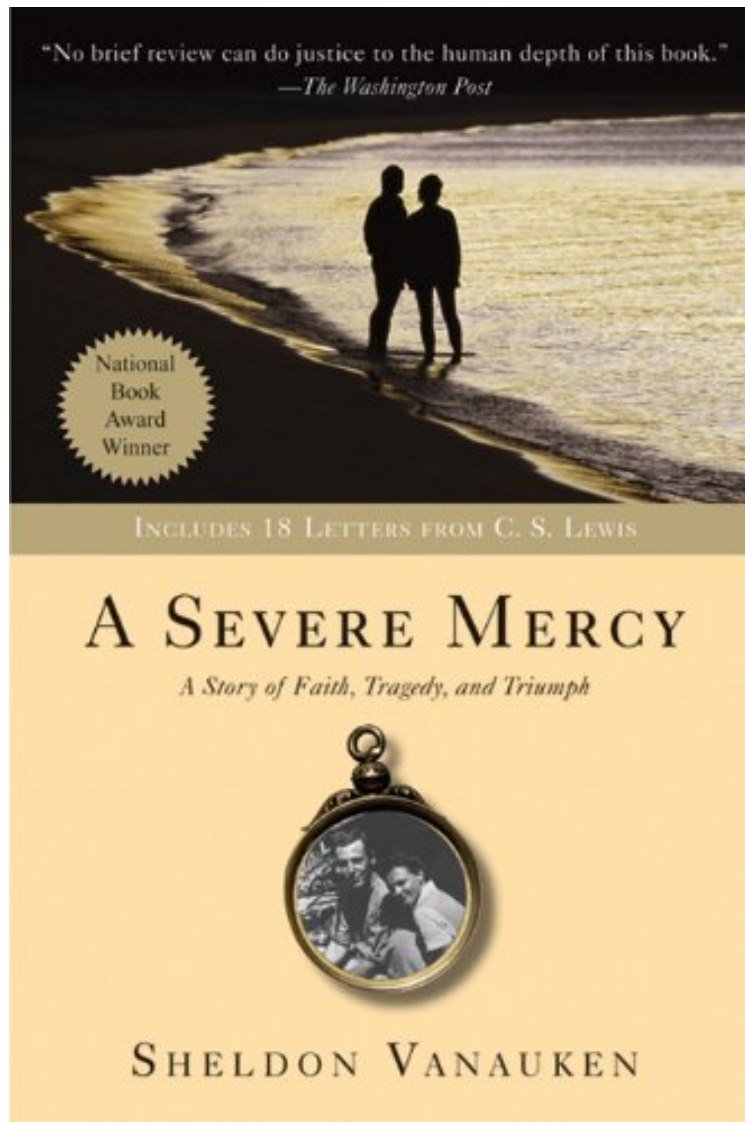


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Von Sheldon Vanauken

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**Von Sheldon Vanauken : A Severe Mercy** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Severe Mercy:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Love lives on beyond the grave and grief gives way to glory.Von prescott@law.ucla.eduI was very young when I first read this tender poignant tale of suffering...I hadn't lost a great love to death in my early twenties...it was woven like a poetic dream and something to aspire to... the imagery was profoundly erotic without being primarily sexual...I think

