

The morning starts like any other. Rachel Klein drops her daughter, Kylie, at the bus stop and heads into her day. But then a cell phone call from an unknown number changes everything. On the line is a woman, informing Rachel that she has Kylie bound and gagged in her back seat and the only way Rachel will ever see her again is if she pays a ransom—and kidnaps another child.

The caller is a mother herself, whose son has also been abducted, and if Rachel doesn't do exactly as she's told, the boy will die, and so will Kylie. Rachel is now part of The Chain, a terrifying scheme that turns parents from victims into criminals—and is making someone else very rich in the process. Rachel is an ordinary woman, but over the coming days she will be pushed beyond ordinary limits. She will have to make impossible moral choices and do terrible things. The Chain is ruthless, terrifying, and completely anonymous. The rules are simple: find the money, find your victim, and then commit a horrible act you'd have thought yourself incapable of just twenty-four hours ago.

What the masterminds behind *The Chain* know is that parents will do anything for their children. But what they don't know is that they may have finally met their match. Rachel is smart, determined, and a survivor.

Can she be the one person to finally break THE CHAIN?

ADRIAN McKINTY was born and grew up in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, and immigrated to the United States to become a high school English teacher. His books have won the Edgar Award, the Ned Kelly Award, the Anthony Award, the Barry Award, two Audie Awards®, and six *Audiophile* Earphones Awards. McKinty lives in New York City with his wife and two children.

READ BY JANUARY LAVOY



Running Time: Approx. 10 Hours • Unabridged

© 2019 by Adrian McKinty. All rights reserved. Hachette Book Group supports the right to free expression and the value of copyright. The purpose of copyright is to encourage writers and artists to produce the creative works that enrich our culture. The duplicating, uploading, and distribution of this book without permission is a theft of the author's intellectual property. If you would like permission to use material from the book (other than for review purposes), please contact permissions@hbgusa.com. Thank you for your support of the authors' rights. © 2019 by Hachette Audio. All rights reserved. © 2019 by Hachette Audio (packaging elements only). A division of Hachette Book Group, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10104. www.HachetteAudio.com

PLAYAWAY®

Playaway pre-loaded audiobooks are the best way to listen, unplugged and uninterrupted.

WWW.PLAYAWAY.COM

© 2019 Playaway. Patented. All rights reserved. Designed in Ohio. Made in China.



PLAYAWAY®

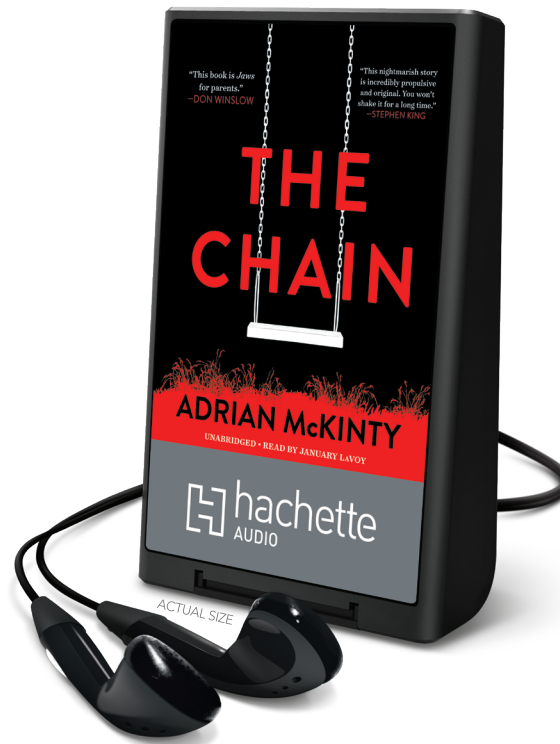
THE CHAIN ADRIAN McKINTY

Unabridged



hachette
AUDIO

hachette
AUDIO



PLAYAWAY®
THE ALL-IN-ONE AUDIOBOOK



PLAYAWAY® and associated logos are registered trademarks of Findaway World, LLC. 31999 Aurora Road, Solon, OH 44139 USA