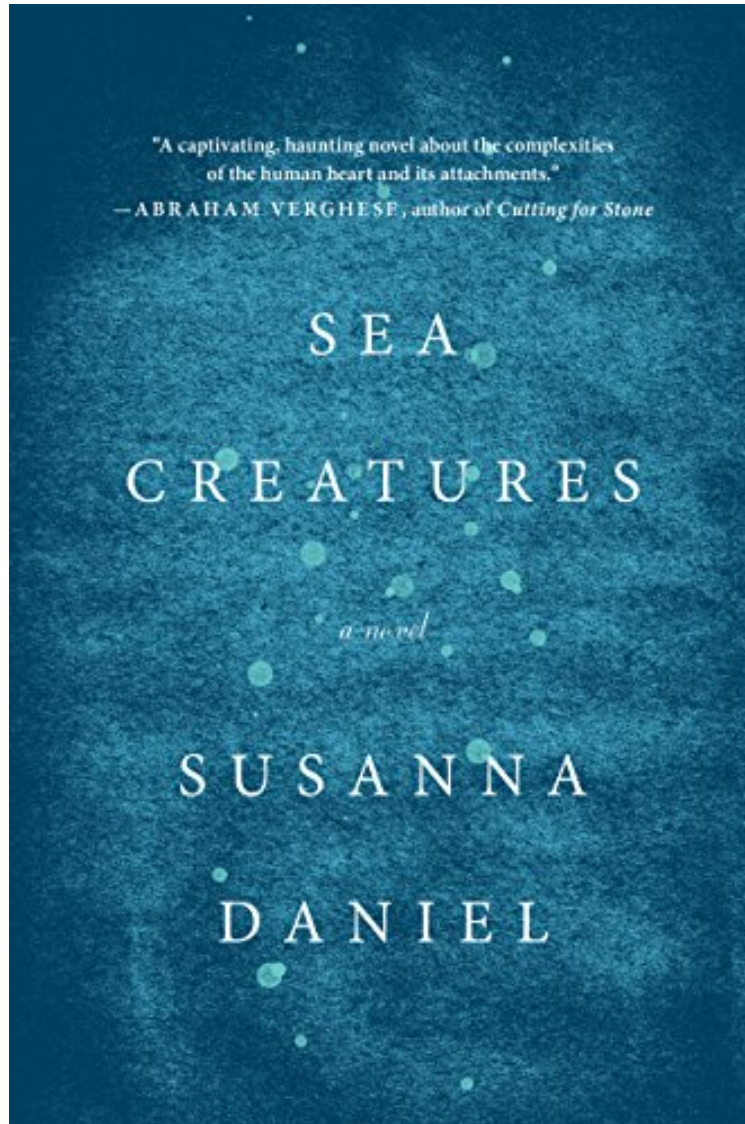


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**Von Susanna Daniel : Sea Creatures: A Novel (P.S.)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sea Creatures: A Novel (P.S.):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Emotional story about marriage and family, about choices and compromisesVon Helpful Advice"Sea Creatures" novel written by Susanna Daniel is about a small family that faces big change while attempting to remain intact. Main characters are Georgia and her husband Graham who had both lost their jobs and they are trying to start once again from the beginning. Together with their three years old son Frankie who doesn't speak, they return to Georgia's

hometown in Florida. The fresh start begins with the purchase of a ramshackle houseboat on which they would live. Georgia starts working as an assistant for Charlie, an artist living alone in the middle of the Biscayne Bay. Although he is somehow difficult to establish connection with and older than Georgia she will realize her life is changing and relation with Charlie starts transforming into something more than the business relation even helping her son to gain courage to speak. When the hurricane begins approaching Florida and Graham leaves to work on a ship, Georgia would realize that her decisions are endangering the security of her child..."Sea Creatures" is very realistic novel written in literary style full of emotions that are part of being parent. Her mother worries, her love and devotion, but also her frustrations are every parent's worries. Her failures as parent are painful, they remind her and all of us how parents can make costly mistakes despite their best attempts. Due to that, although this is a beautifully told story, sometimes it felt uneasy to read it. Novel is written from the Georgia's perspective, sometime skipping from present to her past for reader to be able to more deeply understand who she is, to understand her past which affects her present decisions and doubts. The novel pace is apparently slow but tension is slowly rising like the hurricane which is coming. The author deliberately took motive of hurricane but it is good that it did not overcast the drama between the characters although it's good setting for the dramatic events which are occurring. Daniel's novel is memorable story that will make you think about human relations and parenthood and all the everyday compromises we are deciding to agree to make life with our kids and partner happier. But also of the consequences these compromises will bring. Author managed to put into words every parent's fears to do the best thing for her/his child at the same time looking for space own happiness. "Sea creatures" is a touchy emotional story, a story about marriage and family, about choices and compromises, a story which is not hard to love.

