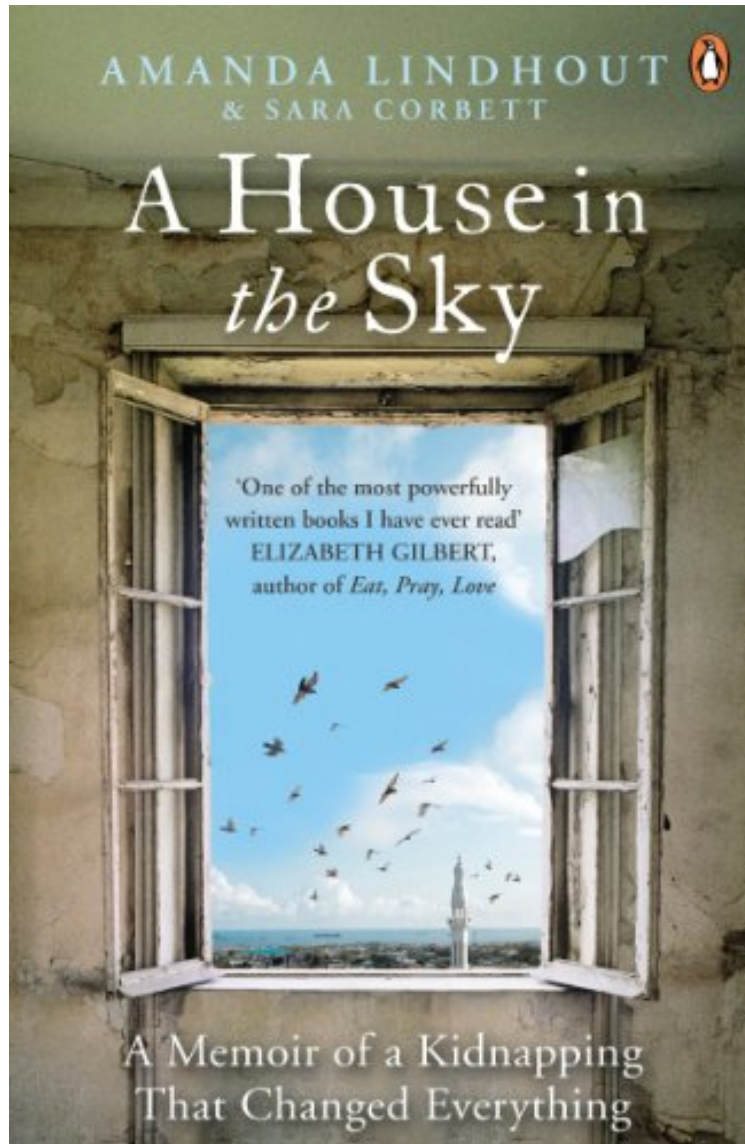


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story from woman who instead of revenge offers compassion and forgiveness
Von Helpful Advice "A House in the Sky" by Amanda Lindhout is the real story of the author's abduction in Somalia when she was kidnapped during her travel. A year and 3 months later she was released, she again won their freedom, but her life was forever changed. Therefore she decided to share the memory of her days in captivity with all of us... This book was told in a really brave way, making it hard to be put on shelf until it's read completely. It's sometimes tough to even read it, and even further to think how she felt during countless months of imprisonment and to go through it all once again to be able to write this book. She described her captivity vividly, with so many details and although a reader knows that in the end she was freed you can't stop yourself turning pages to make that happen as soon as possible, and stop her suffering. But on the other level this book is more than picturing of young woman's tragedy, this is story about tragic consequences of fundamentalism on all those who might accidentally find themselves at the wrong time in the wrong place, or they are of other color, or a different religion. However it's also a story about forgiveness, about no matter what the author had experienced she also had the power to forgive afterwards, and to show compassion no matter how her captors' actions were inhumane. With her story it seems that she is trying to make this world at least a bit better place to live, to show that we should respond to violence and oppression with reason and compassion. Due to that reason she didn't just wrote this book, but she also decided to establish humanitarian foundation that has goal to educate Somalia and Kenya women, in order to make their societies more developed. "A House in the Sky" is an honest and brave story about young woman who was forced to grow up and harden in a day. Some may object that the author went too deep into details but she did it on purpose, she wanted us to experience how she felt, how much she was scared, what were her thoughts and how much human can desire freedom, incredible as it can sound to us who never longed for it. Due to all above-mentioned I can assure you that you'll go through this book quickly, not enjoying it because of its theme but that you'll feel the same admiration for Amanda as I did. 0 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Why did she choose to go? Von Alexandra Meyer I am sorry for the duress that the narrator was under and all the awful things she had to endure. However, I kept asking myself why anyone would choose to travel to the countries she chose. Yes, she had the travel bug and she wanted to see the world, I understand. Nevertheless, there are so many beautiful places, why unstable, war ridden countries? Without any backing, any security? I am glad I bought the book so that with my contribution she can financially support her family, who gave up so much to help her.

