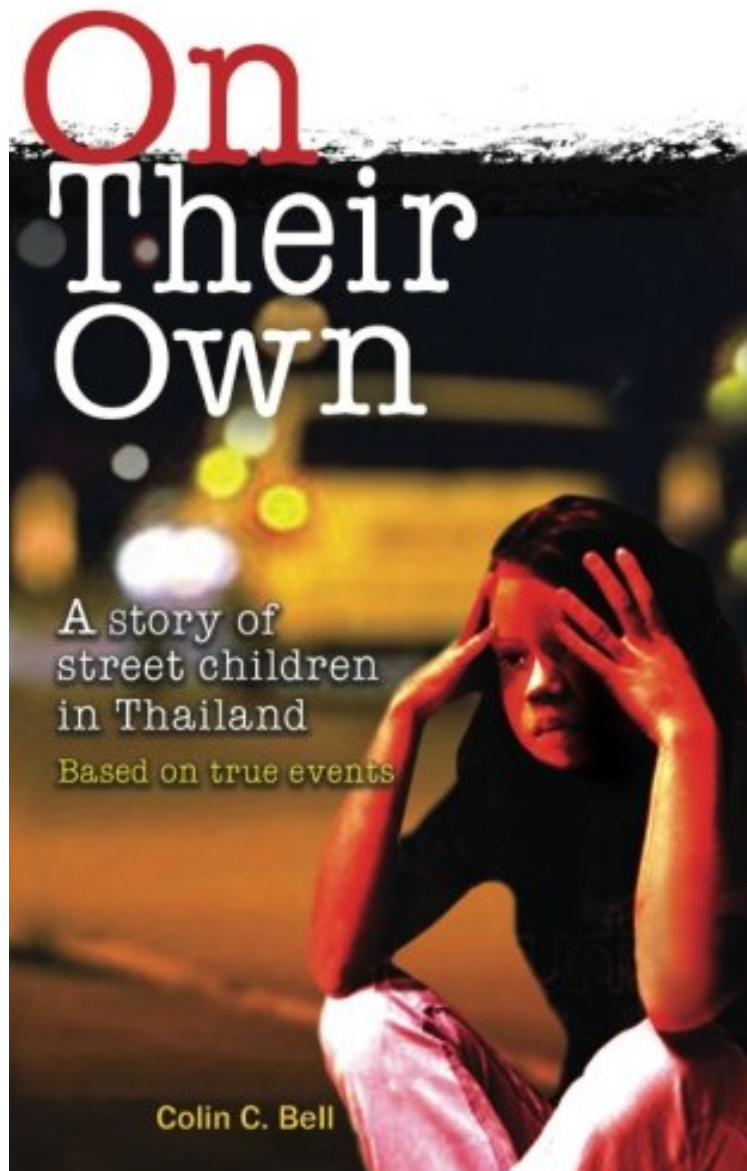


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Life was tough enough for Nok and his sister Ning after their father walked out, leaving their mother to raise them

alone in a Bangkok slum, yet they made ends meet. But when she suddenly falls sick and dies, the children have no option but to find their own way in this world. When they fail to find their mother's estranged sister far away from Bangkok, the two siblings end up on the streets of Bangkok. While fending for themselves and resisting the momentary temptations of vice and drugs and the trap of child prostitution, their unlikely dream is to find a new home. Life is an ongoing daily struggle and the children try their best to survive, while desperately hoping for a way out. Is there a place for them where they can escape the street and the seemingly inevitable slide into crime, vice, and a wasted life?

About the Author In 1983 Colin C. Bell came to Thailand for the first time and it wasn't long before he fell in love with the country and its people. For much of the last twenty-five years he has remained in Thailand, working as an English language teacher, a volunteer working with the under-privileged, and as a writer. With this novel he wants to pass on his experiences and his passion for this land in the hope that you, too, will come to love it and that your heart may be touched by the plight of children growing up without a home. While the story illustrates some of the socio-economic problems affecting Thai society, the book also tries to portray the caring spirit and the kindness of the Thais. Though the characters in the story are fictional, they are composites of real people and the problems and experiences they encounter are based on true events.