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Today in the Sunday Mirror exclusive,

'Kathy's Story', a book now on the bestselling lists both in Ireland and in the U.K , detailing horrific abuse by nuns and priests has today been exposed as a cruel hoax by the writers family.

Let Our Voices Emerge (L.O.V.E) are outraged that such a story could become so successful with so little proof.

Yet our warnings that the writer could produce little or no evidence were ignored as we ironically enough couldn't produce evidence to back our claims.

Florence Horsman Hogan states :

'Many people have suffered terribly, their lives and their reputations ruined because of Ms O'Beirnes allegations, the courage of her family coming forward in such daunting circumstances is absolutely heroic.

I would encourage anyone else who knows of false allegations to come forward and speak with us. Much damage can be avoided at a much earlier stage if we are approached for support'.

The book alleging to be the authors true life story of horrific physical, sexual and emotional abuse in six Institutions, some of them magdalene laundries shocked Britain and Ireland in it's stark cruelty .

Raped by two boys, as well as by two priests (one resulting in a child that died at ten years old), washing dead bodies as a fourteen year old for punishment ,being abused in a psychiatric hospital, undergoing drug trials, Electro Convulsive Therapy, liver and intestinal biopsies taken without sedation, beatings with a hose pipe resulting in a fractured pelvis, hundreds of people buried in mass graves in Glasnevin....and the litany goes on.

Ms O'Beirne has walked over the suffering of any child who has suffered abuse, and callously took their stories (much exaggerated), as her own.

Let Our Voices Emerge intend expose others that we know to be false or exaggerated in the future.

The Sunday Mirror and Niall Donald have shown incredible determination, and sensitivity in handling this story, her family have shown great courage in the face of much opposition in coming forward.

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L.O.V.E. adds on 25/8/2006:-

An International campaign has been launched by the Let Our Voices Emerge charity (L.O.V.E.) to get the book 'Kathy's Story' removed from sales until the publishers Mainstream can verify how they've authenticated the serious allegations of abuse made against the Irish medical profession, the authors father and a religious congregation.

The L.O.V.E. charity maintain it was impossible for them to do so - as Kathy empathically was not in a Magdalene laundry.

She was however in a childrens home in Kilmacud, Dublin for 6 weeks only when she was 11 years old, and also an inpatient in a psychiatric unit, and resident in Mountjoy for a while.

These are the only institutions she can provide documentary proof of. However, while in the homeless shelter in Sherrard St she would have met some of the Magdalenes who had freedom to roam wherever they wished, and usually met up there.

This book has caused irreparable damage to the reputation of Ms O'Beirne's father, the Irish psychiatric services, and the religious congregation she claims abused her so horrifically. In the name of all genuienly abused children, both from Irish society as well as the institutions, we are asking that the book be withdrawn from sales pending a full investigation.

Ms O'Beirne has issued threats to the founder of the L.O.V.E. charity to picket outside the family home unless this campaign is stopped. This has caused considerable distress to the children, this is highly inappropriate, but will not succeed as a bullying tactic.

If Ms O'Beirne would just provide the documentation she continually states she has to prove she was in a Magdalene laundry to the many journalists who ask herr for it, the matter would be solved.

See the following link for the letter to the publishers and list of support groups and individuals (will be updated on an ongoing basis).

<http://kathystoryscam.blogspot.com/>

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