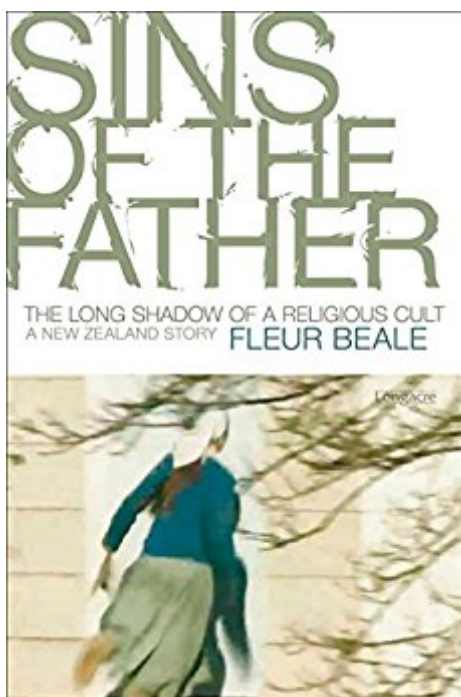


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# Sins Of The Father: The Long Shadow Of A Religious Cult



## Synopsis

The disturbing story of the ruthless exercise of power in a New Zealand religious cult. Charismatic, driven and self-righteous, Neville Cooper set up his own brand of Christian utopia on earth: a reclusive community on the West Coast of New Zealand. For the 400 inhabitants of Gloriavale, his word is law - despite his 1995 conviction for sexual abuse. His son Phil Cooper, as headstrong as his father, had to escape. But Phil's wife Sandy was bound to the will of Neville and his brand of eternal salvation. And so began the monumental tug-of-war between father and son: a son who wanted to give his children a chance in the world. This is a true story of power and control, of abductions and night raids, of hearts broken and those trying to mend. It's also the story of the long shadow cast by the unyielding vision of one man, and the hope and resolve of one family to restore its shattered past.

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This book is a well written account of a family divided by religion and egos. The Sins of The Fathers is Phil Cooper's story of life in the Gloriavale community and his decision to take his family out of the community. Not everybody made it out and the journey to what Phil describes as 'freedom' is a fast

paced and compelling read. The book brings a fair and balanced view of the good and bad character traits of both Phil and his father Neville Cooper (The founder and leader of Gloriavale.)

Amazing story which I knew off but did not know what they went through on a day to day basis. Very sad but shows with belief life can be good. Well written.

Absolutely fantastic story. Watched the story on tv lots of hype read the book in less than a day

Very well written. Such a heart breaking story! Would definitely read this book again.

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