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# The Privilege Of Youth

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## The Privilege of Youth

By the author of

*A Child Called "It"*

A Teenager's  
Story of Longing  
for Acceptance and Friendship

**DAVE PELZER**



## **Synopsis**

The #1 New York Times and #1 internationally bestselling author who is a shining example of what overcoming adversity really means now shares the lost chapter of his uplifting journey, which has touched the lives of millions. From A Child Called *It* to The Lost Boy, from A Man Named Dave to Help Yourself, Dave Pelzer's inspirational books have helped countless others triumph over hardship and misfortune. In The Privilege of Youth, he shares the missing chapter of his life: as a boy on the threshold of adulthood. With sensitivity and insight, he recounts the relentless taunting he endured from bullies; but he also describes the thrill of making his first real friends—some of whom he still shares close relationships with today. He writes about the simple pleasures of exploring his neighborhood, while trying to forget the hell waiting for him at home. From high school to a world beyond the four walls that were his prison for so many years, The Privilege of Youth bravely and compassionately charts this crucial turning point in Dave Pelzer's life and will inspire a whole new generation of readers. From the Trade Paperback edition.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Though this book is not nearly as inspirational as 'Man named Dave' nor as moving/shocking as his

'A child called It' or 'the Lost Boy,' it does fill in a lot of background of his adolescence spent by one particular foster family and his first real blossoming friendships. We learn about some of the major influences that help shape Dave's life and various role models who help steer him towards a grounded life. If you are interested in learning more (anecdotal incidents) about Dave after reading his first 2 books- this is an ok choice. Otherwise, stick with 'A man named Dave' and you will be rewarded with a fascinating memoir of this extra-ordinary fellow named 'Dave', a man who took adversity and extreme hardship and turned it into love, gain and inspiration.

This is the final story in the tragic childhood of Dave Pelzer. The book showed a different side of Dave's life than what I expected, but it was still interesting to see that he finally had some fun in his life and created a family for himself going into adulthood. I would suggest you read the other books before this one, to appreciate how much Dave has accomplished in his life.

Good book. Easy to read and get into. Great characters and story line.

I read all of Dave Pelzer's books and shared his stories with my four grandchildren. They each read the books when they were thirteen and fourteen. They are adults now and we continue to talk about these books. I have bought these books six times over the years. Three of my grandchildren now work in group homes and they share these books with the children in their care. Thanks Dave for sharing your stories.

Great read! The Dave Pelzer story is such a sad one.

I own all of his books. Quite terrifying to read. But, a success that he made it out alive.

This book is basically a re-telling of the time period covered in Pelzer's second memoir, with additional information ... some that happened while he was in foster care, and some while he was a young man. I found it interesting, if not compelling, reading. I guess what I would like to know is what made his mother turn into a child abuser. But I suppose Pelzer wouldn't have had any insight into that.

Added to dads collection. Finished in 2days. Not normally his cup of tea..as far as story plots but he was completely immersed and couldn't put it down

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