
Have you heard of UGLY?

Posted by Biikolwa - 2007/11/06 23:30

<http://www.connectuganda.com/images/fbfiles/images/UGLY.jpg> Are you familiar with Constance Briscoe? According to her website, she "was called to the bar in 1983 and practices as a barrister. In 1996 Constance became a part time judge - one of the first black women to sit as a judge in the UK." In the book section of the department store David Jones, I saw "UGLY" an autobiography by Judge Briscoe. Here's what I read on the back cover:

"I handed my school photograph to my mother. She stared from the photograph to me. 'Lord, sweet Lord how come she so ugly. Ugly. Ugly' These cruel words are just the beginning. Constance's mother systematically abused her daughter, both physically and emotionally, throughout her childhood. Regularly beaten and starved, the child was so desperate she took herself off to Social Services and tried to get taken into care. When Constance was thirteen, her mother simply moved out, leaving her daughter to fend for herself: there was no gas, no electricity and no food....."

I bought the book initially for somebody young who'd been harping on about it from her literally review at her school. Have a look on Amazon UK - there's over 80 comments about it! And, a sequel coming out next year. This book is near the top of my reading stack. Currently the price has been slashed down to: £4.46.

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Re:Have you heard of UGLY?

Posted by Meli - 2007/11/06 23:40

Sounds very interesting, a must read. Such sad stories that end in triumph, give hope to many going through hard times. A great way of acquiring endurance technics. I'll get me one too.

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Re:Have you heard of UGLY?

Posted by Phad - 2007/11/09 01:12

Well, I've heard quite a buzz about Ms Briscoe, and read some excerpts of her Biography, but this serves as a good reminder, it's high time I bought me a copy too.

Quite interesting though is the fact that her family strenuously and vehemently denies the majority of the accounts as appeared in the book. There is even corridor-talk of a law suit by the family for Libel!!

Now that should be interesting when it unfolds, as mother and daughter takes the oaths before the Judges and the panel.

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