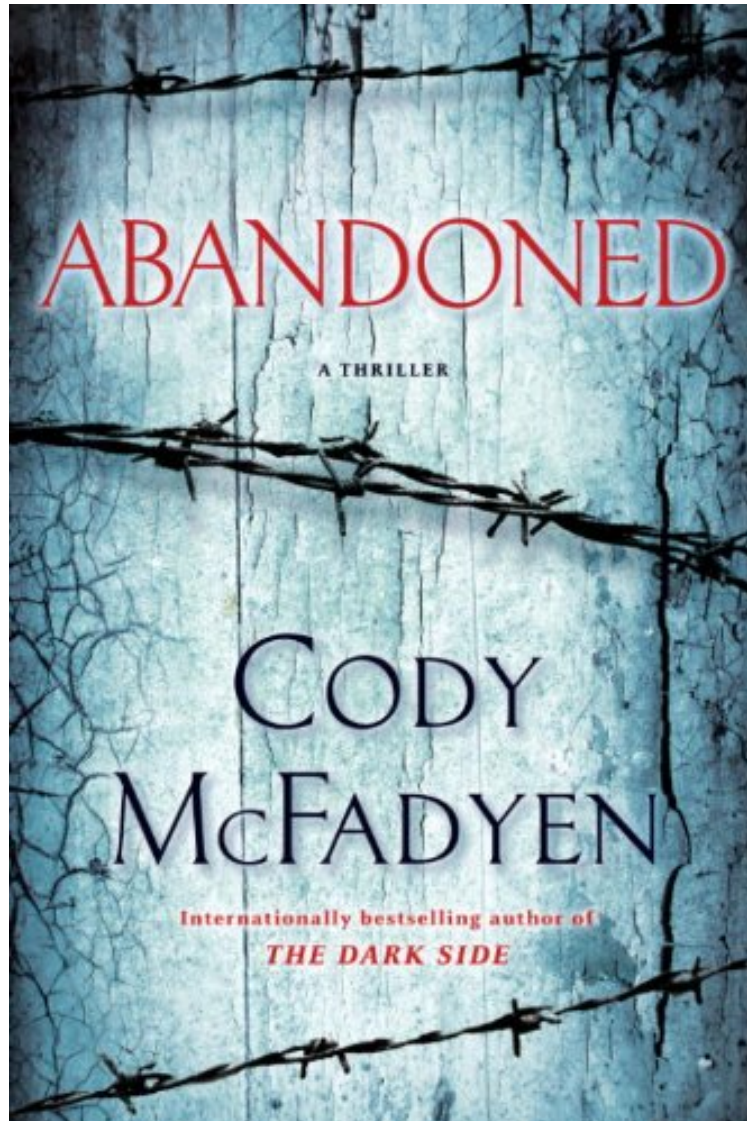


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Von Cody McFadyen : Abandoned: A Thriller (Smoky Barrett) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Abandoned: A Thriller (Smoky Barrett):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen16 von 17 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Improbable, incredibly cruel, but gripping!Von M. KohlerI have a problem with McFadyen's books: They're just too hard to put aside. Which is also why I ordered this recent one: "Abandoned". In that respect, I was not at all disappointed. MyFadyen's writing is gripping and tends to keep you up all night.Content-wise though, this one is basically a kind of "whodunnit". Typically in this genre, at one point in the story the one responsible for the crimes

