Dugard's full story remains sealed in court transcripts

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Jaycee Lee Dugard plans to offer the "full story" of her 18 years as a prisoner of Phillip and Nancy Garrido in a book that goes on sale July 12.

But prosecutors in the Garrido case are moving to block release of grand jury transcripts that describe her ordeal, at least until after the couple are sentenced next month.

Dugard's 256-page book, "A Stolen Life" published by Simon & Schuster, is being touted as telling "the full story of her ordeal" and will include an unabridged audiobook read by Dugard herself.

The book "has been written by the 31-year-old Dugard herself and will cover the period from the time of her abduction in 1991 up until the present," an announcement from the publisher and her spokeswoman said Monday. "In her stark, compelling narrative, she opens up about what she experienced, including how she feels now since she was found."

Dugard was abducted in 1991 when she was an 11-year-old walking to a school bus stop in Meyers, near South Lake Tahoe. She vanished until August 2009, when she was found being held by the Garridos. By then, she had given birth to two daughters as a result of Phillip Garrido's assaults upon her.

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