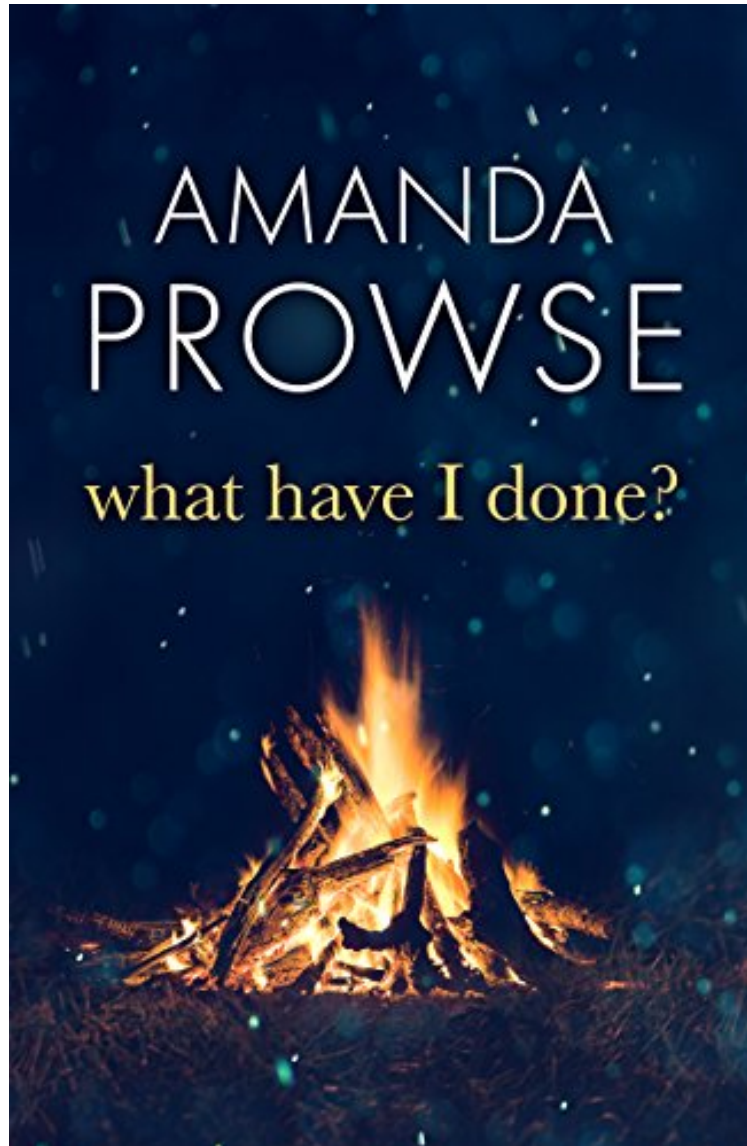


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Von Amanda Prowse : What Have I Done? (No Greater Love) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What Have I Done? (No Greater Love):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ergreifend und spannend Von Cornelia Das Buch beginnt mit dem Mord einer Frau an ihrem Ehemann. Am Anfang wei man nicht viel über die Umstände, die sie zu dieser abscheulichen Tat gebracht haben und in den ersten Seiten des Buches kommt Kathryn Brooker auch nicht gerade sympathisch rüber. Dies ändert sich jedoch, je weiter man in den

dsteren Sumpf ihres Ehelebens eindringt. Die beinahe zwanzig Jahre andauernde Ehe wird immer wieder in Rckblenden beschrieben und langsam begreift man, was Kathryn zu diesem kaltbltigen Mord motiviert hat. Ihr Ehemann behandelte sie wie eine Untertanin und bestrafte sie jeden einzelnen Tag fr Dinge, die sie im Laufe des jeweiligen Tages erledigt oder eben nicht erledigt hat. Das ganze Buch ist in Rckblenden aufgebaut, es werden auch die Gefngniszeit (die Kathryn als nicht so schlimm empfindet) und natrlich die Zeit nach dem Gefngnis beschrieben. Kathryn schafft es (nach einem inspirierenden Urlaub auf einer Insel), ein Haus fr junge Mdchen, die es im Leben nicht leicht haben, zu erffnen. Diese Aufgabe gibt ihrem Leben einen neuen Sinn. Ihre Kinder Lydia und Dominic wollen jahrelang nichts mit ihr zu tun haben, da sie ihrer Mutter den Mord nicht verzeihen knnen, da diese Tat ihr ganzes bisheriges Leben auf den Kopf stellte. Am Schluss gibt es ein Wiedersehen mit den beiden. Das Ende bleibt offen. Die Geschichte ist teilweise nicht einfach nachzuvollziehen (Warum bleibt Kathryn so lange bei ihrem Mann? Warum versucht sie nicht, den Kontakt zu ihren Kindern zu intensivieren?), berhrt aber durch die detailreichen Schilderungen der tglichen Misshandlungen und Unterdrckungen Kathryns durch ihren Mann. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Clichd yet strangely compelling Von Tubular Bells I like the intertwined timelines - the reader learns of the killing right at the beginning, yet the actual deed is only described close to the end. In between the narrative jumps all over the place while creating a probable arc of suspense. This unusual composition actually works. But the story itself is less than believable. Even if I accept the premise that it takes all the protagonist's strength to protect her children so that no strength is left to escape her torturing husband, it is in fact unbelievable that from morning to dusk she falls into her own trap of seeing perfect children (which they are not) and carving happy family moments out of her suffering. Her adoration for her son and daughter in the years after the killing is equally cloying and so rose-tinted that is neither plausible nor convincing. The storyline after the killing is riddled with clichs about young offenders and how to set them on the right path again. The fact that the protagonist has more than enough money makes for an utopian and unbelievable setting. And yet, something made me finish the book and not put it aside. But - what is it with these "Notes for your bookclub?" I found them excruciating and insulting.

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