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Earl Spencer reveals, in devastating memoir, how trauma left lifelong toll

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PRINCESS Diana's brother Earl Spencer has revealed that he was sexually abused at the age of 11 by a female member of staff at his boarding school.

In an extract from his powerful memoir published exclusively in The Mail on Sunday today, Earl Spencer describes in devastating detail the sexual assaults and horrific beatings he suffered at Maidwell Hall and the lifelong damage

they caused.
The 59-year-old reveals how a predatory assistant matron – whom he describes as a 'voracious paedophile' – preyed on him and other young boys,

By **Mark Hookham**

grooming and then abusing them in their dormitory beds at night.

The book also details how John Porch, the 'terrifying and sadistic' headteacher of the exclusive prep school, inflicted brutal beatings, seemingly gaining sexual pleasure from the violence.

The torment Earl Spencer endured during his five years at Maidwell Hall led to him deliberately making himself sick - a shocking precursor to Diana's later struggles with bulimia. And he believes





POIGNANT: Earl Spencer is unflinchingly frank about how his horrific schooldays left him scarred