that Sheldon and Davy were what God meant in the book of Genesis (and Jesus echoed in the Gospels) by "two shall become one"....true love...real love...happens maybe once in a lifetime.....I have become older and grayer yet this book is as young as my dreams...and having lost true love to death...I cherish the words "and Jack on Aslan's back...our hearts could not be lighter". I finally understand their impact .....His mercy is sometimes severe and our hearts are torn then mended.....forever...and Love lasts long after we are gone...It and we live beyond the grave...and "the problem of our pain" is sometimes only solved beyond the veil...where we no longer just glimpse Glory...we stare it full in the Face...as Grief gives way.... Sheldon and Davy are part of the warp and woof of what I have become....and one day we will all be on Aslan's back..round the lampost..."our hearts could not be lighter." I don't see how anyone can madly love Lewis and not fall head over heels in love with "A Severe Mercy".....they(at least in my mind) are inseparable.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The perfect book to read after the loss of a loved one... Von J.B. Webb My husband died 4 weeks ago after a long illness. My priest gave me a copy of this book to read. It was as if I were reading my own love story. In the days that have followed, I have struggled with the concept of the severe mercy, the loss so great that words cannot define it. I saw no mercy in it, only the severity. But the message is that this horrible, unfathomable loss came as a result of the most exquisite and profound love - truly a mercy - that, by the grace of God, I was allowed to have if only for a short time. My husband and I often described our coming to Christ and our faith as a journey. God allowed us to go to the depths of despair in preparation for this time, almost a cleansing that we might better understand His infinite wisdom and mercy. I recently watched "Shadowlands" for the 2nd time and found it said so much more to me - a reference to CS Lewis's own journey and discovery are a part of this story. I look forward to now reading "A Grief Observed" as I continue my journey without my husband. This book gave me a place to start.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A severely merciful God saves author from idolotary. Von Ein Kunde After putting it off for several years, I finally read A Severe Mercy, between Maunday Thursday and Easter Sunday, 1999. With Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection as the background, along with my wife's yearning to leave our Lutheran exile and join the Roman Catholic Church, I cried my way through the book, simply unable to restrain tears of hurt, joy, compassion, sorrow, and very strong empathy. These tears were also shed in the context of Little Lost Marion, Vanauken's story of finding the child Davy had at age 14, and which she put up for adoption, not aborting. Sheldon and Davy never had children, a pre Christian decision a Christian Vanauken came to regret. Then it hit me. The power of the book doesn't lie primarily in the story of grief and lost love, as poignant and beautiful as it is. Rather, if we stop with Sheldon and Davy's love for each other, we will miss Vanauken's major point: Davy's death as God's "severe mercy" to keep Sheldon in God's love. Davy's death allowed God to destroy the 'shining barrier' of their love, kill that idol, and reclaim Vanauken for himself. Mercy, indeed, if you can handle it, and Vanauken, in God's grace did. Perfect Lenten and Holy Week reading! But also a perfect book to help Christians understand the lengths to which God will go to keep his children and to see that in the great hurts and disappointments of life, God's severe mercy is frequently at work.

Kurzbeschreibung Beloved, profoundly moving account of the author's marriage, the couple's search for faith and friendship with C. S. Lewis, and a spiritual strength that sustained Vanauken after his wife's untimely death.. de A Severe Mercy, by Sheldon Vanauken, is a heart-rending love story described by its author as "the spiritual autobiography of a love rather than of the lovers." Vanauken chronicles the birth of a powerful pagan love borne out of the relationship he shares with his wife, Davy, and describes the growth of their relationship and the dreams that they share. As a symbol of their love, they name their dream schooner the Grey Goose, "for the grey goose, if its mate is killed flies on alone and never takes another." While studying at Oxford, Sheldon and Davy develop a friendship with C.S. Lewis, under whose influence and with much intellectual scrutiny they accept the Christian doctrine. As their devotion to God intensifies, Sheldon realizes that he is no longer Davy's primary love--God is. Within this discovery begins a brewing jealousy. Shortly after, Davy acquires a fatal illness. After her death Sheldon embarks on an intense experience of grief, "to find the meaning of it, taste the whole of it ... to learn from sorrow whatever it had to teach." Through painstaking reveries, he comes to discover the meaning of "a mercy as severe as death, a severity as merciful as love." He learns that her death "had these results: It brought me as nothing else could do to know and end my jealousy of God. It saved her faith from assault. ... And it saved our love from perishing." Replete with 18 letters from C.S. Lewis, A Severe Mercy addresses some of the universal questions that surround faith--the existence of God and the reasons behind tragedy. --Jacque Holthusen Pressestimmen No brief review can do justice to the human depth of this book. It invites us to explore a beautiful dollhouse of love and to witness the destruction of a relation too exquisite to last. (Washington Post) Here is a book for anyone who has truly loved another person. (Christianity Today) [A] deep, uncompromising story about human and divine love. (Los Angeles Times) A towering and noble work in its own right, wrought by a real craftsman ... (New Oxford ) A gem of a book . . . delivers an extraordinary impact on the reader. (Eternity)