IN THEIR SHOES

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Character Outline Synopsis

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OUTLINE FOR SIX SERIES OF: IN THEIR SHOES {WORKING TITLE}

Proposed is 4 episodes of each character.

SERIES 1: CHARLOTTE

This series takes us through CHARLOTTE's life as a vulnerable girl caught up in her parents own issues. Confused and abused she tries to cope with her life. The only thing that's good and helps her escape, is running. CHARLOTTE spends most of her teenage years trying to protect her twin brothers and taking the blame for any misdemeanor whilst developing a professional career as a runner. Eventually CHARLOTTE ends up in the British Olympic team. As the pressure piles onto her already heavy shoulders, she gradually steps into the world of drugs and self abuse!

SERIES 2: JAMES

Shortly after JAMES parents volatile divorce, his attractive mother finds a new love...JEFF. As the couple move forward with their relationship, all the children are gradually introduced. Both of them have a girl and a boy each. JEFF's being slightly older. Straight away JEFFS son STEVEN takes a dislike to the whole situation. The couple marry and move into a large house. JAMES is constantly being bullied by STEVEN until finally one night STEVEN creeps into JAMES room and rapes him! JAMES keeps it to himself and strangely excells at school. However his teenage years are tormented and confused, the only way he can deal with it Is, drink and drugs. Until finally one day in his mid twenties...The truth comes out!

SERIES 3: ALINA

In a small town in Romania, a young 8 year old ALINA and her sickly 9 year old sister MARIA, waits for their Uncle to arrive. A family ritual that occurs once a month. He plays games with them, but touches them {when no one is looking} Why is everyone so happy? ALINA is confused! But decides it must be Ok and normal. Every month the abuse gets worse. One day ALINA walks into a room where her sister and Uncle had been alone together. Unsure at what she had just witnessed she tells her parents but they don't believe her! ALINA's sister later dies of her illness and ALINA moves to England with her parents to make a new start, but still carrying the baggage of what had happened in her home tow. She travels down the path of self destruction, prostitution and drugs!

OUTLINE FOR SIX SERIES CONTINUED...

SERIES 4: SIMON

SIMONS story begins one day at the dining table with his sister and father, waiting for his loving mother to bring in their dinner. As she brings in the last two plates she drops them. Over the next year she becomes more clumsy and her personality changes. SIMON was a mummy's boy, yet his mother had started to become a stranger to him? A nasty vindictive stranger. At the age of twelve deeply upset by his mothers actions he runs away to a friends house. His father brings him back the very next day. His mother shouts at SIMON and says something to him that will change his life forever. Two days later his mother dies. SIMON goes off the rails, and at fifteen his father throws him out into the world of loneliness and living on the streets. He turns his life around but will his emotions haunt him forever?.

SERIES 5: RASHID

RASHID comes from a wealthy family in Dubai, A life mapped out for him by his parents. Then one day at the age of thirteen his brother catches him wearing his sisters clothes! His brother begins to blackmail RASHID. So to keep him quiet RASHID has to lie and cover for him. Through the years RASHID has to battle with his conflicting emotions and religious beliefs, trying to fit in with his male peers... fast cars, prostitutes, and drugs. He falls into a deep depression and at their wits end, his parents send him off to rehabs and retreats in England. But will he ever find the freedom he needs to be his true self?

SERIES 6: JANETTE

JANETTE is an illegitimate baby born in 1964. Raised by her Grandparents and emotionally abused by her birth mother, she grows up feeling useless and unloved. Left to her own devices she tries to handle her life without success. Going from one bad mistake to the next, getting mixed up in crime, murder and drugs. Eventually she becomes homeless at the age of sixteen. One day JANETTE meets an old friend. They share a flat and start to live the high life, but the past haunts her soul. Subconsciously destroying any good thing that comes into her life. Until one day admitting defeat...she finds herself standing on the edge of a cliff! Will the nightmare of her own thoughts ever go away?