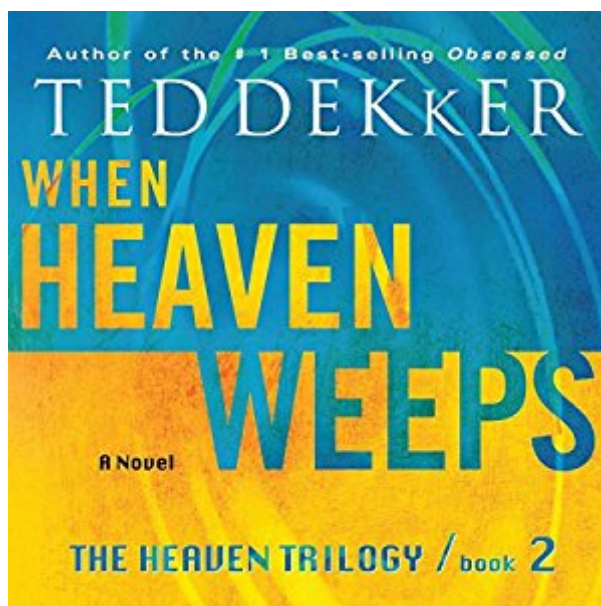


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Synopsis

A thriller unlike any you have ever heard. A love strong enough to bring a tremor to your bones. A sacrifice powerful enough to make heaven weep. At the close of World War II, a shell-shocked soldier, Jan Jovic, was forced to inflict a game of life and death on a peaceful Bosnian community. In a few short hours, this young man was confronted by more love - and hate - than most experience in a lifetime. Years later, Jan has become a world-renown writer with widespread influence in the United States. His past buried deep in his memory. Until at the most inopportune times, the game witnessed by Jan haunts him...and unwittingly leads him to a beautiful but broken women caught in an underworld of crime. He now must defeat an evil rarely seen. But there is a price. One that even this war-scarred soldier can't imagine.

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Beautiful story of Christ's love displayed in one man's heart for an adulterous woman who was a drug addict. God led him to marry and demonstrate Christ's love to this woman, who kept betraying him over and over again, yet he kept taking her back and forgiving her every time. A modern-day story of Hosea and his wife. Also a picture of Christ's love for the nation of Israel and also for his Bride, the Church. This story made weep tears of joy.

I love reading Ted's books, there is always points brought up that make me reflect to my own life and faith. He also has a way to remind you that everything is always what it seems. I would recommend

reading this one before reading *Heaven's Wager*, but it's not required. If you have read any of Ted's work then you know that he knows how to pull on the heartstrings. Have the tissue's handy because your going to need them with this story. Don't forget to read *Heaven's Wager* also. I'm 79% in and loving it but keeping the tissue's handy once again. Before reading think about what you would do if suddenly the woman you are about to marry turns out not to be the one you are in love with. What if the love of your life is not who you think it will be, would you fight the feelings or would you follow the path God has laid out for you even if it seems to be like jumping off the cliff right into the lions den?

Great read, looking toward too of Ted Dekker's book's

I enjoyed Dekker's first book, but felt he was pushing a little, still stretching his wings. Boy, this book takes flight and never comes down. Dekker tells a gripping story and peoples it with characters we love or hate. On top of the captivating tale, he manages to weave in a powerful symbol of God's love and sacrifice for His Bride, the Church. Usually, this type of symbolism becomes heavy-handed and overpowers the use of a real plot and believable dialogue. Here, Dekker pulls it all off with masterful ease and entertains us just long enough for us to let our guard down...then he slams his point home. I've read few novels this well-written. Some minor glitches: one character pulls on Nikes years before they were developed (I grew up in Eugene, OR...I should know). Big deal, right? But it did remind me it was all a story right in the middle of getting hooked. Dekker also loves to say "spiked." As in "his heart spiked." This started to jump out at me after a while. Last complaint...my copy was missing pages 313-344! A printing error, I guess. And right in the middle of the last quarter of the book...aggh. Once I found a complete book, I was greatly relieved. Don't miss this book. Don't miss this author's writing. And don't miss the point. "When Heaven Weeps" it's because God loves His people and will do whatever it takes to prove that love. Ted Dekker does his best to weave a beautiful and suspenseful tale. I'll have to read this one again.

I enjoyed it so much that I had to down *The Martyr's Song*, *Thunder of Heaven* and *Heaven's Wager* to my Kindle. I couldn't not finish the series. So, I guess one could say that I really, really liked it.

I've read other Ted Dekker novels I've like better. The hero in this story disappointed me in my opinion with lack of character. But a Ted Dekker novel is always worth the read.

This book is basically a romance with a major lesson. Had I known it was a romantic type book before starting it, I'm sure I would have passed on it as those have no interest for me. That would have been a major mistake. This is an excellent novel with a great message. The story is primarily set in the United States in the 1960s. It has some flashbacks to Bosnia in WWII. The protagonist, Janjic Jovic, was a Yugoslav partisan during the war with a band that performed some horrific acts. This was mostly due to the pushing of the leader, Karadzic, who was a major bad guy. Jovic was heroic in challenging Karadzic over some of his atrocities. He ended up being imprisoned for his valor. Two decades later Jovic is a successful author in Atlanta who has written a bestselling account of events during the war including Karadzic's evils such as the martyrdom of a priest and a young girl who refused to renounce Christ. This was a major life altering event for Jovic and many of his readers. Jovic ends up becoming involved with Helen, who is a drug addict who is the sexual slave of a particularly evil man, Glenn Lutz. The story has elements that seem utterly absurd on the face. Jovic almost instantaneously develops an unconditional love for Helen who continues going back to Lutz for drugs in exchange for sexual favors. Although few would continue to love and tolerate her in the face of her continual betrayals, Jovic does so with fervor. On the surface, he appears to be the biggest schmuck on the planet. However, Dekker does a masterful job of showing how we are Helen and Jovic represents Christ's love in the story. To avoid spoiling the storyline, I will refrain from further commentary here. I would highly recommend this book and encourage readers to really focus on the underlying message. It is a great read.

Dekker is an excellent writer for sure. It certainly is a love story in many different ways. The violence just shows human nature -- good and bad. At times you won't want to put that book down.

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