



They Can't Touch Him Now

by James Williamson

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Adopted into an impoverished and violent family, ten year old Jimmy sought security and affection in all the wrong places, becoming trapped in an abusive relationship. Today, older and stronger, he finds his voice on behalf of vulnerable children everywhere.

'You are not alone. This is not your fault.'

On March 25 1948, a baby called Michael John Taylor was born. Illegitimate, he was adopted, renamed Jimmy and raised in London's post-war East End, growing up on streets still scarred and poverty stricken, where life was far from easy. Jimmy's new father was an illiterate scaffolder and his mother a disabled sewing machinist working in a shoe factory. At the age of ten, Jimmy was allowed to go to the local cinema alone; not an uncommon thing in the 1950s. But after setting off

into the night, oblivious to any possible dangers, Jimmy returned home a terrified child, having been molested by a stranger. Already battling with the hurt of being abandoned by his biological mother, and living in fear of his violent adoptive father, Jimmy now wrestled with guilt and shame. Why had this happened to him? Was he somehow to blame? Jimmy's emotional turmoil caused him to believe he was sexually abnormal. Deprived of any real affection, guidance and normal familial protection, Jimmy sought the security he craved in his scoutmaster, Tom, a man who exploited Jimmy's innocence and abused him for nine years. Jimmy genuinely felt responsible, that everything bad was somehow his fault. How could he possibly tell anyone about the abuse and, more importantly, who could he tell? And so, keeping his secret, Jimmy's life in the dark went on.

Honest and unflinching, **They Can't Touch Him Now** is a harrowing portrait of the life long psychological impact of childhood neglect and abuse. James Williamson's detailed account of the disturbingly common events which led to his own abuse, reminds us all that children are easy target for sexual predators, and that parents and educators must pay close attention to changes in children's behaviour, highlighting the importance of trust and communication, at home and at school.

Offering a window into one man's painful childhood, a subsequently bewildering adulthood and a doomed marriage, **The Can't Touch Him Now** reveals the complex emotions and crisis of self experienced by survivors of child abuse. James believes that if his book helps just one person overcome their own troubled past - or present - the resurrection of his own demons will have been worth it.

About the author: After leaving school with no qualifications, James Williamson became a successful entrepreneur, setting up his own management firm before selling the company and relocating to Spain. He is currently working on his second book *Whose Afraid of Tomorrow* which deals with the collapse of his marriage and the acceptance and revelation of his homosexuality. James Williamson lives with his partner Phillip in Dorset. **They Can't Touch Him Now** by James Williamson (published by Clink Street Publishing 8th April 2015, RRP £8.99 paperback, RRP £3.99 ebook) is available online at retailers including amazon.co.uk and can be ordered from all good bookstores.

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