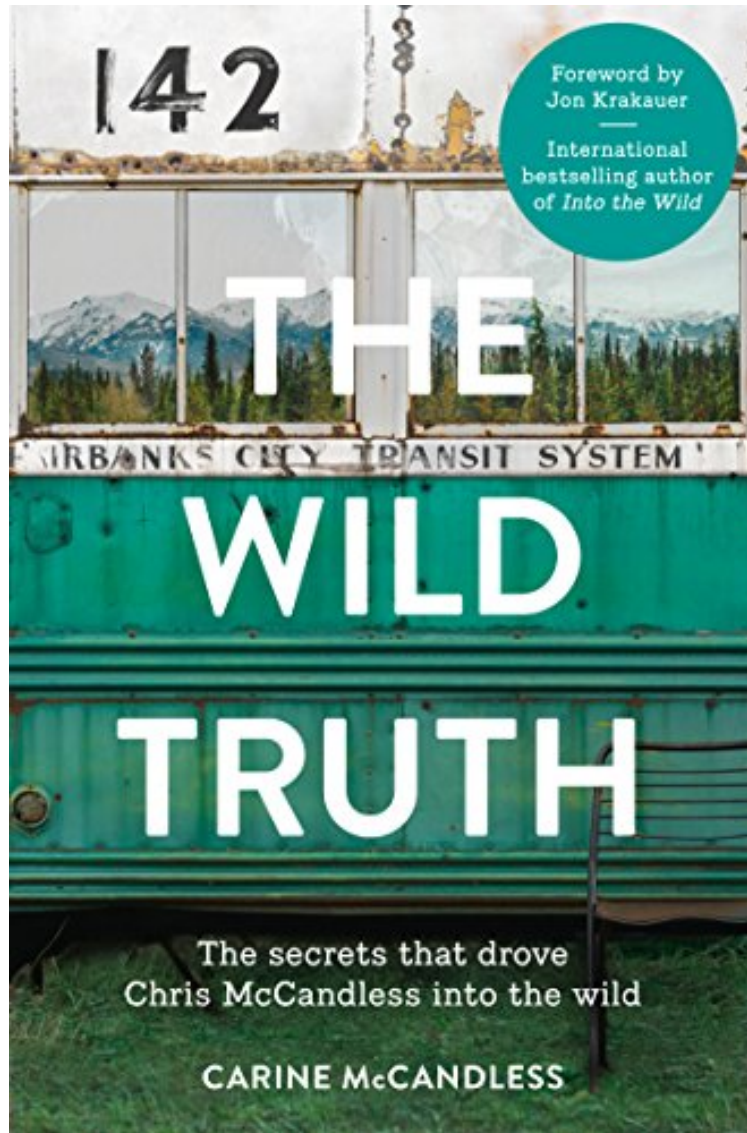


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Von Carine McCandless : The Wild Truth: The secrets that drove Chris McCandless into the wild before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wild Truth: The secrets that drove Chris McCandless into the wild:

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part in the puzzle Von Vera People are fascinated by Chris McCandless' life story and I am not an exception. Of course, I wanted to know "the wild truth". I read the book within a few days, so it is reasonable to say it was captivating. Basically it is the whole story from his sisters Carine point of view, starting in their childhood. She describes the dysfunctional family, the physical and psychic abuse but also some good memories. For me it was helpful to understand Chris a little more. Though there are no totally new revelations if you've read "Into the Wild" already like me. To refer to the reviews written so far: Yes, the book focusses on Carine and tells the story of her life until now. Highlighting especially the borderline-like personality of her parents and the difficulty in their relationship. No, I would not say she only published this book for the money, because it sheds some more light on the whole complexity of their family. But as an outsider it's always hard to tell what is really true. It's Carine's truth and that's okay with me. I don't dare to assume why Chris chose not to contact his sister when he left on his adventure, to whom he was very close, as it is stated very often. If you want to know more about Chris' story, go ahead and read it, but don't expect any super-exclusive revelations, as I said.

0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Reading the truth is hard, but so healing Von Schmed After I stumbled across the Sean Penn film INTO THE WILD on Netflix a few months ago, I was immediately addicted to the spirit of Chris and couldn't wait to watch and read more about him. Everything I've seen and read about him continue to amaze me. Carine, OMG! This must have been such a huge challenge: to share all these truths about your parents. Thank you. It was quite healing for me, I hope it was for you too. I enjoyed learning about your and Chris' lives. I cried with you many times. I would recommend this book to anyone!!! But especially those who are struggling with their own truths of life.

