability, and belonging.
Shattered Paths was written to make sure they are seen."

Daniel Rolph

Shattered Paths follows the journey of Jack, a young boy who has never known stability. Passed from one foster home to another, he learns early on that trust can be dangerous, hope is fleeting, and belonging is just an illusion. Alongside Jack are Emma, an artist who channels her trauma into creativity, and Oliver, a quiet child longing for connection but struggling to break through his own emotional barriers. As their lives intertwine, they face a world that continues to push them aside, forcing them to

fight for a future they never thought possible.

"Having grown up in and around the foster care system myself, I know firsthand how isolating and unstable it can feel," says Daniel Rolph. "Behind every statistic is a child—a real person with fears, dreams, and a desperate need for connection. I wrote Shattered Paths to tell a story that

too many children live but rarely get the chance to share."

Why This Book Matters

The foster care system often treats children as numbers rather than individuals, and the statistics are staggering.

Thirty percent of children in foster care develop PTSD, a rate higher than war veterans.

The average child in care moves between seven to ten placements, leading to severe emotional and psychological distress.

More than 25 percent of foster youth experience homelessness within two years of aging out of the system.

Many children in care struggle with identity, trust, and attachment issues long into adulthood.

"I didn't just want to write about trauma—I wanted to write about survival," Rolph explains. "So many children who grow up in foster care are expected to just move on as if their past never existed. But the truth is, the scars stay with us. Shattered Paths is about the strength it takes to keep going, even when the world has given up on you."

Early Praise for Shattered Paths

Since its release, Shattered Paths has been met with overwhelming praise from readers who have connected deeply with its characters and themes.

"A heartbreaking yet hopeful novel that stays with you long after the final page."

"This book is raw, emotional, and impossible to put down. Jack's story will break you, but it will also remind you of the strength of the human spirit."

"I grew up in foster care, and this book brought back so many emotions. It is one of the most honest and authentic portrayals I have ever read."

Many readers have reached out to Rolph personally, sharing how the book resonated with their own experiences of childhood trauma and instability. "Hearing from people who see themselves in Jack, Emma, or Oliver has been overwhelming," Rolph says. "It reminds me why this story needed to be told."

A Call for Awareness and Change

While Shattered Paths is a work of fiction, its message is deeply real. It sheds light on the failures of a system that often leaves children behind, and it challenges readers to think differently about the foster care experience. The book serves as both an emotional journey and a conversation starter, bringing much-needed attention to the long-term effects of childhood trauma.

"I hope this book encourages more people to listen, to learn, and to advocate for change," says Rolph. "Every child deserves stability, love, and a sense of belonging. We need to do better."

Availability and Where to Buy

Shattered Paths is available worldwide in paperback and eBook on Amazon, select bookstores, and libraries. Readers who do not find it on their local shelves can request a copy at bookstores or libraries to help increase accessibility.

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