committed is introduced but not revealed. This is what I miss a bit with "Abandoned": We have a gruesome series of crimes and evidence and the profile of the killer get more and more dense. But only through a lucky investigative breakthrough that the reader can't really follow does the case finally get solved. This is, in my opinion at least, a weakness in the story line. Much of the suspense and strength of this book (as with all the other McFadyens I've read) is created through the incredible cruelty of the crimes committed - maybe as a reader I'm attracted by the voyeurism this allows? - which left me with a stale taste in my mouth after reading it. What I find a bit over the top is the sappiness with which the relationships between the main characters are described; but hey- I'm a pragmatic European. All in all: If you like a thriller with a sick, brutal opponent to the hero and lots of suspense, you should get this one; if you don't like to get too many gory, psychologically and physically cruel images in your mind-theatre, you should leave it aside.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spannender und packender Thriller!! Von Nadine Auf der Hochzeitsfeier von Callie (Teammitglied) fährt ein Lieferwagen vor und schmeißt eine nackte, kahl rasierte Frau heraus, die schreit bis sie nicht mehr kann und bewusstlos wird. Bei den nun eingeleiteten Ermittlungen stellt sich heraus, dass diese Frau seit sieben Jahren (!) vermisst wird und bereits von ihrem Ehemann für tot erklärt wurde. Die Ermittlungen bringen jedoch weitere Meldungen Vermisster zu Tage. Es beginnt die Jagd auf einen unbekannten Täter mit unbekanntem Motiv, der sowohl Frauen als auch Männer kidnappt, ihnen aber keinerlei Gewalt antut (solange sie seine Regeln befolgen). Listige Zeuge lobotomiert er. Nach welchen Kriterien sucht er seine Opfer aus? Gerade als Smoky denkt, sie könne trotz der von ihr erlebten Dinge (ich kann es nicht anders nennen, was diese Frau erlebt hat, ist unbeschreiblich. Als ich das erste Mal ihre ganze Geschichte las ("Shadow Man"), liefen mir die Tränen!!) wieder glücklich sein, verschwindet sie plötzlich spurlos und findet sich in den Fängen jenes Täters wieder. Ihr Team beginnt die verzweifelnde und hoffnungslose Suche... Ein packender Thriller, den ich nicht aus der Hand legen konnte. Was ich so erstaunlich bei McFadyen finde, ist, dass es nicht ein und denselben roten Leitfaden in seinen Büchern gibt. Kein Thriller gleicht dem anderen. Auch steigert er sich nicht in den von ihm beschriebenen Greueln, frei nach dem Motto: Immer blutiger und matschiger als vorher. Sowohl die Fälle die Smoky und ihr Team bearbeitet sind spannend und authentisch und teilweise sehr überraschend, als auch die Entwicklung der einzelnen Charaktere und kennt man erstmal die Geschichte von Smoky kann man sich ehrlich mit ihr freuen, wenn es in ihrem Leben wieder bergauf geht und ist noch bestrzter, wenn sich plötzlich alles ins Negative entwickelt. Spannender und packender Thriller! Ich bin gespannt auf eine weitere Folge von Smoky!!

5 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Grey's Anatomy of serial killer books Von Customer Maybe I should have read one of the other Smoky Barrett first, maybe I wouldn't have liked them either. The actual crime story occupies about half of the book (it feels as if it's even less), the rest is filled with Barrett family life, FBI politics, stupid banter between the team members, backstories of the team and Smoky and none of it succeeds in making me feel anything for these characters. At one point I even thought "if this Callie person purrs 'honey-love' only one more time, I will throw this book away". The actual crime story could have saved the book, but fails to do so. The police work they engage in seems pointless and the solution was way too random to really convince me. So if you liked the previous books about Smoky, go ahead and try this one, if you're more interested in real crime stories and characters you can empathize with, look for something else.

Kurzbeschreibung For FBI Special Agent Smoky Barrett, her colleagues wedding is cause for celebration. Until a woman staggers down the aisle incoherent, wearing only a white nightgown. A fingerprint check determines that she's been missing for nearly eight years. Her coldly efficient captor toyed with her mind and body, imprisoning her, depriving her of any contact with the outside world. As Smoky fits together the pieces of what remains of the victim's fractured life, a chilling picture emerges of a cerebral psychopath who doesn't take murder personally, never makes a mistake, follows his own sinister logic, and has set the perfect trap.

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