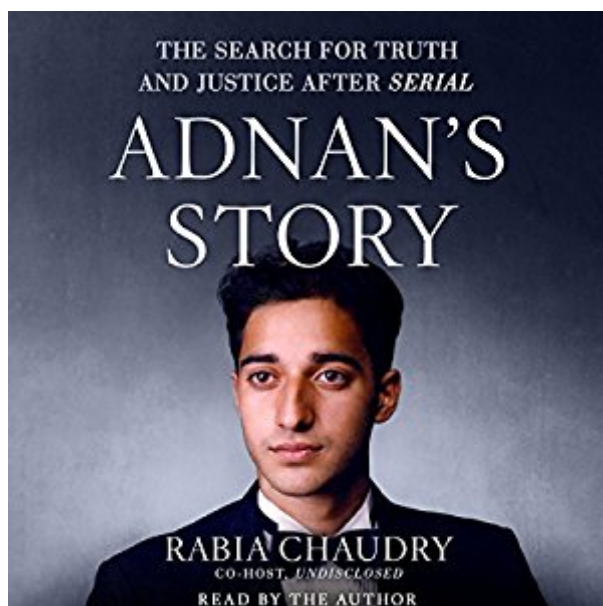


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Adnan's Story: The Search For Truth And Justice After Serial



Synopsis

"The first letter I received after being arrested in 1999 was from Rabia. Since that time until now, she has believed in my innocence and been committed to my exoneration.... [T]here is no one better to help tell my story, and no one that I trust more to tell it, than Rabia." (Adnan Syed) On February 28, 2000, Adnan Syed was convicted and sentenced to life plus 30 years for the murder of his ex-girlfriend, Hae Min Lee, a high school senior in Baltimore, Maryland. From the moment of his arrest, Syed has consistently maintained his innocence. Rabia Chaudry, a family friend, always believed him and has never given up the hope that he might someday be released. By 2013, however, after almost all appeals had been exhausted, things looked bleak. That's when Rabia contacted Sarah Koenig, a producer at This American Life, in the hopes of finding a journalist who would bring greater attention to Adnan's story and perhaps shed new light on the case. Koenig's investigation turned into Serial, an international phenomenon and Peabody Award-winning podcast. Adnan's Story will reexamine the investigation that led to Adnan Syed's arrest, share his life in prison, cover new evidence and possibilities that have since come to light, and review the recent court successes - including a ruling by a Maryland judge to reopen Syed's case. Woven with personal reflections from Adnan himself, including new never-before-seen letters he penned from prison, and the story of his family, his community, and public advocate Chaudry, the book offers new insight into the story that captivated the attention of millions as his legal team and investigatory team, along with countless others who have crowdsourced an investigation like never before, seek to exonerate him and find out the truth of what really happened on that day in 1999. What has captivated the public about Adnan's story are the layers of contradictions, fascinating characters, cultural dissonance, and fog of ambiguity around what really happened to Hae Min Lee. But this is not just a personal story; it is a testament to a thoroughly broken system that convicts tens of thousands of innocent people and how the power of the media and public can move rigid institutions to bring about justice.

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed the book. Prior to reading the book, I had only heard the Serial podcast. My only complaint is that I read it on my Kindle. The author, Rabia Chaudry, inserted copies of notes, hearing transcripts, etc. I could not read them on the kindle because the print was too small. It would not enlarge. I pretty much figured out what the contents were, but it would have been nice to be able to read it (or have a transcript written below).

This book goes in to more depth of the case than one could have imagined, a 17 year old story that continues to this day. It is an amazing feat to have written such a daring and honest story told to the depth that I would wonder how it could be refuted. Kudos to people like Rabia Chaudry and the whole "Village" of supporters who continue to pursue justice and a fair hopefully re trial in this day and age, where bias of many kinds come full force against many innocent victims of the system we live in. More stories like this need to be told!!

Excellent and interesting book (from someone who never heard of Adnan, the podcast Serial, or anything before reading this book. It is amazing to me (but no longer surprising) how horrible some police and prosecutors are. They should all be imprisoned and Adnan and his family compensated heavily for 18+ years of imprisonment, heartache, excessive amounts of work figuring this all out, etc.

As a advocate for Adnan, an avid listener to Serial, Undisclosed and Truth and Justice. I felt this book expanded on the gripping story of Adnan and his unfortunate WRONGFUL incarceration. It's very well written. Rabia is not only an AMAZING person and advocate, but also a woman with fire. Adnan is lucky to have this woman behind him. Someday soon Adnan will be free and the atrocities that is the Baltimore police will be uncovered.

This book is beautiful, ugly, sad, happy, encouraging, discouraging, enlightening, disheartening,

educational, and frustrating. Rabia writes this so well and with such emotion. I learned things about Adnan's case that I didn't know before. I learned about Islam, Baltimore, the legal system, Adnan's family, Hae's family, and more. You get to know Adnan in this book. Adnan's story is (sadly) one of many - there are so many wrongfully convicted men and women in prison and reading this book/movement is only another great step in the right direction, of getting him and others out of prison and pushing for reform.

Exceptionally well-written and captivating. I ate it up. Occasionally a bit melodramatic with the cliffhangers, but filled with important knowledge on the interaction between justice, law, religion, politics, and of course, the very captivating story.

Amazing Work. I followed this story after coming across it with Serial and became pretty obsessed with the case. I followed the Undisclosed podcast as they went through the case and was just astounded at what happened to this man. I am so glad that this story was told and needs to be told over and over again, so that maybe it won't happen again.

I don't know what to say. I give it 5 stars because I didn't want to stop reading. I wanted to know more more more. I listened half the time and read half the time. Hearing Rabia narrate it herself was fantastic. I really enjoyed listening. It's hard to give a book like this 5 stars though, because it is not a happy read. It's sad, it's heartbreaking, it's devastating. I just sat here saying out loud, "how could this have happened?" over and over. My mouth literally hanging open in shock over things. I've listened to the podcasts and I've read many of the blogs about Adnan, but this book does give us more. There are details and parts that I didn't already know and there are more details about the parts I did know. If you aren't sure if you want to read it because you think you know all the details already, go ahead and read this. I think you'll be happy you did, in a devastated bittersweet way. I will continue to follow Adnan's story until he is free and home where he belongs. Thank you Rabia, for sharing this story with us. #freeadnan

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