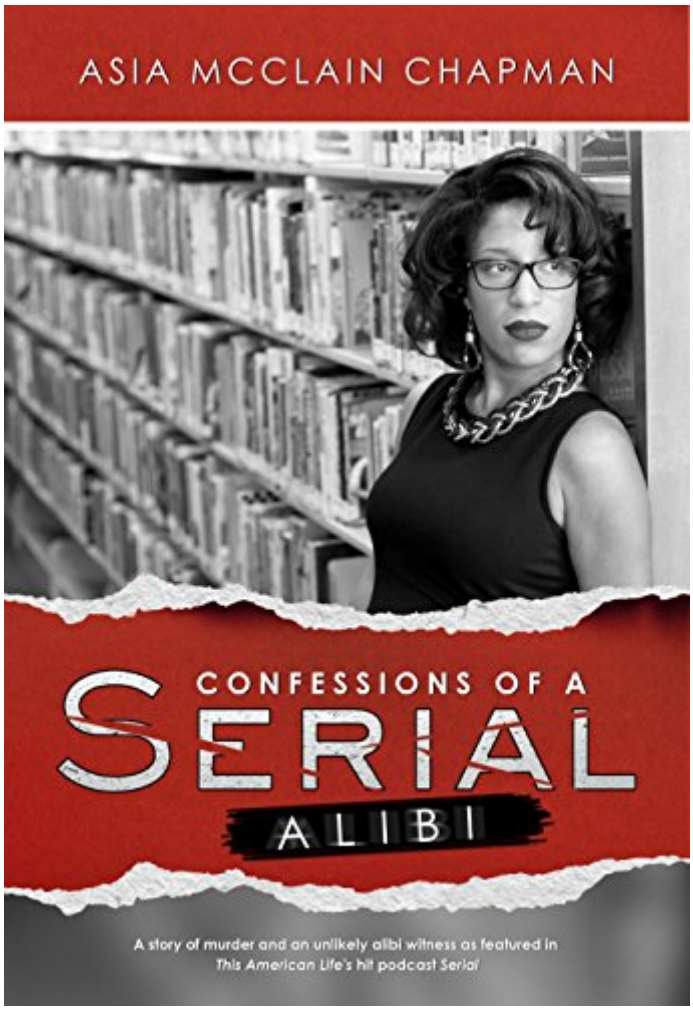
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Synopsis

In 1999 Adnan Syed was arrested for murdering his ex-girlfriend Hae Min Lee. But at the same time he was accused of the crime, Asia McClain claims she saw Syed at the local library. When McClain hears of SyedÃ¢â ¬â„¢s arrest, she wrote to him to let him know that she might be his alibi. In spite of the opportunity to have him proven innocent, SyedÃ¢â ¬â„¢s attorney did not take any action. Later, his attorney was disbarred due to numerous health problems including multiple sclerosis. She died in 2004. Over a decade after SyedÃ¢â ¬â„¢s arrest, This American LifeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Sarah Koenig investigates the old case. Her interviews with McClain become the first subject of KoenigÃ¢â ¬â„¢s hugely successful podcast Serial and the story became an international internet phenomenon. Determined to set the record straight and the truth free, McClain reaches out to SyedÃ¢â ¬â„¢s new defense attorney and on November 6, 2015, the court ordered an investigation to determine whether SyedÃ¢â ¬â„¢s case be re-opened "in the interests of justice for all parties.Ã¢â ¬Â• Finally, McClain can become the key alibi witness that she was always meant to be. Now, in Confessions of a Serial Alibi, Asia McClain tells her story for the very first time.

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Customer Reviews

This book is definitely for Serial fans and she writes as if you've listened to the podcast.What it is: Asia McClain telling her side of the story. Written in a direct and colloquial way, she writes as if she's talking to a friend. Definitely feels honest and not contrived. I applaud her wanting to take control of her narrative. As a Serial fan I know I was too hard on her early on. I had a lot of assumptions and this book gave some explanations that made me understand what happened and her unique experince.Good for her! As long as you don't have the expectation that she's a professional, more polished writer I think a Serial fan or someone interested in the Adnan Syed case will enjoy.

As an avid podcast listener I never doubted that I would purchase and red this book. I've been following the Adnan Syed/Hae Min Lee case for quite some time now. Any opportunity to gather information will be taken.Asia Chapman's book was no exception. I purchased because I wanted to hear Asia's story. And that's exactly what this book is. Her story, her perspective in HER words.It's evident from the beginning that this story has not been heavily edited. I didn't see any evidence of a ghost writer or professional editor at all. The tone is conversational and heavy with slang. If I had purchased this book for entertainment purposes I would have been dissatisfied. It is certainly not a novel, but rather a firsthand account of incidents relating to the prosecution of a murder case. I purchased because I was willing to pay for Asia's raw account.Honestly, I believe that the information shared could have been just as easily published in a blog format. And the author could have saved herself much criticism had she done just that. The book reads nearly like a diary, which I believe it began as. I do wish more time had been taken to polish the story to make it easier to read. Regardless, in my opinion the author has every right to compensation for her time and trouble with regard to this case.I would recommend the book to anyone wanting a first hand account of Asia Chapman's perspective with regard to the Adnan Syed/Hae Min Lee case and trial. While it would hold the attention of anyone who has followed this case it would be of little interest to anyone else.

This book was exactly what I needed after listening to the Serial podcasts and being left with so many unanswered questions. Mrs. Chapman held nothing back in expressing her opinions of the people involved in the case. I was happy to read that she had many of the same 'that can't be right' moments that I had since I started listening to the series. We may never know the truth behind the

murder, but we now know that an alibi, especially this alibi, can be a strong force.

Excellent!

I started listening to the SERIAL podcast when it first aired and have re-listened to it several times. Asia McClain I thought was a key element that never was presented during the two trials. Asia's background and detail shared in her book delivers added flavor to the evens back in 1999 and now in 2016. I enjoyed her writing style and humor in this book.

As a Serial, Undisclosed and Truth & Justice listener, I read everything I can get my hands on regarding the case of Adnan Syed and the murder of Hae Min Lee. This book offers a lot of details to the case, including very personal information and anecdotes of Asian's involvement in this case. The narrative sounds like a casual conversation with a friend and Asia's own personality really come through. The book isn't overly polished and not edited too much. Maybe it was edited for length, but it was allowed to remain very much in Asia's voice. Even if it's not always the most professional sounding narrative, this makes it sincere. I commend Asia's bravery and honesty in the telling of her story.

Easy to read. Lots of great background information -- stuff I hadn't heard on the podcasts.

I've read and listened to all things Serial related. Asia wrote this to set the record, and her side of the story, straigh, and I respect that. She didn't ask to be dragged into Serial, and we get a sense of how she was blindsided by the series and its notoriety, as well as by her interactions with Sarah Koenig. This is by no means a literary work, but I do not feel it should be judged as one. If you want a little more of an inside scoop about Woodlawn High back in the day, or are still interested in Adnan's case, the book is worth getting.

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