6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Beruf: Schwester Von Felix Richter "Into the Wild", Jon Krakauers Buch ber Chris McCandless, den jungen Mann, der sein Elternhaus verlie, allem Materiellen abschwor, zwei Jahre auf der Suche nach dem wahren Leben durch Amerika trampete und in Alaska zu Tode kam, machten 1996 Autor und Protagonist weltbekannt. Und sptestens mit Sean Penns gleichnamigem Film aus dem Jahr 2007, der weitestgehend auf Krakauers Buch basiert, wurde Chris McCandless endgltig zur Legende. Beide, Buch und Film, erzhlen ziemlich deutlich, wie es zum Bruch zwischen Chris und seinen Eltern kam. Die Informationen zu den verworrenen Familienverhltnissen (Vater McCandless hatte jeweils zeitgleich mit Chris und Carine, der drei Jahre jngeren Schwester, die Kinder Nummer 5 und 6 mit seiner ersten Frau gezeugt), der huslichen Gewalt und den vllig empathiefreien Eltern kamen damals im Wesentlichen von Carine, und obwohl viele Details der familiren Katastrophe in Buch und Film nur angedeutet wurden, lassen sie eigentlich keinen Zweifel an der Schuldfrage aufkommen. Dennoch wurden in den Jahren danach immer wieder Stimmen laut, die Chris McCandless' Integritt in Frage stellten, und auch die Eltern gefielen sich darin, sich als die Opfer ihres undankbaren Sohnes darzustellen. Mit diesem Missverstndnis hat Carine in nun grndlich aufgerumt, so grndlich, dass ich anfangs geglaubt hatte, dass sie den Tod ihrer Eltern abgewartet htte, um endlich mit ihnen abzurechnen. Die leben aber noch. "The Wild Truth" enthlt all das, was Krakauer und Penn zwar wussten, aber mit Rcksicht auf die Eltern, vielleicht aber auch, um eventuellen Klagen aus dem Weg zu gehen, nur angedeutet hatten: Es ist die brutale Abrechnung einer tief verletzten Tochter mit ihren Eltern, die ihre Kinder psychisch und physisch missbraucht hatten, und die Zeit ihres Lebens keine Spur von Unrechtsbewusstsein gezeigt haben. Die Idee vom undankbaren Sohn, der sein im Grunde wohlverdientes Schicksal selbst initiiert hatte, wird ein fr alle Mal widerlegt. Mir hat sich im Verlauf der Lektre aber immer strker die Frage gestellt, ob die Restaurierung des brderlichen Denkmals die wirkliche Intention der Autorin war, und ob nicht das Schicksal ihres Bruders und die Konflikte, die letztlich zu seinem Tod gefhrt haben, nur ein willkommenener Aufhnger fr etwas ganz anderes war. Die Person Carine McCandless steht nmlich viel mehr im Mittelpunkt des Buches, als Titel und Aufmachung glauben machen: Wie sie die meiste Zeit ihres Lebens ihren gestrten, bigotten Eltern die Stirn geboten und ihnen spter immer wieder vergeblich die Chance zur Reue und Vershnung gegeben hat, wie sie als Chefin einer Autoreparaturwerkstatt den Respekt ihrer Kunden und die Verehrung ihrer Mitarbeiter erwarb, wie sie (im Gegensatz zu ihrer Mutter) stark genug war, drei Ehemnner zu verlassen, aus drei verschiedenen guten Grnden, und wie sie schlielich auch als zweifache Mutter einer Stief- und einer behinderten eigenen Tochter gezeigt hat und immer noch zeigt, wie eine gute Mutter sein sollte, nmlich das genaue Gegenteil ihrer eigenen. Dabei klopft sie sich bei aller gelegentlich aufkeimenden, geschickt dosierten Bescheidenheit in einer Weise auf die Schulter, das es fast nicht mehr auszuhalten ist. Ein Zitat ihrer Stieftochter soll gengen: "Don't worry, Mom. She [Christiana, ihre behinderte Tochter] is gonna be just fine, because you're gonna take great care of her just like you take care of me." So gerne man als Mom so etwas hrt, so sehr windet man sich als Leser. Inzwischen hat sie die Autowerkstatt verkauft und lebt davon - wovon man sich durch einen Besuch ihrer Website berzeugen kann - das Schicksal ihres Bruders zu vermarkten, und dazu ihr eigenes (fr das sich ohne "Into the Wild" vermutlich niemand interessiert htte). So braucht man sicher nicht allzu bswillig zu sein, um sich vorstellen zu knnen, dass "The Wild Truth" diesem Geschft ber zwei Jahrzehnte nach Chris' Tod ein wenig frischen Wind einblasen sollte. Was Chris McCandless von dieser Form der Zweitverwertung seines Lebens gehalten htte, malt man sich lieber nicht aus - es knnte ja durchaus etwas zu bedeuten haben, dass er nicht nur den Kontakt zu seinen Eltern, sondern auch zu seiner materiellen Dingen durchaus zugeneigten Schwester vollstndig abgebrochen hatte, trotz der immer wieder beschworenen engen Bindung zwischen den beiden, whrend er zu anderen Menschen, denen er spter auf seiner zweijhrigen Reise begegnete, Verbindung hielt. Eine essentielle Frage, die im Buch nicht einmal

angeschnitten, geschweige denn beantwortet wird.

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