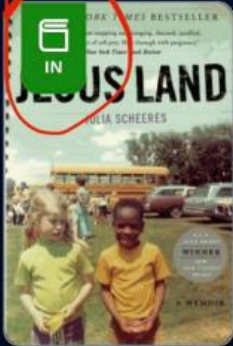


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OVERVIEW

The author writes of her teenage years in the Midwest, her adopted black brother, her fundamentalist Christian family, and Escuela Caribe--the prison-like Christian reform school they were sent to in the Dominican Republic.

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Some of the concerns: sex between children, molestation of children

Pg. 112:
"Lick it," he says in his thick voice, pressing my head toward it.
I stare at Scott's penis. There's a pearl balanced on the tan tip. It smells like liverwurst.
"Like a lollipop," he's begging now, breathing hard. He wags the penis with his hand to get my attention.
CONTEXT – interaction between minors

Pg. 132
"Ready?" he asks. I nod. He pushes my thighs apart with his knees and spits into his hand and wipes it between my legs before lowering himself onto me and prodding my inner thigh with his dick "Stop fighting me," he says as I scoot away from his fumbling. "You'll only make it worse."
CONTEXT – interaction between minors

Pg. 121:
He pauses weightily. "I'm here to tell you today that you can't jack off with Jesus!" He pounds the bookcase to emphasize each word, unaware of the obscene gesture he's making. You Can't. Jack. Off. With. Jesus.

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I've heard girls giggle about blow jobs at school; it's something a boyfriend requires of you. . . . "Open your mouth," Scott says, and I do. He puts it between my lips and grabs my hair and pulls my head up and down on it. A moment later he groans and something slimy spurts into my mouth that tastes like pool water.²⁸⁶

. . . I was banished to an island colony ruled by sadistic Jesus freaks.²⁸⁷

The other girls were also molested by male relatives living in their households, and this surprises me since they all come from upstanding Christian families. But then again . . . so do I.²⁸⁸

One of the preachers at Escuela Caribe gets a student pregnant.

Secretly, I admire Rhonda's craftiness. Not only did she manage to get laid, she also escaped The Program. She could always give the baby up for adoption and resume her life afterward. Or she could abort it—I'm sure God would also reject the forbidden fruit of a preacher man and a teenage member of his flock. It would make Him look bad.²⁸⁹