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Unthinkable Sins: Book 1



Synopsis

A family's darkest secrets are about to be revealed. Jerome Durham is an up-and-coming black politician who faces a dilemma when his elderly mother starts showing signs of dementia. Until now, the family and friends of elderly Hattie Durham have known her to be a God-fearing, law abiding Christian woman. But as her aging mind starts to unravel, Hattie begins confessing to a litany of sins she's committed throughout her lifetime. During several conversations, she tells stories that describe emotional incidents she went through in her life, unconsciously giving the reasons for the terrible things she did in her later years. Jerome does not know if his mother's confessional is driven by guilt or revenge, or just an unfortunate random consequence of her illness, but he's not sure he can wait to find out. His career is at stake if she tells anyone how his own past mistakes are entwined with hers. Neither he nor his wife is about to let that happen.

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Customer Reviews

If you think you know what this book is about, think again! Unthinkable Sins is full of secrets, lies and

deceit. It is the story on the undeniable love a mother has for her sons and the lengths she will go to in order to protect and provide for them. At one point I wondered if I were reading a script from the T.V. series, "Empire" Ms. Quarles-Sanders does an excellent job of keeping the reader engaged and motivated to continue reading. With less than 150 pages, it was a quick read, however with the number of characters and transitioning from present to past and back again, it had the feel of a longer novel. I can "acquaint" this read to a family's Thanksgiving Dinner - I enjoyed the revelations and confessions being "spooned" out delicately vs being served up like a heaping scoop of mashed potatoes, as if everyone is in a rush to complete the meal. The readers are allowed to take each revelation, let it marinate, savor and then go on to the next course. There were some editing/grammatical errors that made the reading somewhat distracting. I can hardly wait to discuss in our book club meeting on October 8th

What a family story of secrets. Isn't it interesting how people are so much more alike than they are different. As I weathered the storm and power outage from Hurricane Matthew I was thoroughly entertained by Mother Hattie Durham. I'm not sure about her reasonings of "too weak to live.... To die" nevertheless entertaining. Spoiler Alert.. When I got to the part in the book about Lewis passing away I said to myself "did she just kill Lewis" she did. The author to me did a great job of telling a story quickly without a lot of fillers and not allowing the reader to be left with a cliff hanger. The book fulfilled just what I needed some fun, laughing out loud entertainment. Thank you for a well read book.

This really makes you think about the psychological, emotional, and most importantly, spiritual consequences of our actions. No matter how much time passes, our behaviours have lasting consequences for ourselves, and often for our loved ones as well. While karma is associated with Eastern religion, I believe in it in the sense that the Bible says that you reap what you sow. Time does not make the consequences of sin fade away; we need God's intervention to save us from the temporal and eternal consequences of our sin.

I was reading this book and I could really see how people building lies to contain and control a Family is So Wicked. The Truth will always show up at the most unexpected times. We hurt each other so often and repairs are not made or even acknowledged, it travels on on and on . I am looking forward to reading the next book in This series . Sincerely Bailey

That Damned Susan Durham. I do not like her. I hope she gets what she deserves and I wish Miss. Hattie had gotten closure from Raymond. I can not wait to read book 2 I can't even think what else to say but this book lol. ITS WAS PERFECT!!!!

My first read by this author. The cover attracted me to this book as well as the title. I actually thought this was a good story. It did keep me wanting to turn the pages. There were instances where I thought it was a bit rushed, but overall, I did enjoy it and want to read part 2 of this saga. Some people's dirt needs to get found out and I hope the next book delivers that.

This was a well written, well told true story of a collection of an elderly ladies memories from childhood till the end containing her knowledge of being unloved, ugly, unwanted, given away; etc. Ms Saunders masterfully told Mother Hattie's story of her family (including Book #2) & through it all, if you love The Lord, you'll love Mother Hattie too. Because we know that God specializes in things that seem impossible; that includes FORGIVENESS. WELL DONE Ms SAUNDERS; WELL DONE!!!

Hattie Durham, suffering from dementia, remembers murder and attempted murder that she committed. Is she the only killer in the Durham family? If you liked "Elizabeth is Missing" you'll like this. The Durham family is more concerned with outward appearances, but the family dynamics are similar.

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