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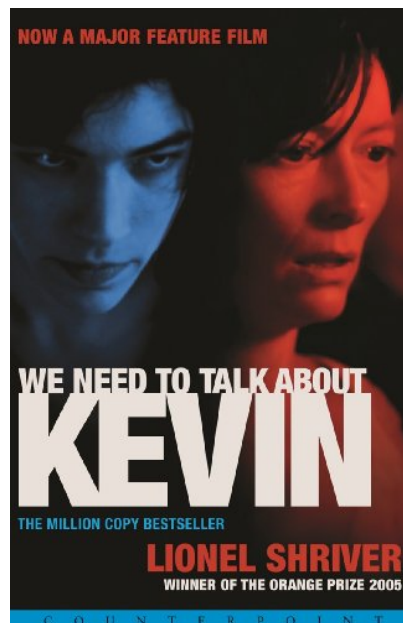
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Présentation de l'éditeur That neither nature nor nurture bears exclusive responsibility for a child's character is self-evident. But generalizations about genes are likely to provide cold comfort if it's your own child who just opened fire on his fellow algebra students and whose class photograph—with its unseemly grin—is shown on the evening news coast-to-coast. If the question of who's to blame for teenage atrocity intrigues news-watching voyeurs, it tortures our narrator, Eva Khatchadourian. Two years before the opening of the novel, her son, Kevin, murdered seven of his fellow high school students, a cafeteria worker, and the much-beloved teacher who had tried to befriend him. Because his sixteenth birthday arrived two days after the killings, he received a lenient sentence and is currently in a prison for young offenders in upstate New York. In relating the story of Kevin's upbringing, Eva addresses her estranged husband, Frank, through a series of startlingly direct letters. Fearing that her own shortcomings may have shaped what her son became, she confesses to a deep, long-standing ambivalence about both motherhood in general—and Kevin in particular. How much is her fault? *We Need To Talk About Kevin* offers no at explanations for why so many white, well-to-do adolescents—whether in Pearl, Paducah, Springfield, or Littleton—have gone nihilistically off the rails while growing up in the most prosperous country in history. Instead, Lionel Shriver tells a compelling, absorbing, and resonant story with an explosive, haunting ending. She considers motherhood, marriage, family, career—while framing these horrifying tableaux of teenage carnage as metaphors for the larger tragedy of a country where everything works, nobody starves, and anything can be bought but a sense of purpose.

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0 internautes sur 0 ont trouvé ce commentaire utile.
A harrowing but compelling read.
Par Bigorre
This first person narrative, plunges the reader into the thoughts and almost unbearably painful memories of a mother whose son has committed mass murder. On the surface she seems to be retracing events up to the fatal day, but at the same time she is trying to understand and come to terms with the awful facts which is what the reader has to do as he/she reads along. The narrative is harrowing and at times almost unbearable and yet one is compelled to read on. A brilliant work.
10 internautes sur 11 ont trouvé ce commentaire utile. Glacant, absolument.
Par D. Legare
Voilà un roman à la fois prenant et glacant qu'il m'a été bien difficile de lâcher à cause du suspense psychologique.

C'est un roman `épistolaire' puisque chaque chapitre est une lettre, la lettre d'une femme à son mari, on les devine séparés, sûrement divorcés. Dès la fin de la deuxième lettre on comprend de quoi il s'agit, cette femme écrit à son mari pour essayer de comprendre. Elle veut comprendre pourquoi leur fils Kevin est devenu un de ces jeunes américains qui, un jour, prennent une arme et s'en vont au lycée faire des cartons sur leurs camarades de classe et sur leurs profs. Cette mère veut comprendre et pour cela elle remonte le temps jusqu'à la conception de Kevin, sa petite enfance, etc.. Elle raconte aussi ses visites au centre de détention juvénile où se trouve Kevin, et sa propre vie depuis le drame, un aller-retour constant entre le présent et le passé, et toujours ces questions lancinantes : pourquoi et comment ? Comme je l'ai dit, ces lettres introspectives sont fascinantes et nous mènent jusqu'à une fin que l'on croit connaître, mais qui est bien pire que ce qu'on imaginait. Difficile à la fin du livre de faire la part entre éducation et nature profonde de cet enfant étrange... C'est drôlement bien ficelé et on est forcément entraîné dans ce questionnement inquiet, dérangeant et empli de culpabilité. 0 internautes sur 1 ont trouvé ce commentaire utile. Glaçant Par Jeanne C'est l'histoire d'un monstre, que sa mère avait perçu comme tel peu après sa naissance. Comment peut-on percevoir un monstre si tôt? Une grosse ambiguïté du roman joue là-dessus. On se demande s'il s'agit d'une perception erronée de la mère qui rejette son enfant, ou d'une réalité, tout au long du roman. Si c'est la mère qui fait devenir l'enfant ce monstre en le rejetant, ou s'il l'était dès sa naissance. Depuis sa naissance jusqu'à ses 18 ans, on suit son évolution. Remarquablement bien écrit, clair, incisif, ce livre est glaçant et sombre. Pas un livre de plage!

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