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Review

"If you're looking to revisit the story of Adnan Syed that enthralled millions of listeners for the first season of "Serial," look no further than this book from Rabia Chaudry, a friend of the Syed family who first brought the case to "Serial" host Sarah Koenig's attention." ?*RedEye*

"True crime enthusiasts and anyone willing to delve into the unsettling world of guilt versus innocence will find *Adnan's Story* an enjoyable, but heart-wrenching ride. Chaudry has an impressive command of style–using the perfect balance of compassion and investigation to open Syed's case to the world." ?The Lineup

"Rabia put her heart and soul [into this]. This is*Serial* come to life. If you liked the podcast, you will love this book." ?Daisy Khan, WISE

"Chaudry's book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand how media ? particularly social media ? came to play such a powerful role in this case . . . Chaudry's passion clearly drives *Adnan's Story: The Search for Truth and Justice After 'Serial.'* But it's the mix of media skills and legal education that makes her book such an illuminating firsthand report from the front lines of social media change." *?Baltimore Sun*

"Chaudry's clear, vivid and highly readable account of the case will bring the story to life for readers unfamiliar with the podcast, and even the most devoted 'Serial' fans will find fresh insight and a vast amount of new material. Chaudry's legal training serves her well as she marshals her defense, but so too does the Pakistani heritage and Muslim faith she shares with Syed." ?*Washington Post*

"Crisp, powerful prose...Chaudry's description of the PCR hearing in *Adnan's Story* is utterly riveting?high stakes, a breakneck pace, brilliant expert witnesses." ?*Entertainment Weekly*

"Any 'Serial' fan should eat up this heavily researched book." ?*New York Post*

"Rabia Chaudry is a woman on a mission . . . It was easy to forget, listening to 'Serial,' that it was a true story about real people. *Adnan's Story* adds context and humanizes it in a way that could change how you think about the case, and about 'Serial' itself." ?*Los Angeles Times*

"*Adnan's Story* should satisfy those who can't get enough of this perplexing case."***?****Newsday*

"You'll find yourself tearing through the book as quickly as you binged on episodes of the podcasts." ?Bustle

"Lays out new details that [Chaudry] believes exonerate Syed...[they] already have produced results." ?*People*

"As stories of wrongful convictions go, *Adnan's Story* is hands down a certain winner." ?*New York Journal of Books*

"Chaudry is uniquely qualified to tell this story." ?Elle.com

"A skillfully written account of injustice that will have wide appeal to fans of Serial and readers of human interest stories, and is especially timely as Syed's conviction was vacated in July 2016 and a new trial granted." ?*Library Journal*

"Readers new to the story will have no trouble following?the narrative is outlined extensively from the beginning?and podcast listeners will find plenty of previously undisclosed material...She strongly makes the case for cultural and religious bias in the investigation and conviction and presents damaging evidence of police misconduct, including tampering with evidence and a witness. She also examines other suspects and their possible motives and alibis." ?*Publisher's Weekly*, starred review

"A page-turner...[Chaudry's] writing is clear, eloquent, and engaging, and her case is convincing." ?*Kirkus, Starred review*

"Chaudry includes a great deal of important information that was never dealt with in either podcast, *Serial* or *Undisclosed*...The rich information provided elegantly by Chaudry helps the reader construct the world in which Adnan Syed, his family and friends live." ?TAPinto

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