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The day Susan Atkins met Charles Manson she felt she had met the world's savior. Here is her personal account of life and death with the murderous Manson 'family.' Condemned to die, rejected by society, she found life on death row - a miraculous rebirth as real as resurrection.

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Lanell says

No one is ever beyond the reach of God.

Sleeping with Ghosts says

Finally Charles Manson died 20.11.17. May he not rest in peace....

Sarah says

I thought this book was very revealing about who Susan Atkins was before the murders and how she became the person who was capable of what she did. However, this book does end on a very religious tone and talks a lot about her life that she turns over to christ, somewhat putting her in a favorable light. I'm glad I read this book, I'm always looking for different viewpoints on true crime, but Susan Atkins bookw as written just a few years after she was sentenced to life imprisonment for 7 counts of first-degree murder. I find some of her viewpoints hard to agree with.

Lee Anne says

This was a great addition to my Manson book collection (creepy, I know, but the story never bores me). I only wish she'd written a sequel, as I'd like to know what the last 30 years have brought. It's fascinating to have an insider's account of life in the Family, and Susan Atkins has some great stories to tell, such as filming a movie with Anton La Vey, and the surprising creepiness/banality of his big black house. Although Susan Atkins was very involved in the murders Manson orchestrated, she naturally downplays her involvement, blaming Charles "Tex" Watson for most of the carnage. Then, she finds God, and has supposedly devoted the past 35 years leading a prison ministry. (as has Tex Watson, as a matter of fact--I have his book in my "to be read" pile)

Anina says

Hilarious! I am sorry, that's a mean thing to say about someone's book, when they are only trying to apologize for all the murdering and find Jesus while just recently earning a life sentence. The tone of this book is extreme feminine desperation of the 1970's style, which I enjoy immensely. It shows how far we've come. But seriously Susan...gurl you got played.

Claire says

this book is just FAB, for all the wrong reasons

Robin says

i almost puked while i read this. so what if i was on a greyhound bus and had a two hour lay-over in albany... parts of this book made me ill. although, i would recommend it for a couple of reasons: if you're into true crime, this is one of the most infamous crimes of our century, and it's from a female's perspective to boot.

hightlights:

1.susan's boss at a strip club invite her and the girls over to anton lavey's house to plan a special performance in which she is a vampire and has to emerge gyrating from a coffin.

2. her description of charlie talking out of a sink in a trailer while they're all tripping on acid is vivid and horrifying. we all have our scary drug episodes, but this involves charlie manson & a sink...aaaaaah!

3. she describes taking a ton of acid just a few hours before her son is born. some of the other members of the "family" including charlie-fucking-manson try to talk her out of taking drugs while she's that far along pregnant. she doesn't... and the next thing we know, she's giving birth to her son 2 months prematurely. (which back in those days is crazy! she's either exaggerating, or her kid survived against all odds.) p.s. i don't know if i would admit that charlie manson tried to talk me out of doing something stupid. it seems to go against the defense that she eventually used in court. anyhow, good book, but i really do hope she rots in jail.

Kerry Casey says

A real page turner and rare book to find. I'm very glad I got myself a copy.

Susan recounts her life's events & the infamous Manson murders effortlessly, detailing personal circumstances, thoughts & speaking on her participation in the Manson murders.

(Although she does not talk through the whole story of the murders, you can watch her appeals via you tube to get more information regarding her participation & her character within them.)

I quite appreciate her story. The parallels of god/devil in her stories are eerie & although I don't mind religious text, the last 3 chapters do get a little in your face regarding religion.

Other than that, I really enjoyed reading her account.

Susan passed away in prison in 2009 from brain cancer. Having lost all appeals (denied parole 18 times), she spent 40 years in prison and had been the longest-incarcerated female inmate in the California penal system. While inside she reformed, married (documentary I saw of her husband was great), and participated in some good, meaningful work in prison.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8_E6O...

christy says

(i skipped the child of god portion)

Malory says

"Child of Satan, Child of God" is Sadie Mae Glutz' uncluttered entry into the curious storehouse of Mansonian literature. Atkins rhapsodizes on the psychical, crude beauty of the desert, a sprawling terrorism of sirocco hippie troupes, biker convents (Mother Superior Danny DeCarlo is, however much to the offense of historical courtesy, cheaply manumitted from the narrative, a questionable gesture on Sadie's part, and at most a signal displacement of pure epistolary facticity), watercolor toughs, backroads musicians, wizened old ranch-hands, and *ibid*. Though the prose is severe and shorthand, the mystic invitation of Sexy Sadie's story is deeply companionable. "Child of Satan, Child of God" is a cross-grained examination of the Tate-LaBianca murders clean of the rigid demagoguery of Bugliosi's account, though suffering from frightfully bloated spells of nearsightedness and revisionism, and the sobbing sweeps of a spiritually taphephobic young woman.

Melissa Muszak says

This book had some interesting parts, for sure. There was also a lot of crap, in my opinion. But it was interesting to read about it from this perspective. I don't totally buy the walking with Jesus, born-again thing at the end. I think she very clearly downplayed her involvement. I also don't think that the lost soul thing that she claims as her reason for joining Charles Manson was either (a) very well described and/or (b) entirely true. To me, she seemed more like a petulant child with ADD.

Rob Roy says

Gee, I'm really a nice person who got into the wrong crowd and stabbed a pregnant woman to death. Since I've become a Christian, I should be forgiven.

Melissa says

This was a great inside view to the Manson murders and Susan's life behind bars to finding jesus?

flannery says

Stupid book, fun read, obviously written by a dude. "I was aware of my new, sexy body, could feel the men

watching me as I began to gyrate around the room." Haha, yeah right. Sensationalizes all the things it sets out to condemn, like, I've never envied Charles Manson's super-Svengali powers until I read this and all of a sudden it seemed really sexy and cool. Real trashy read! Found it at my Dad's office.

Elaine De says

Sigh It wasn't a Bad book, it was quite readable, and entertaining in a weird twisted, watching a car crash" way. It's just full of so much bullshit. Ms Atkins was obviously not ready to really come clean and give the facts, and take responsibility for her actions. I only read half the book. I wasn't much interested in her conversion story.

I did learn much about the whole Manson story that I didn't know as this all took place before I was born. So all in all, an enjoyable read, but would not believe everything as fact
