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DOUBT: The Madeleine McCann Mystery (Gone Girl Book 1)



Synopsis

Did the little girl at the centre of the most heavily reported missing-persons case in modern history ever go "missing" to begin with? If Madeleine was never abducted, if she died on May 3rd, why was it reported as an abduction? Despite the absence of a trial, what we have now is a fairly precise version of events from the McCanns themselves, a by-product of their relentless PR. We also know the original lead investigator, Goncalo Amaral's, counter-narrative, now a legally defensible matter of public record. The questions that arise from these opposing narratives are dead simple: Which narrative is more credible? Which narrator is more credible? What was the motive behind all the publicity? Neither Madeleine nor her abductor ultimately benefited from the ongoing media barrage, so who did? True crime maestro, Nick van der Leek, plumbs quagmires of confusion and a thicket of thorny inconsistencies to probe what lies beneath: the psychologies. What is the significance of "doctors" as suspects? Did it matter or mean anything that the McCanns and their cabal of friends in the Algarve were mostly doctors? Peeling away the gossamer threads, over the course of just four days [April 29th to May 2nd], van der Leek intuits that very little was routine: not the weather, not where meals were eaten, not where or when they slept and not what they did as a family. But what were their routines when it came to other, murkier things, like sleeping patterns, cell phones and sedatives? Drawing intangibles out of the darkness, van der Leek sews the vexing loose ends from several conflicting stories into a definite - if not definitive - end-result.

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Customer Reviews

As a fan of Nick & Lisa's true crime books I am delighted to see they have now focused their attention on one of the biggest mysteries of our time: what happened to Madeleine McCann? Their new book DOUBT is exactly what I have come to expect from this author and editor: a fine intuitive analysis of an enormous amount of information, leading to a tentative but very plausible conclusion. It is refreshing to see the Portuguese police inquiry validated. A mythological flavour is added through the symbol of the raven, woven as a black thread of DOUBT through the narrative. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, it's very good.

Great research. I didn't know a lot of this. I liked the links that linked to the actual YouTube videos and articles. I don't like that I have to buy 2 books to get the full story though (or their version of it, rather). They do make a pretty good case.

Love anything by Nick van der Leek. He is very concise and does a lot of research. All of his books are very good. Makes you really think!

I am fascinated by true crime, but somehow I didn't know much about the case of Maddy McCann. Being a fan of Nick and Lisa's other narratives I gave Doubt a go. I am not disappointed! What a story. Every bit as creepy and frustrating as the unsolved case of Jonbenet Ramsey - with some similar features, as Nick points out. I enjoy the artistry in the story telling and I'll be the first in line when Doubt part 2 is released!

It was fantastic. Started and read in one sitting. Can not wait till #2. I'm gonna be thinking about this book for a few days.

I read DOUBT by Nick van der Leek as a Kindle Unlimited selection. It is a convoluted assortment of selected segments from I, Claudius, interspersed with looks at random pieces of the case of missing toddler Madelaine McCann. Also included are black raven analogies meant to

represent....something...I couldn't quite grasp. The point is lost in translation.Mix all that together with reading this on my cell phone, where there's no distinguishing feature to separate a quote or blackbird story from the McCann story, and it reads as a jumble of information. It's incredibly confusing.Needless to say, any real points or new details in the actual McCann case are lost in the shuffle of perpetual confusion and mutinae. I lost interest in trying to make sense of it all midway through.

thought provoking book nick.....interesting read.

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