

Israeli beauty queen Linor Abargil was abducted and raped in Milan, Italy two months before being crowned Miss World in 1998. Ten years later, she's ready to talk about it – and to encourage others to speak out. Now a globe-trotting victims' advocate, Linor encourages others to stand against sexual violence by putting an end to their silence. She travels to speak with teens in South Africa, where girls are statistically more likely to be raped than educated. She visits U.S. college campuses where women describe a campus culture that fails to take assaults seriously. From rape crisis centers worldwide, to Hollywood's living rooms, Linor is met with emotional support, but the advocacy work causes her own trauma to resurface. When she attends a celebrity rape trial that hits too close to home, she suffers a breakdown and symptoms of PTSD. In searching for something to ease her pain, Linor turns to Orthodox Judaism. "It's like losing a daughter," her secular mother laments. "But better than alcohol, anorexia, bulimia, or so many other crises that can happen to victims." Linor returns to Italy for the first time since her rape, in an attempt to face her fears and to find the prosecutor who collaborated with Israeli authorities to arrest the serial rapist. While there, in an extraordinary twist of fate, she meets up with another woman raped by the same man in eerily identical circumstances. For victims of sexual assault, the journey toward wholeness never ends; still, Linor Abargil, the BRAVE MISS WORLD, continues her unflinching efforts to keep the nightmares at bay.

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