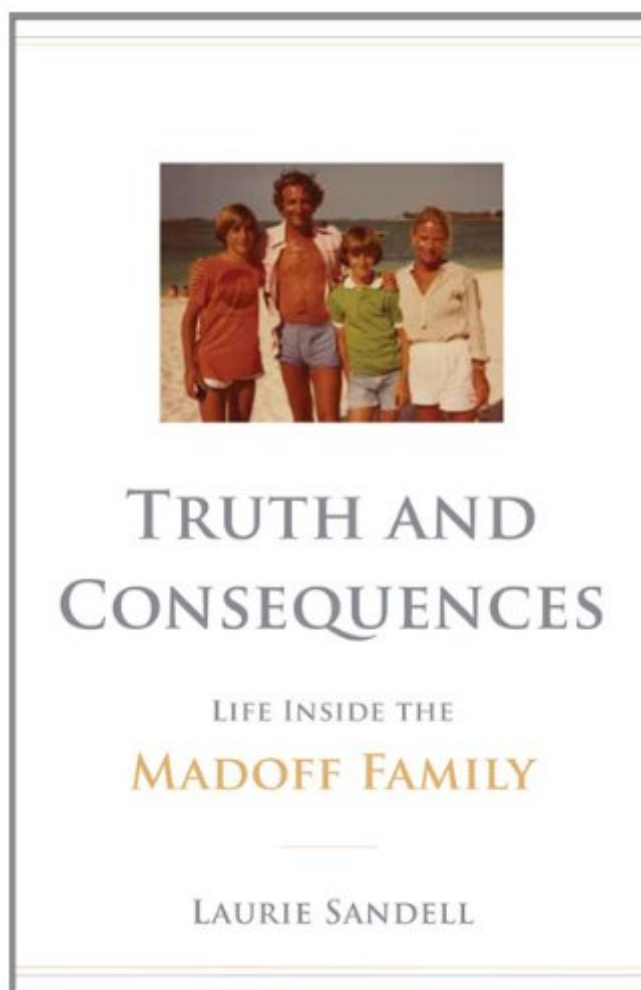


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Truth And Consequences: Life Inside The Madoff Family



Synopsis

In December 2008, the world watched as master financier Bernard L. Madoff was taken away from his posh Manhattan apartment in handcuffs, accused of swindling thousands of innocent victims-including friends and family-out of billions of dollars in the world's largest Ponzi scheme. Madoff went to jail; he will spend the rest of his life there. But what happened to his devoted wife and sons? The people closest to him, the public reasoned, must have known the truth behind his astounding success. Had they been tricked, too? With unprecedented access to the surviving family members-wife Ruth, son Andrew and his fiancée Catherine Hooper-journalist Laurie Sandell reveals the personal details behind the headlines. How did Andrew and Mark, the sons who'd spent their lives believing in and building their own families around their father's business first learn of the massive deception? How does a wife, who adored her husband since they were teenagers, begin to understand the ramifications of his actions? The Madoffs were a tight-knit-even claustrophobic-clan, sticking together through marriages, divorces, and illnesses. But the pressures of enduring the massive scandal push them to their breaking points, most of all son Mark, whose suicide is one of the many tragedies that grew in the wake of the scandal. Muzzled by lawyers, vilified by the media and roundly condemned by the public, the Madoffs have chosen to keep their silence-until now. Ultimately, theirs is one of the most riveting stories of our time: a modern-day Greek tragedy about money, power, lies, family, truth and consequences.

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Customer Reviews

this book wasn't about the Madoffs as much as it was about a girl who dated/was engaged to one of the sons. She obviously thinks very, very highly of herself. I guess she didn't have a lot of experiences with the Madoff's so she had to write mainly about herself?

While I read this book with interest, I continue to be amazed by the partners of the Madoff sons. This is the second book I've read involving these two and two more self absorbed, angry, and catty women you'll never find! Their cruel, nasty imitations of Ruth Madoff's voice were obnoxious. Ironically, I had no take on Ruth before these two books, but she emerges as the only sympathetic character in the whole mess. I suspect these two bitter, immature girls (chronologically, both are grown women but behave like high school freshmen) will look back on this stage of their life someday with intense regret and humility. (Although this book was written by Laurie Sandell, it is clearly just a rebuttal of the Stephanie Madoff travesty, mere fodder from the fame seeking girlfriend of Andrew Madoff.). But I will still give it two stars for the entertainment factor. So bad it was good!

Having read 5 books related to the Madoff scheme I found this book to be the most unrelated! It is basically a story written for Catherine Hooper, Andrew Madoff's fiancée during the time of the arrest. She name drops all over the place and treats us to explicit details about what everyone wore, where they shopped, and who gave what clothing or jewelry discount to whom. The book was highly unsympathetic to Mark and Stephanie Madoff which is just distasteful considering how that story ended (read Stephanie Madoff's book). Mark didn't want his kids knowing about certain details of his mental health history but thanks to the authors of this book we all know now. Finally, the actual scandal wasn't really explained (see "The Wizard of Lies" in books for in depth research and explanation). Read for gossip fodder and little else.

This book isn't even one star worthy. I was extremely disappointed with this book. This is a book was a sad attempt by a terrible writer to write a book about Catherine Hooper NOT the Madoff scandal. If you get past all of the name dropping and brand naming during the book, there is nothing

left but a terribly incorrect depiction of Mark, the Madoff son who committed suicide. I hope his kids never read this book. What a disgrace to his memory. Andrew must have been extremely jealous of Mark during his lifetime. If you are looking for a book about the Madoff scandal, this is not it.

After reading "Wizard of Lies" and "End of Normal" and "Truth And Consequences" I believe none of Bernie's family members had any involvement in Bernie's Ponzi Scheme. I do believe Bernie suffers from mental illness and severe personality disorders. The most dangerous individuals of all are the individuals appearing normal and trustworthy while they commit their evil crimes while deceiving friends, family, business associates and many others. This masterful deception leaves me, and many others, distrustful of people in general. This lie and deception undermines humanity.

This book blew my mind right in half! There are so many family dynamics at play here it's truly riveting. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough. There's just a teeny voice in my head that is saying that Andrew and Catherine were slightly posturing in their version of it: posturing to paint themselves in a bright pure light of perfection. Either way it is an amazing book. Expert writing skills

It had some interesting moments. I enjoyed this book more than Stephanie Madoff Mac's book. However, I swear the author must have gotten paid to endorse a few companies products, because she talked about designers and other companies far too much, in my opinion.

This book was Awesome it was a tell all and a look inside the everyday before and after as well as how they felt and dealt with everything. Catherine Hooper seems like the most lovely strong woman and such a support to Andrew. I really felt it sad to know that Marks wife was talking to divorce lawyers during the lowest part in his life..I tried to order her book but after reading inserts about her silly complaints I cancelled...Thank goodness he still was able to vent and talk to his ex Susan.

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