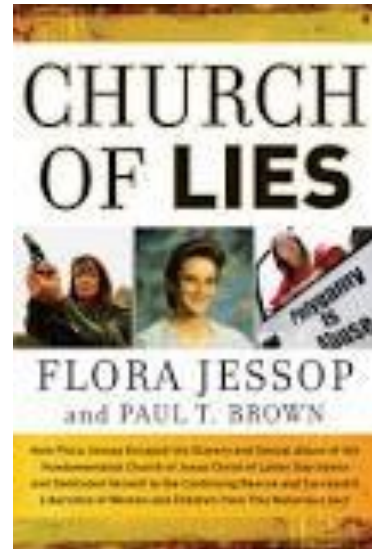




February 21, 2015 Flora Jessop



Flora Jessop is an American social activist, author, and advocate for abused children.

Flora was born in 1969 and grew up in Colorado City, Arizona. She was raised in a polygamous family, with two mothers and 27 siblings, all members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS). When she was 16, after years of abuse, including being impregnated by her own father and being forced to marry her first cousin, she fled.

After many years as a vagabond in Middle and Southwest America, she moved to Phoenix, where she met a man named Tim. Flora's divorce from her cousin was finalized in 1995. She and Tim were married in 2001.

Flora's younger sister Ruby was forced to marry her stepbrother, which was the catalyst that turned Flora into an advocate against child abuse in the FLDS community. She helped, in a large part, to create the *Child Protection Project*. She has been active since the early 2000s in anti-child abuse work, particularly focusing on the plight of women and children in the FLDS. She also is the author of a book, *Church of Lies*, telling her personal story.

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