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Review

“One of the driving points of *The Wild Truth* is that [McCandless’s] famous, ultimately fatal journey of adventure and discovery was motivated in large part by a desire to escape his parents...Carine’s new book fleshes out the causes of Chris’s actions with much more detail and impact.” (Outsideonline.com)

“A moving and revelatory saga.” (Boston Globe)

“*The Wild Truth* is a moving narrative of domestic abuse, grief and survival, and for the perspective and revelations it contains, an essential additon to the *Into the Wild* story.” (Newsweek)

“Fiercely honest and gripping. . . . She honestly shares her successes and failures in work and relationships as she comes to the realization that she has tried to find in adult life what was lacking in her childhood: worth, strength, and unconditional love.” (Publishers Weekly)

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“Helping her readers become more familiar with the overwhelming burdens caused by dysfunctional parents is one of *The Wild Truth*’s major achievements. [McCandless] touches each of us...[we] have a better sense of what drove her brother and compelled her to write about her own harrowing history.” (*Anchorage Press*)

“*Powerful* . . . gripping to read.” (Examiner.com)

“A powerful book...For me, reading it was like finding a crucial missing word in the middle of a crossword puzzle: once those letters were filled in, the answers to the blank spaces around them also cascaded into place.” (Eva Holland, *Vela Magazine*)

From the Back Cover

In April 1992, a young man named Chris McCandless walked into the Alaskan wilderness, where he survived for more than 100 days before perishing in an abandoned bus. For over twenty years his story has captivated millions, and yet only one person knew the truth behind his remarkable journey—until now.

Through a tumultuous childhood, the McCandless siblings clung to each other amidst a chaotic home life, forming a lifelong bond and an unbreakable trust. So when Chris abandoned nearly all of his possessions, cut off all family ties, and forged an anonymous existence on the road, Carine understood what drew Chris away from all he had known. Having to face her own truth and surmount some crushing obstacles in the absence of her beloved brother, Carine drew strength from his constant presence while forging ahead on her own unique journey.

A powerful and deeply personal story, *The Wild Truth* is both a revelatory glimpse into the life of Chris McCandless and the inspirational tale of one woman's resilience in the wake of unspeakable tragedy.

About the Author

Carine McCandless is an entrepreneur, activist, and mother. She has been successfully self-employed since she started her first business at the age of nineteen. As a public speaker her presentations are featured in education and corporate venues across the United States. She is the sister of literary icon Chris McCandless and consulted closely with Jon Krakauer on his bestselling book *Into the Wild*. She also worked as a direct advisor and script contributor to Sean Penn for his film adaptation of the book. She lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia with her two daughters.

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