Kurzbeschreibung The spectacularly dramatic memoir of a woman whose curiosity about the world led her from rural Canada to imperiled and dangerous countries on every continent, and then into fifteen months of harrowing captivity in Somalia—a story of courage, resilience, and extraordinary grace. Pressestimmen Exquisitely told [A House in the Sky] is much more than a gonzo adventure tale gone awry; it's a young woman's harrowing coming-of-age story and an extraordinary narrative of forgiveness and spiritual triumph. There's no self-pity or grandiosity in these pages. In the cleanest prose, she and Corbett allow events both horrific and absurd to unfold on their own. Lindhout's resilience transforms the story from a litany of horrors into a humbling encounter with the human spirit. (Eliza Griswold The New York Times Book) Lindhout manages to tell her story and to transcend it. Her account stands as a nonfiction companion to Emma Donoghue's shattering, haunting novel about captivity, Room. (Emily Bazelon Slate) A poetic, profound, and thrilling exploration of one woman's misadventure set against the backdrop of global terrorism. Elegant and evocative. (Rebecca Johnson Vogue) A great book. The lesson [Amanda Lindhout] taught me and others who know this remarkable young woman is: What matters is not how you got there, but what you do once you've arrived. (Robert Draper ELLE) [A] harrowing, beautifully written memoir. The wide-eyed optimism and unflappable determination that led [Amanda Lindhout] to danger also kept her alive. A brave, compassionate and inspiring triumph. (Korina Lopez USA Today (4-star review)) A riveting memoir (Good Housekeeping) A searingly unsentimental account. Ultimately, it is compassion for her naive younger self, for her kidnapper that becomes the key to [Lindhout's] survival. (Holly Morris O, the Oprah magazine) Keenly observed and sprinkled with arresting details, A House in the Sky is more than one woman's heartbreaking tale of captivity. The book sheds light on a conflict area not often painted with nuance. It dares to explore the outer reaches of human empathy. A stunning, haunting, and redemptive read, Lindhout's story is one that stays with you long after the book has been closed. (Grace Bello The Christian Science Monitor) An elegant and wrenching memoir (The Daily Beast) [A] remarkably keen-eyed, honest, and radiant memoir. Moving and informative reading for everyone. (Barbara Hoffert Library Journal) Writing with immediacy and urgency, Lindhout and Corbett recount the horrific ordeal in crisp, frank, evocative prose. But what readers will walk away with is an admiration for Lindhout's deep reserves of courage under unimaginable circumstances. (Kristine Huntley Booklist (starred review)) A vivid, gut-wrenching, beautifully written, memorable book (Kirkus (starred review)) A well-honed, harrowing account (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) A vivid and moving account of how Amanda kept alive the inner light and the spirit of forgiveness even as she found herself in the heart of darkness. (Eckhart Tolle, author of The Power of Now and A New Earth) A House in the Sky is a stunning story of strength and survival. It is sometimes brutal, but

always beautiful as Amanda Lindhout discovers that in a fight for her life, her most powerful weapons are hope and compassion. (Jeannette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle* and *The Silver Star*) This is one of the most powerfully-written books I have ever read. Harrowing, hopeful, graceful, redeeming and true, it tells a story of inhumanity and humanity that somehow feels deeply ancient and completely modern. It is beautiful, devastating and heroic both a shout of defiance and a humbling call to prayer. (Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love* and *The Signature of All Things*) In this lyrical and inspiring book, Amanda Lindhout describes humanity's capacity for cruelty. Yet she also brings to life the deep compassion and courage that resides in all of us. A story of grace, insight and tenacity, *A House in the Sky* shows us the power and importance of perseverance, hope and forgiveness. (David Rohde, Reuters columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Rope* and *A Prayer and Beyond War*) *A House in the Sky* is the riveting story, exquisitely told, of a young woman's passionate quest to create an uncommonly large life, against all odds. Amanda Lindhout's journey is a singular one, an epic adventure that ranges from colorful to gripping, in which the stakes are nothing less than absolutely everything. With stunning honesty and clarity, Lindhout and Corbett have made certain of two things: No reader will ever forget this book or be able to put it down. (Susan Casey, author of *The Wave: In Pursuit of the Rogues, Freaks, and Giants of the Ocean*) An amazing, mesmerizing tale that shows international terrorism at a shockingly personal level. Lindhout's strength of character shines through on every page. (Jane Mayer, author of *The Dark Side*) If you have ever wondered how extraordinary people overcome physical and mental anguish, you must read *A House in the Sky*. Amanda Lindhout's riveting account of strength and survival will inspire and leave a lasting impression. (Jared Cohen, author of *The New Digital Age*) Kurzbeschreibung The spectacularly dramatic memoir of a woman whose curiosity about the world led her from rural Canada to imperiled and dangerous countries on every continent, and then into fifteen months of harrowing captivity in Somalia—a story of courage, resilience, and extraordinary grace.