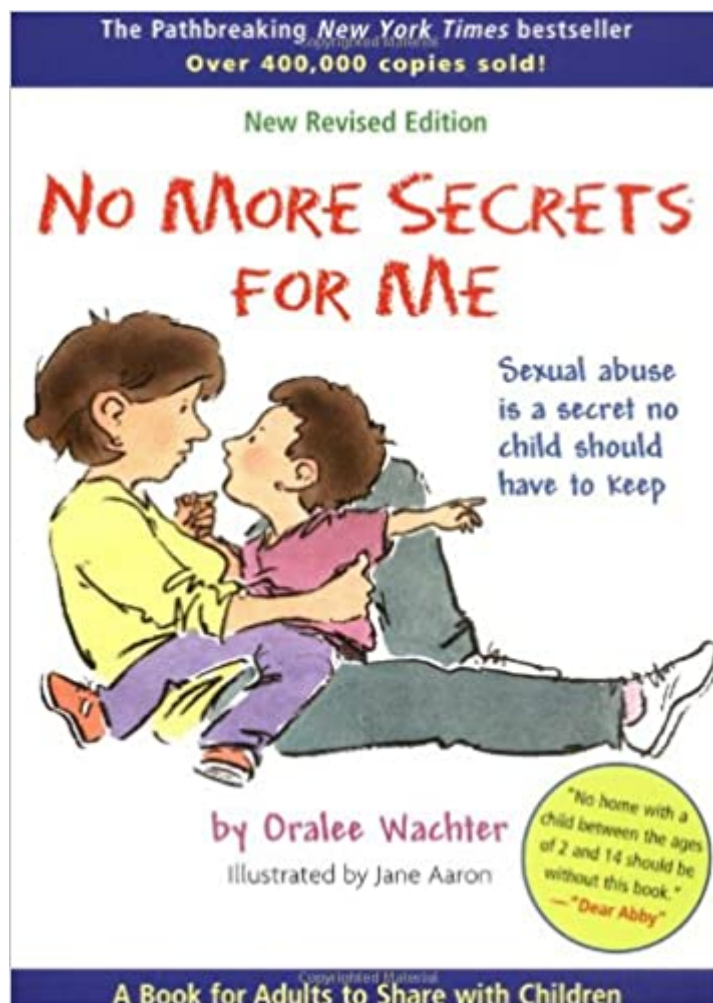


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# No More Secrets For Me (Revised)



## Synopsis

First published in 1983, this book is being re-released because today, as then, there is widespread concern about preventing the sexual abuse of children. There has been much publicity about adults using positions of trust and power to facilitate the abuse of children in this way. The challenge is the same as it was 20 years ago: to help children protect themselves from those adults who would prey on them. "No More Secrets For Me" is a book of stories to be read with children. Each centres around a common example of abuse to help children discriminate about who they can trust, how to avoid potentially abusive situations and how to tell an adult about abuse that may have already occurred.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Oralee Wachter is one of the country's most respected and widely acclaimed authors on children's crisis issues. From child sexual abuse to teenage pregnancy and acquaintance rape, her award-winning books have tackled tough subjects with unusual sensitivity. Oralee Wachter was born in California and now lives in New York. The mother of three children, Oralee says No More Secrets for Me was written for her grandchildren.

This book takes one of the scariest of all possible topics--sexual abuse of children--and turns it into

stories that are reassuring and enjoyable, yet give youngsters the tools they need to resist and report abuse. From a little boy who wants to keep his body private in the bathroom to a story about a little girl whose step father has touched her inappropriately, these stories share one crucial theme: when the child tells a trusted adult, everything gets better. Read it yourself, and then share it with your children.

Just as described. Thank you!

the stories are for about an age of 10 and up in my opinion, my grandson is 5 and I was hoping for something to help him get through his sexual abuse..Im going to read one of the stories to him in hope it will make sense but in all honesty im not sure it will help... thanks so much for this chance to express my self.

There are four stories in this book a) A child's baby sitter does not listen to him when he says he doesn't want her help taking a bath. His mother affirms his decision and tells the baby sitter that in order to keep her job, she needs to respect his wishes. b) A child's former teacher spends a lot of time at a store with a video arcade. He buys kids pizza and soda. The child talks to the man about a problem she's having and feels uncomfortable when he puts his arm around her. When she says she wants to leave, he tries to convince her to stay. She is assertive and gets away. Her mother affirms that it was the right thing to do. c) A boy's camp counselor finds him in a place where he (the boy) is not supposed to be. He tells him that he will keep the secret. The counselor asks the boy to undress so they can play a game. When the boy refuses, the counselor threatens to tell that he skipped an activity. He tells another counselor, who affirms his right to refuse the game. d) A girl's stepfather touches her body at night and tells her to keep it a secret. She confides in a friend. She's afraid of her mother not believing her so she confides in a school staff member. One thing I really liked about this book is that it did not depict the perpetrators being charged with a crime. If children think the perp will be arrested, it may make them less likely to disclose. Sexual predators are master manipulators who often spend months "grooming" a child, earning their trust, and manipulating them to ensure silence. It is not uncommon for predators to molest more than 100 children before being arrested. Research shows that about one-third of children who have been sexually assaulted are harmed by relatives. About 60% of the perp are known to the child and/or their family. Only 10% are assaulted by strangers. Stepfathers are more likely than biological fathers to be molesters. (Again, predators are master manipulators. They may seek out a woman for a romantic relationship

because it gives him easy access to her children. Molesting children who are strangers is a huge risk. The child has no attachment to the perp. The stories are realistic, without being too scary, even the last story. If you're not comfortable sharing this one, you can photocopy the book or just skip the last story and tell your child it's too scary.

There are two kinds of secrets: Those you keep because you want to and those you would like to tell but are afraid. This book tells you that you must not keep the second kind of secret...for your own good. In this book, all these secrets are about certain types of adults (who could be Mr. or Ms. Anyone) who like to look at or touch your body in a way they shouldn't. Even if you have never had any such embarrassing or scary experiences, you may in the future (or a close friend may) and the author tells you what you must do. This topic is not a fun subject to read about, but it is important; and the author writes about it in a way that will get your attention. When finished you'll probably sit and think a while. (Realistic Fiction/Informational: Sexual Abuse, Grades 3-5) *The Creative Teacher: Activities for Language Arts (Grades 4 through 8 and Up)*

Short review, but I just love the title of this book - i think it says A LOT and I have to thank the Author. Angel Just-Rights

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