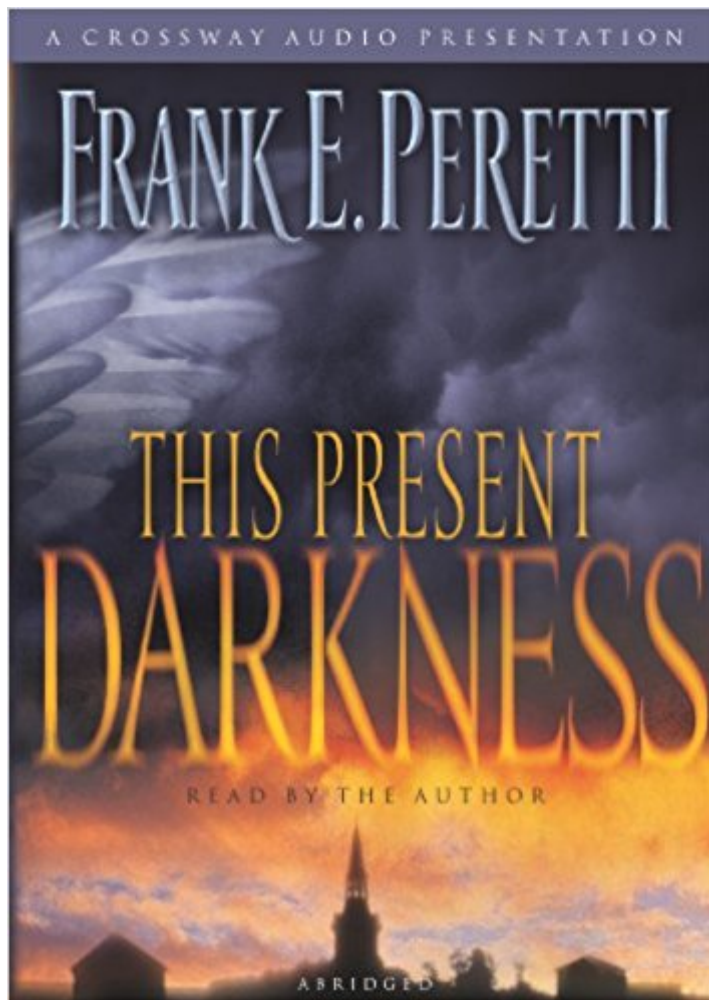




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This Present Darkness



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

This Present Darkness, by Frank Peretti, is among the classic novels of the Christian thriller genre. First published in 1986, Peretti's book set a suspenseful standard in spiritual warfare story-telling that has rarely been met by his contemporaries. Set in the apparently innocent small town of Ashton, This Present Darkness follows an intrepid born-again Christian preacher and newspaper reporter as they unearth a New Age plot to take over the local community and eventually the entire world. Nearly every page of the book describes sulfur-breathing, black-winged, slobbering demons battling with tall, handsome, angelic warriors on a level of reality that is just beyond the senses. However, Christian believers and New Age demon-worshippers are able to influence unseen

clashes between good and evil by the power of prayer. Peretti's violent descriptions of exorcisms are especially vivid: "There were fifteen [demons], packed into Carmen's body like crawling, superimposed maggots, boiling, writhing, a tangle of hideous arms, legs, talons, and heads." This book is not for the squeamish. But for page-turning spiritual suspense, it's hard to beat. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The small town of Ashton is the scene of a terrific battle between evil demons led by Rafar and angelic forces led by Tal in this Christian suspense tale by a best-selling author. Leaders of the human participants are Marshall Hogan, editor of The Clarion, Pastor Hank Busche, their friends, and groups of praying Christians. The battle wages fiercely, working up to a thrilling and satisfying climax. However, the superbly fiendish reading by Jack Sondericker, employing an incredible range of voices, reaches greater heights of horror than does the author's prose. Recommended for popular collections with a wide Christian audience. ?Sister Avila, formerly with Acad. of the Holy Angels, Minneapolis Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Always a pleasure and an eye opener when it read this book . Spiritual warfare is real and continuously going on amongst the living it's just that humanity tends to get too caught up in the natural that they've become blind and carnal to the point of dying without ever having a phenomenal insight into a experience that would forever alter their lives. Frank Pretty is a master story tell weaving the natural and the spiritual together that will leave one breathless and wanting to know more about the creator of the universe and his plans for one's life as well as the world.

