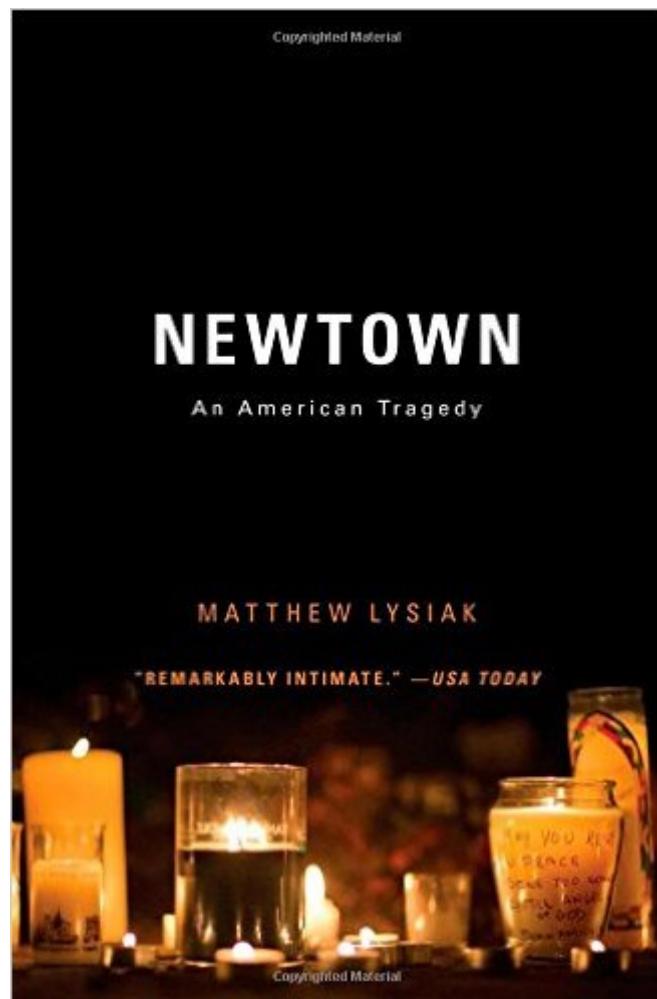


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Newtown: An American Tragedy



Synopsis

A journalist for The Daily News (New York) offers a meticulous account of the Newtown massacre and its aftermath. It's been a year, and this harrowing book might be a reminder that the debate needs reviving. (Kirkus Reviews) The world mourned the devastating shooting at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, on December 14, 2012. We remember the numbers: twenty children and six adults, murdered in a place of nurture and trust. We remember the names: teachers like Victoria Soto, who lost her life protecting her students. A shooter named Adam Lanza. And we remember the questions: outraged conjecture instantly monopolized the worldwide response to the tragedy "while the truth went missing. Here is the definitive journalistic account of Newtown, an essential examination of the facts "not only of that horrific day but the perfect storm of mental instability and obsession that preceded it and, in the aftermath of unspeakable heartbreak, the controversy that continues to play out on the national stage. Drawn from previously undisclosed emails, police reports, and in-depth interviews, *Newtown: An American Tragedy* breaks through a miasma of misinformation to present the comprehensive story that must be told "today" if we are to prevent another American tragedy in the days to come.

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Customer Reviews

Newtown: An American Tragedy Matthew Lysiak is a journalist who spent two weeks on the ground at Newtown Connecticut while reporting for the New York city "Daily News" as a staff writer. [The owner of this tabloid is against the people's right to keep and bear arms.] On December 14,

2012 a young man murdered his mother then twenty school children and six school teachers before killing himself. This 264-page book lacks photographs, maps, and an Index to clarify this story, a œan essential examination of the factsâ •. This is based on law enforcement sources together with eyewitness testimony. This massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School was possibly the worst in recent American history. Are there flaws in our mental health system? Is better school safety needed? [This never happened in neighborhood schools or before the 1968 Gun Control Act.] Was it due to high-powered rifles? [The murder weapon was a carbine that used a lower powered cartridge than WW II rifles.] Was this death toll greater than the Lattimer Massacre? Monsignor Robert Weiss wrote the â ^Forewordâ ™. There was never such an even in the 300-year history of Newtown. The â ^Afterwordâ ™ asks some questions. Adam Lanza had a sensory deception disorder and was continuously bullied at schools. What do schools do to prevent this? Nothing! [Would a parochial school with nuns have prevented this mistreatment? What do you suggest?] Who is responsible for studentâ ™s behavior? No one? What are they teaching by example? Did those violent video games condition Adam Lanza to murder? [Isnâ ™t that their design?] Who regulates these â œgamesâ •? What if Adam Lanza didnâ ™t have â œhigh-powered weaponsâ •? [Wouldnâ ™t a lower-powered pistol cartridge have done as much damage at close range?]

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