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This is the sort of book you can't put down but you have to because of the rivers of tears that flow. I can't imagine how she got up every morning and kept on fighting. I had no idea this sort of thing happened and I can't imagine how you cope when 'the authorities' take your children away when you know all you are trying to do is your best. The part where the police came again and took the kids away is truly heart-rending.

SHE FOUGHT THE LAW, AND THE LAW LOST
Sue O'Callaghan was one of us. Just an ordinary mum, living an ordinary life, in a nice house with her husband and family. Ordinary, that is, until the day her husband took the children for a walk and never came home. Like any mother, she was worried: Had her family been in a terrible accident? Had they been the victims of a crime? Little did Sue know that her loving husband and his parents had been corresponding for months behind the scenes with Child Protection Services and his psychiatrist, plotting a way to leave his wife and secure custody of their children in one fell swoop. They did it by fabricating mental illnesses! It was all there documented in writing for Social Services, chapter and verse but she wasn't ill! The diagnosis had been written by a psychiatrist who had never treated her. It got worse: officials told Sue they would seize custody of Sue's unborn baby as well, and she was forced to give birth under guard. Taken is the incredible, gripping story of a young mother who had to fight the courts, Social Services and her husband to get her children back. Sue O'Callaghan went to the Gates of Hell. And won. An inspirational true story that reads like a thriller and feels like a movie. It really is possible to beat City Hall...
Taken is a must-read for parents everywhere.