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Von Christina McDowell : After Perfect: A Daughters Memoir (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised After Perfect: A Daughters Memoir (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Powerful Coming-of-Age MemoirVon Lynne SpreenI found this book interesting on two levels. One, to see how the 1% live, and how they might (not) survive if the money stream dried up, and two, to see how a young woman finds empowerment in spite of being raised by narcissistic, manipulative, toxic parents. The parents seemed loving and

normal, until the money stopped. Then, author Christina McDowell had to figure out what was real and what wasn't. In the meantime she hit a downward spiral, because she hadn't been taught any survival skills. None. If you're hoping to experience Schadenfreude from reading this book, you won't, mainly because you feel so badly for Christina. Secondly, because her psychopathic father is so adaptive, it seems no punishment really touches him. The ending is rewarding, and very moving, although it came on too quickly. I wanted to know how she found the woman and the business that became the path to her salvation. Overall it's a really interesting book, but it'll make you angry about the mindless gluttons who seem to own America.

Kurzbeschreibung A searing memoir of loss and redemption (People) that exposes the side of The Wolf of Wall Street we didn't get to see (Metro), After Perfect is a cautionary tale about one family's destruction in the wake of the Wall Street implosion. Selected as one of the year's Fifteen Books You Need to Read by the Village Voice, Christina McDowell's unflinching memoir is a tale of the American Dream upended. Growing up in an affluent Washington, DC, suburb, Christina and her sisters were surrounded by the elite: summering on Nantucket Island, speeding down Capitol Hills rich back roads, flying in their father's private plane. Their life of luxury was brutally stripped away after the FBI arrested Tom Prousalis on fraud charges. When he took a plea deal as he faced the notorious Wolf of Wall Street Jordan Belfort's testifying against him, the cars, homes, jewelry, clothes, and friends that defined the family disappeared before their eyes, including the one thing they could never get back: each other. Christina writes with candid clarity about the dark years that followed and the devastation her father's crimes wrought upon her family: the debt accumulated under her identity; her mother's breakdown; her own spiral into addiction and promiscuity; and the delusion that enveloped them all. She shines a remarkable, uncomfortable light on a family's disintegration and takes a searing look at a controversial financial time and also at herself, a child whose normal belonged only to the one percent. A rare, insider's perspective on the collateral damage of a fall from grace, After Perfect is a poignant reflection on the astounding pace at which a life can change and how blind we can be to the ugly truth. **Pressestimmen** [Christina McDowell] exposes the side of Wolf of Wall Street we didn't get to see. (Metro US) **Kurzbeschreibung** A searing memoir of loss and redemption (People) that exposes the side of The Wolf of Wall Street we didn't get to see (Metro), After Perfect is a cautionary tale about one family's destruction in the wake of the Wall Street implosion. Selected as one of the year's Fifteen Books You Need to Read by the Village Voice, Christina McDowell's unflinching memoir is a tale of the American Dream upended. Growing up in an affluent Washington, DC, suburb, Christina and her sisters were surrounded by the elite: summering on Nantucket Island, speeding down Capitol Hills rich back roads, flying in their father's private plane. Their life of luxury was brutally stripped away after the FBI arrested Tom Prousalis on fraud charges. When he took a plea deal as he faced the notorious Wolf of Wall Street Jordan Belfort's testifying against him, the cars, homes, jewelry, clothes, and friends that defined the family disappeared before their eyes, including the one thing they could never get back: each other. Christina writes with candid clarity about the dark years that followed and the devastation her father's crimes wrought upon her family: the debt accumulated under her identity; her mother's breakdown; her own spiral into addiction and promiscuity; and the delusion that enveloped them all. She shines a remarkable, uncomfortable light on a family's disintegration and takes a searing look at a controversial financial time and also at herself, a child whose normal belonged only to the one percent. A rare, insider's perspective on the collateral damage of a fall from grace, After Perfect is a poignant reflection on the astounding pace at which a life can change and how blind we can be to the ugly truth.