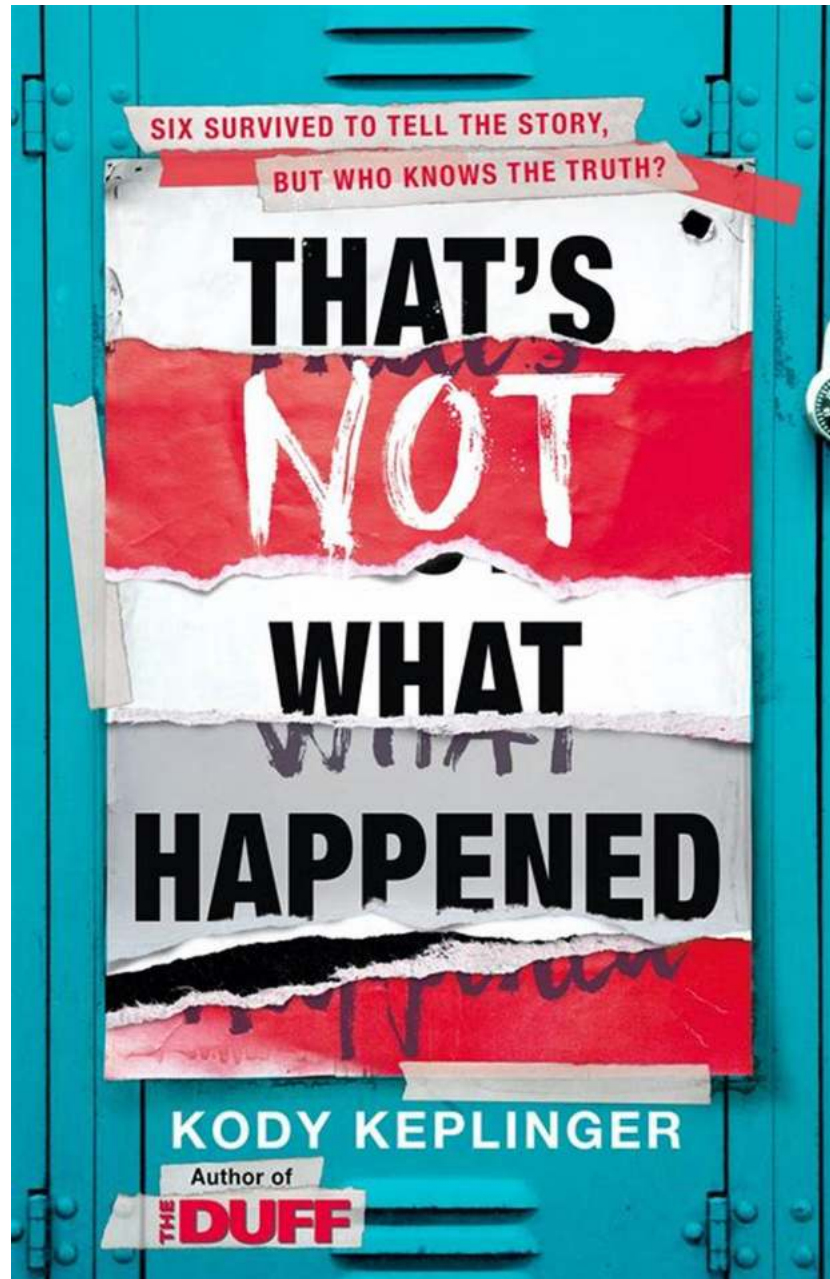


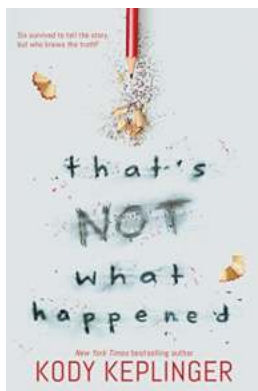
# That's Not What Happened: The Unforgettable Story by Kody Keplinger



Get ready to dive into a thrilling yet emotional rollercoaster ride that will challenge your perspective on truth and tragedy. Kody Keplinger, the bestselling author of "The DUFF," captivates readers once again with her powerful young adult novel, "That's Not What Happened."

## Unveiling the Plot

In "That's Not What Happened," Keplinger tells the gripping story of six survivors who lived through a school shooting, forever altering their lives. The book, set five years after the tragic event, follows Lee Bauer, one of the survivors, who is bound by the pain and guilt of that horrific day.



