

Carol Guscott's Book

Carol Guscott is a woman rebuilding her life after surviving a brutal attack. Alone at her workplace in 1994, two men held Carol at knife point. After robbing her of money and jewelry, they tied her up helplessly on a recliner chair, and poured flesh-eating acid onto her eyes and face, leaving her blind and disfigured.

Prior to the attack, Carol was a budding business woman. Even after the attack she refused to believe her life was over.

Unable to get the surgeries she needed in her own country of Jamaica, Carol travelled in 1995 to the United States. Carol has had over 80 surgeries and surgical procedures to restore her sight and reconstruct her face. Unfortunately, the surgeries were rarely successful.

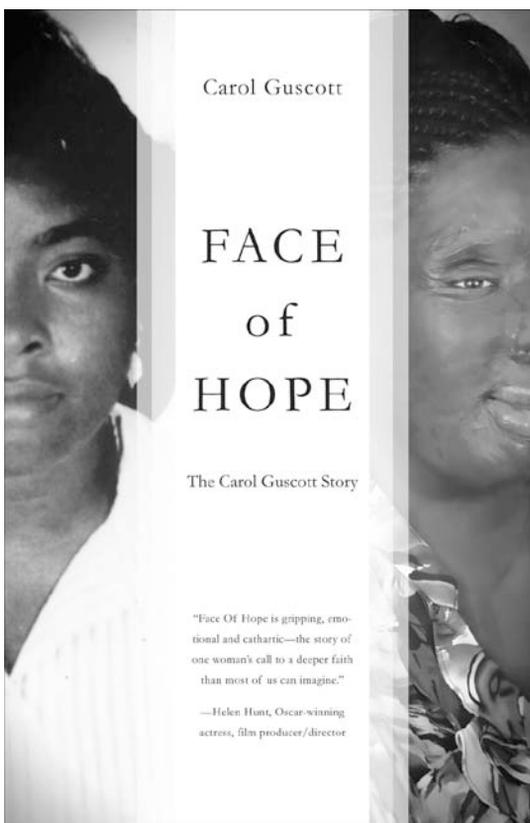
The appearance of Carol's face has definitely improved by the many surgeries, and she has regained and lost her sight four times. "The failures were due to the severity of the damage done to the eyelids—the eyelids were not closing adequately to cause the cornea to thrive.

"My sweetest early morning dreams were those in which I felt good again; my eyes were working and my face was beautiful and I was back at work running my store. But, when I opened my eyes, all was darkness about me.

I considered the reality – there could be no going back to the life I had lived. What I had taken for granted back then would be impossible without sight. It is with much sadness that I accepted that the over 80 surgeries and countless treatments and therapies could not put me back together again. But, I learned things going through the process of restoration of my sight and face that gave me different insights, different sorts of wisdom, and different understanding."

Sixteen years have passed since the day of the attack. Carol has received help financially from many well-wishers and kind supporters (including the Fullerton Lions Club) to afford the necessary surgeries over the years.

Urged by friends she has written "Face of Hope," to offer her story and inspiration to others going through hardships. The book took eight



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Carol's ambition is to pursue a career as a motivational writer and speaker. "I knew I wanted a better life than playing the victim role. When people asked me what I do for a living, I want to be able to tell them the name of something of worth—I wanted to be measured by the same measuring stick by which other lives are measured."

Face of Hope: The Carol Guscott Story is available on Amazon, and can also be ordered directly from the publisher TatePublishing.com

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