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First published in *The New Yorker*, “Solomon tells the story of Peter Lanza, the father of Adam Lanza, the Sandy Hook Elementary shooter. Read it—it’s moving, brave and just profoundly human and sad....There aren’t any answers. And that’s what makes this all so impossible, and Solomon’s journalism so essential” (Salon.com).

“Both parents loved Adam. Neither parent imagined or wanted their child’s horrific end. This is why what Peter Lanza did by sharing his story with Andrew Solomon is so important. Lanza’s story fills important gaps in our understanding of how a beloved child became a killer—and reminds us as a society that we have an obligation to help families and children before they find themselves on irreversible paths of violence” (*Time*).

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Raya Sun says

Gripping.
Raw.
Heartbreaking.

Rachel says

Heartbreaking.

Susan (the other Susan) says

The courage of this father, the depth of his loss, are incomprehensible. Imagine not only losing your son in a school shooting but discovering that he was a murderer, a cold-hearted killer of children, and has earned the lasting hatred of the sane world... As a pastor said at the funeral of one of the Columbine shooters, "These are the loneliest families in America." Parents are assumed to be complicit; certainly, Adam Lanza's mother, the custodial parent, provided the weapons he used at Sandy Hook Elementary (and paid for it with her own life) but Lanza's father helps us understand how difficult it would be for the parent of a troubled but not (yet) violent kid to foresee the moment when that child becomes a mass murderer. This story stands with Dave Cullen's "Columbine" as necessary insights into the family lives of "ordinary" kids who explode.

Becky says

I feel like I'm missing part of the book. Is it really this short?

Maria Tcherni says

Perfect

It's such a tough situation, so wrought with emotion, and the author finds a perfect tone to talk about it. Very illuminating!

Ruthy lavin says

Not great, written in a detached way, emotionless and disappointing.

Elisabeth Brookshire says**Brief summary interview of Adam Lanza's father**

This book is a quick read but is really an interesting overview of Adam Lanza's early life. No one seems to know much about him beginning in 2009. A necessary read on this subject. You can feel his father's pain clear as day.

Tara says

Excellent reporting.

Debbi Smith says**Another Sandy Hook book**

This book was just another perspective on this horrible tragedy. I can understand the father's need to share but this act of sharing somehow makes it all somehow seem worse.