**Kurzbeschreibung** In *Sea Creatures*, a riveting domestic drama by Susanna Daniel, a mother must make the unthinkable choice between her husband and her son. When Georgia Qullian returns to her hometown of Miami, her toddler and husband in tow, she is hoping for a fresh start. They have left Illinois trailing scandal and disappointment in their wake, fallout from her husband's severe sleep disorder. For months, their three-year-old son has refused to speak a word. On a whim, Georgia takes a job as an errand runner for a reclusive artist and is surprised at how her life changes dramatically. But soon the family's challenges return, more complicated than before. Late that summer, as a hurricane bears down on South Florida, Georgia must face the fact that her decisions have put her only child in grave danger. *Sea Creatures* is a mesmerizing exploration of the high stakes of marriage and parenthood. **Pressestimmen** A captivating, haunting novel about the complexities of the human heart and its attachments, terrain as slippery and beautiful and disaster prone as Daniel's South Florida. (Abraham Verghese, author of *Cutting for Stone*) There's a charmer at the heart of *Sea Creatures*. Almost like an action-filled, emotional memoir. Gripping. (Associated Press) While Miami has inspired its satirical works of genius, chilling mystery novels and excellent accounts of Cuban exile, we've mostly run short on first-rate literature that takes the city seriously enough to capture its eccentricities without flinching.... Daniel, with *Sea Creatures*, gets it absolutely pitch perfect. (Miami Herald) A tender tale of a woman navigating the responsibilities and risks of parenthood. (Atlanta Journal-Constitution) Don't confuse the waterfront setting with light beach reading; this is substantive domestic drama. Readers interested in families coping with disabilities will find Frankie particularly compelling as he navigates changing relationships and obstacles. (Library Journal) Daniel returns to St. Petersburg, South Florida in a second novel filled with domestic upheaval, difficult choices, and far-reaching consequences. Daniel's verdant descriptions of salt and sea continue to shine, as does her portrayal of a mother struggling to protect her son. (Publishers Weekly) A sophisticated story that holds the reader rapt. [Daniel] sets up each scene in *Sea Creatures* with masterful strokes. She builds momentum from the opening chapter, leading up to the crescendo. Daniel drives into tumultuous waters and emerges with a mesmerizing, beautiful novel. (Jeanna Kolker, Wisconsin State Journal) Utterly enthralling. [Sea Creatures is] about love, loss, and longing in their most familiar forms. Brace yourself: you'll fall hard for the characters, and your heart will break preemptively—even before the hurricane blows through. (Catherine Newman, More.com) What I found most stirring in *Sea Creatures* is how deftly Daniel exposes one of the most agonizing realities of parenthood: that no matter how hard we try, or how endless our love for our children, we are hampered by our own limitations, sometimes even tragically. (Helen Schulman, author of *This Beautiful Life*) Susanna Daniel brings an uncommon intimacy to her characters' lives, and also to the landscape where those lives unfold—a cartographer not only of the shore and the ocean but of the passions, bruises, joys, and insufficiencies of the human heart. (Kevin Brockmeier, author of *The Brief History of the Dead*) An intelligent page-turner (that is, the dream combination) about, among other things, South Florida, art, insomnia, and marriage. (Curtis Sittenfeld, author of *Prep and Sisterland*) Daniel's writing is rich in description of both its lush Florida settings and her characters' emotional landscapes that draws the reader in. (Isthmus) *Sea Creatures* is perfect for summer reading, a more literary offering than your usual beach fare. Author Susanna Daniel crafts beautiful, dreamy descriptions of ocean life that threaten to lull readers into a sense of complacency. (The Daily News Journal (Tennessee)) **Kurzbeschreibung** In *Sea Creatures*, a riveting domestic drama by Susanna Daniel, a mother must make

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