One of the best books I have read on Spiritual Warfare! Even though it is fictional, Peretti opens our eyes to the spiritual battle going on around us as Christians. The way he imagines the battle unfolding is very Biblical and thus makes reading passages like Ephesians 6 come alive. Though the book falls into the science fiction category I wouldn't say it is to strange or weird. I have read a lot of other Christian fiction books that are farther out there than this one. I would recommend this to every Christian! A Must Read

Well to begin with, I had bought the Piercing Darkness @ a used book store. After reading the first couple of pages, I realized that this was a follow up to another novel. So I went on to research the author and discovered this first novel. I must say that I was totaly glued to it page after page. I am a

catholic but I think it really doesn't matter what your beliefs are. It will leave you in such awe reading the way of life between good and evil. The battle descriptions as well as the physical appearances of both good and evil are enough for you not to want to put the book down! A must read! I also like the fact that there is no foul language. In fact, my 11 yr. old granddaughter will be reading it. She has read Nightmare Academy by Frank Peretti and loved it, so she is looking forward to reading this. He is one of the best Christian authors. So make sure you get both novels and start reading! You won't be disappointed! I'm already almost half way thru the second novel and it's just as good as this one!

Frank Peretti is now my favorite author. Read This Present Darkness first time in 1991 when it was given to me by an aunt. Ever since, I have read every book he's written since that time, (except the children's books, although I do have 2 of them). I've read "This Present Darkness" 6 times over the past 20 years. My aunt asked for her the book back, so I had to buy my own copy here at . I got the 1986 printing my aunt let me borrow! I have purchased Peretti's latest title "Illusion" on Kindle and hardcover and currently reading it. This Present Darkness is about the spiritual warfare that is raging in the spirit realm. The object of this warfare is control over a small town, whose inhabitants are oblivious to what is happening around them and unaware that their prayers and spiritual belief is what will determine the outcome. In their reality, they see the principles of Christianity as being old school, with the pastor of a small church not being in touch with the changing times. The politicians have an agenda to rid the church and the town of this kind of thinking and teaching. To the rescue, comes the newspaper man, who has issues and doubts about his own spirituality and whether or not God even exists for him. As far as he's concerned, he's chasing a story, not trying to be a part of it. As he comes to terms with his spirituality, he becomes a threat to the demons in the spirit realm that are at war with the angels of God. The demons don't play fair and they show that by attacking the family of the newspaper man, and anyone that is a threat to them. Thank God for the old spinster that is a strong prayer warrior for God. If the people of the town would just start praying and strengthening themselves in the spirit, they subsequently will strengthen the angels in their battle with the demons of Satan, and save the town before it's too late. The strongman is on the way, and he has orders to take the town. Will he succeed at winning this small town for his master, Satan? Will the newspaper man be able to get to the bottom of what's really going on before it's too late?

I think this is a "Must Read" for Christians who want a correct glimpse into the "Hidden World" of

Christian Warfare that is always hidden from view. I have been a minister of Inner Healing & Deliverance for more than 40 years. This is the best book I have ever read that gives a true view of what the enemy does behind the scenes! The Enemy of God will stop at nothing to lure you in. This gives you a small glimpse how he operates. Make no mistake. It's real! Thank you, Frank Peretti for this one and the others in this same theme.

I first read this book when it was published around 30 years ago, and it has haunted my mind ever since. It is a christian book, dealing with spiritual conflicts/battles in a small college environment. It is a book that will forever change your understanding of "spiritual", and will illuminate the risk our children face in environments where The Lord is rejected. Satan fills that void. I ordered a new copy for my wife to read, and for me to re-read. JCIL

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