### That's Not What Happened

by Kody Keplinger (Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

Language : English

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Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Word Wise : Enabled

Print length : 306 pages

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As the narrative unfolds, the readers are taken on a thought-provoking journey, examining the aftermath of such a devastating incident and the long-lasting impact it has on survivors, their families, and the community as a whole. Keplinger effortlessly explores themes of loss, friendship, strength, and the quest for truth.

## A Unique Perspective

Unlike traditional school shooting narratives, "That's Not What Happened" challenges the prevailing narrative surrounding such events. Keplinger effectively explores the untold truth, highlighting the complexities of memory, trauma, and the way society shapes narratives according to its own biases.

At the heart of the story is Lee Bauer, who is determined to expose the truth and reclaim her own voice amidst the noise of media sensationalism. Through Lee, Keplinger masterfully explores the struggle of survivors trying to maintain their individual truth in the face of a collective narrative that has taken a life of its own.

## **The Characters**

Keplinger crafts a diverse and unforgettable cast of characters who represent different coping mechanisms and perspectives. From Lee, a strong-willed survivor determined to discover the truth, to Ashley, who embraces her faith in an attempt to move forward, each character adds depth and complexity to the story.

It is within the intimate connections between these characters that the true power of "That's Not What Happened" reveals itself. Keplinger's skillful exploration of their emotional journeys creates an authentic portrayal of human resilience and the strength found in unity.

## **A Call for Reflection**

"That's Not What Happened" compels readers to reflect on the lasting impact of tragedy and the responsibility society holds in supporting survivors as they seek healing and justice. Keplinger's vivid prose and masterful storytelling keep readers emotionally invested from beginning to end, sparking conversations and inspiring change.

## **In**

Kody Keplinger's "That's Not What Happened" stands as a poignant reminder that every story has numerous perspectives, and the truth lies beyond the surface. Through compelling characters, thought-provoking themes, and a gripping plot, Keplinger successfully highlights the importance of empathy, understanding, and the power of individual narratives.

Prepare yourself for an unforgettable reading experience that will leave you questioning everything you thought you knew about school shootings, memory, and the pursuit of truth. "That's Not What Happened" is a must-read for anyone seeking a captivating story that challenges societal norms and offers a fresh perspective.



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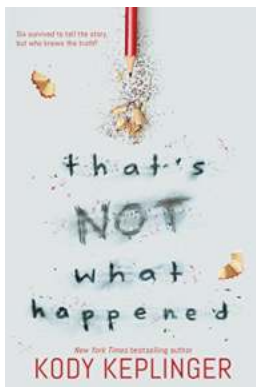
It's been three years since the Virgil County High School Massacre. Three years since my best friend, Sarah, was killed in a bathroom stall during the mass shooting. Everyone knows Sarah's story--that she died proclaiming her faith.

But it's not true.

I know because I was with her when she died. I didn't say anything then, and people got hurt because of it. Now Sarah's parents are publishing a book about

her, so this might be my last chance to set the record straight . . . but I'm not the only survivor with a story to tell about what did--and didn't--happen that day.

Except Sarah's martyrdom is important to a lot of people, people who don't take kindly to what I'm trying to do. And the more I learn, the less certain I am about what's right. I don't know what will be worse: the guilt of staying silent or the consequences of speaking up . . .



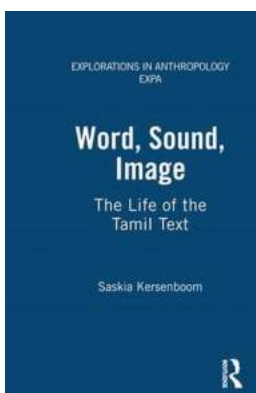
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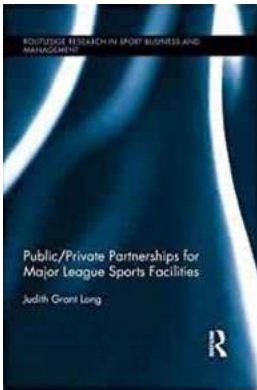
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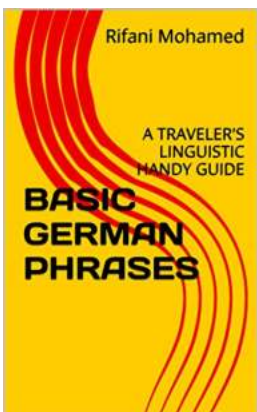
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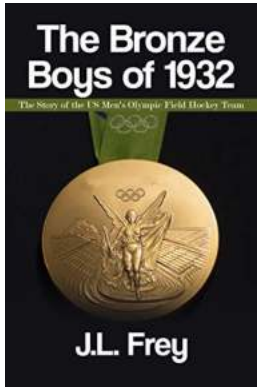
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