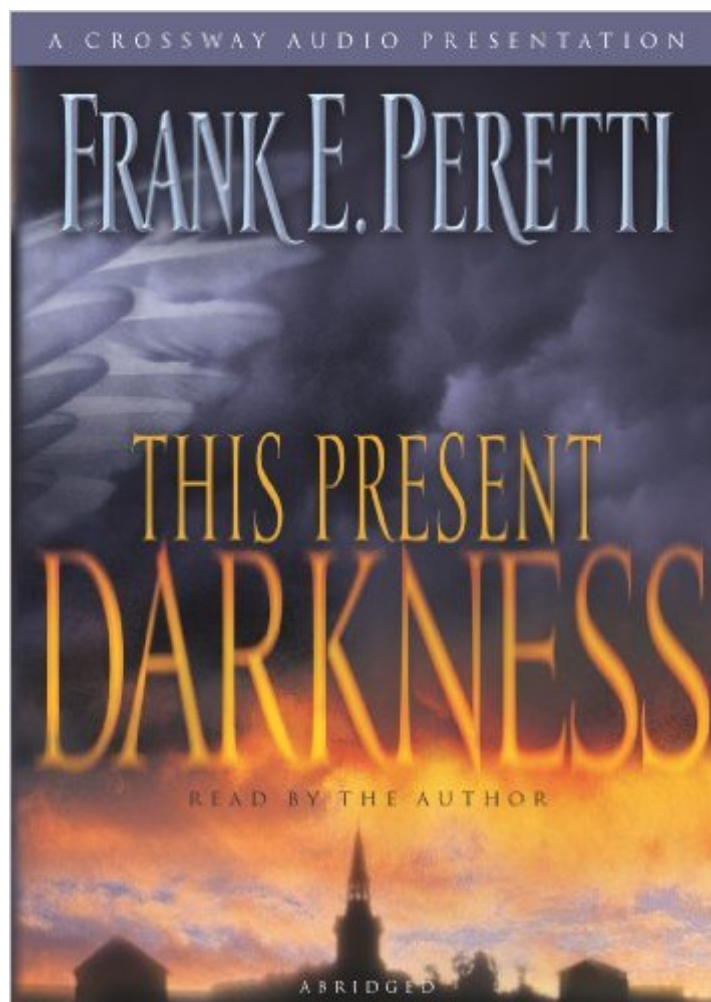


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# This Present Darkness



## Synopsis

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” • Ephesians 6:12 Ashton is just a typical small town. But when a skeptical reporter and a prayerful, hardworking pastor begin to investigate mysterious events, they suddenly find themselves caught up in a hideous New Age plot to enslave the townspeople, and eventually the entire human race. The physical world meets the spiritual realm as the battle rages between forces of good and evil. This Present Darkness is a gripping story that brings keen insight into spiritual warfare and the necessity of prayer. Since its original publication more than 2.7 million copies have been sold. The companion volume, Piercing the Darkness, continues the story of the battle between spiritual forces.

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## Customer Reviews

With THIS PRESENT DARKNESS, Frank Peretti broke onto the scene by graphically tearing back the veil between our world and the spirit world. Descending upon the small town of Ashton, angels, demons, and strongmen engage in vivid spiritual battle and we, the reader, are able to see it all unfold. Ever wonder what exactly a guardian angel might do? Here's one possible scenario. While Peretti's theology on the subject may not be perfect (many of his ideas are pure speculation, but that's why it's "fiction"), he does most definitely give us a bold reason as to why prayer is so vital. Why prayer does, in fact, move mountains and can turn the tide in unseen spiritual battles that are taking place around us (as happens in the book of Daniel). For that reason alone, THIS PRESENT

DARKNESS is worth reading. To be fair, this is not Peretti's best written book. THE OATH and THE VISITATION are both more sound, from a literary perspective (real character development, for example, isn't the best here). But before the LEFT BEHIND series, no other Christian novels were as widely read as this and its sequel. It is a true Christian fiction classic and a real page-turner that will have you burning the midnight oil. FOUR 1/2 STARS.

In the last 40+ years I have only read 3 books more than once. This is one of them and I have read it 3 times. There were a few years in between each read, but every time, I enjoy it as much as the first. If you ever question "Are there really angels on our side, is there a God, how does Satan and his demons get to us, are our bad habits encouraged by Satan, etc" this book will answer those questions and give you a mental picture of what they look like and what they are doing. Written as a story, it is captivating and awe inspiring. I'm a believer so I didn't need this book to convince me of anything, but, it left me with a feeling that angels really do stay right by my side and they and God are fighting for me every minute to help me stay away from the wrong path and keep me alive and well. The angels are the warriors fighting the Enemy every step of the way and your prayers give them strength. Keep praying and read this book. Or like me...read it more than once!

This is a wonderful book! Frank Peretti writes in a style that is engaging and suspenseful. He weaves together a plot involving both a human struggle of philosophical and political agendas, and the spiritual battle occurring at the same time between the spiritual forces of good (Angels) and evil (Demons). It is this weaving of the plot between everyday issues and spiritual long term agendas that is the most compelling reason to read this book. The spiritual battles come to life in such a vivid way, that you may never view your life in the same way again! The images of how the spiritual battles are waged between God's Angels and the principalities of darkness, and how people are used for purposes beyond their personal agendas, are presented in a manner which turns the perception of current events into something perhaps more than they appear to be. The book starts a bit slow, seemingly the day in the life of a small town, but once the plotlines start coming together you won't be able to put it down. The main characters are developed well, and are presented as real people who could be our neighbors. It is fiction all the way, so don't expect an academic thesis on the supernatural and Biblical themes of spiritual realms, simply enjoy the story and the message. I have given copies of this book to dozens of people and have not had anyone, Christian or Atheist, not enjoy the story. I highly recommend this book, as well as its sequel: "Piercing The Darkness".

Have you ever known that you are supposed to do something, but you can't seem to motivate yourself? Have you felt like the whole world is against you? Have you ever felt like what you were doing just wasn't what you wanted? If you answered yes, then you should definitely give "This Present Darkness" a try. This book gives a possible reason as to why we have these feelings. Frank Peretti gives us a tale of a small college town that has a war going on in it. It's not a war with guns and bombs, but a spiritual war. There are demons all over the town, making people turn away from God. The demons plan to take the entire town and rid the town of the angels that have come to help. It is a wonderful tale of good versus evil. It is very gripping and as my title tells, "Frighteningly realistic". I'm sure everyone has felt like they should be doing something, but there is something that is holding you back. This book gives a very unique idea as to why that happens. Read it and you might look at things a little differently. I highly recommend this book.

I read this book (And it's follow up) more than once when I was an older teenager. It is written very well and I am about to purchase it for my kindle so that my eldest son can read it, after I do another reading of it myself. Yes, I want to read it again myself! If you like Christian fantasy that also has a strong basis for teaching you that sacrificing for God is not actually...a sacrifice..it's freedom, you'll find this book right up your alley! Just as Jesus died on the cross (Sacrificed himself), so does this book put readers in the shoes of intense characters and dramatic experiences where they lay it all down for what they believe in. Some lay it down for God, some lay it down for other things. Make no mistakes, these characters are not all goody two shoes. They learn their lessons the hard way..just as we do. It can be a rough ride doing what you believe, stepping up your faith, and willing to give it all for God. This book does not hold back the mortal costs, but neither does it leave out the immortal gains (and losses) for these costs. This book brings you right into the horror of what many don't even realize is out there. Not only evil as defined by the word 'Satan and devil', but the evils humanity itself can and will do.

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