

This Present Darkness And Piercing The Darkness

If you've ever been there, you've never forgotten. The feeling is as haunting and familiar as the smell of a junior high school locker room. It's the feeling of being undersized ... or oversized ... or klutzy ... or less than beautiful. Of being a nerd ... or a geek ... or just, somehow, different. It's knowing you are vulnerable and someone is ready and willing to take full advantage of your weakness by making your life miserable. It's the fraternity you never wanted to join—the fellowship of the wounded spirit. And bestselling novelist Frank Peretti is a member, too. This book is the haunting true story of pain Frank Peretti never forgot but never, until recently, shared with the world. It's the story of growing up with a medical condition that left him disfigured. A series of surgeries and the slow miracle of answered prayer took care of the deformity, but not the underdeveloped frame or the excruciating reality of being different. And it was for these petty "crimes" that Peretti was prosecuted every day at school—especially in gym class, but also in the halls, on the school grounds, even in his own neighborhood. No wonder he found himself relating to movie monsters who were hated but also feared—and who eventually exacted a bloody revenge on their tormentors! In Peretti's case, deliverance eventually came—through time, through prayer, through a teacher's caring intervention, and his own willingness to seek help. But he has never forgotten what life was like at the bottom of the junior high food chain. And from the reservoir of those agonizing memories he sends a compelling message to victims, to bullies, and to authorities who have the power to intervene—that it's never OK for the strong to abuse the weak. And that we allow such abuse at the expense of our souls ... and our very civilization. Especially in the wake of the massacre at Columbine High School—perpetuated by two troubled but also tormented outsiders—this message takes on haunting resonance. Frank Peretti believes we cannot afford to overlook the continuing reality of wounded spirits, not only in our schools, but in our homes, churches, and workplaces. His approach is both tender and tough as he issues a ringing call for a change in attitude. It's a call for all of us to stop thinking of abuse as "normal," even among kids. It's a call for the strong to stand up and protect the weak, not prey upon them. It's a call for those in authority to pay attention to the violence being done to the vulnerable in the midst of our everyday lives and to take action to help. Most of all, it's a call for bullies and victims alike (many of us are both) to seek the healing and forgiveness offered in Jesus Christ. For that healing is really the heart of this book—the only reality that can break the natural cycle of victimization and abuse. Only in Christ, Peretti reminds, is there hope for the wounded spirits—but that hope is powerful enough to change everything.

A reporter and a preacher uncover a demonically inspired New Age plot to take over their small town.

Now available in one volume—three thrillers from Frank Peretti! *The Oath* An ancient sin. A long forgotten oath. A town with a deadly secret. Something evil is at work in Hyde River, an isolated mining town in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Under the cover of darkness, a predator strikes without warning—taking life in the most chilling and savage fashion. The community of Hyde River watches in terror as residents suddenly vanish. Yet, the more locals are pressed for information, the more they close ranks, sworn to secrecy by their forefathers' hidden sins. Only when Hyde River's secrets are exposed is the true extent of the danger fully revealed. What the town discovers is something far more deadly than anything they'd imagined. Something that doesn't just stalk its victims, but has the power to turn hearts black with decay as it slowly fills their souls with darkness. *The Visitation* The sleepy, eastern Washington wheat town of Antioch has become a gateway for the supernatural—from sightings of angels and a weeping crucifix to a self-proclaimed prophet with an astounding message. The national media and the curious all flock to the little town—a great boon for local business but not for Travis Jordan. The burned-out former pastor has been trying to hide his past in Antioch. Now the whole world is headed to his backyard to find the Messiah, and in the process, every spiritual assumption he has ever held will be challenged. The startling secret behind this visitation ultimately pushes one man into a supernatural confrontation that has eternal consequences. *Monster* Some monsters are real. Miles away from the hectic city, Reed and Rebecca hike into the beautiful Northwester woods. They are surrounded by gorgeous mountains, waterfalls, and hundreds of acres of unspoiled wilderness. During their first night camping, an unearthly wail pierces the calm of the forest. Then something emerges from the dense woods. Everything that follows is a blur to Reed—except the unforgettable image of a huge creature carrying his wife into the darkness. Enter into deep wilderness where the rules of civilization no longer apply. A world where strange shadows lurk. Where creatures long attributed to overactive imaginations and nightmares are the hunters . . . and people are the hunted.

This Present Darkness, Piercing the Darkness, and Prophet, three of Frank Peretti's best-selling works of fiction, are now available at the unbelievably low price of \$18.97. All three pocket-sized paperback editions of Peretti's favorite spiritual thrillers are encased in a giftable slipcase and shrink-wrapped for easy display.

Now in ebook, the classic sequel to bestseller *This Present Darkness*, about another small town in the midst of an unseen supernatural battle for truth. This sequel to *This Present Darkness* follows the supernatural battle over the small town of Bacon's Corner, where, once again, armies of angels and demons are at war. Sally Beth Roe is trying to escape her past and struggling to find the truth, while Tom Harris finds himself embroiled in a battle to save a Christian school threatened by outside forces.

The Veritas Project team has a new assignment: To find the truth behind the mysterious disappearance of two runaways. When one runaway turns up totally out of his mind and a government agent steps in to take over the case, the Springfield's continue their own investigation. The twins—Elijah and Elisha—go undercover, posing as runaways. What happens next will keep readers on the edge of their seats as the twins end up in a strange academy where Truth is continually challenged, a gang-like war develops, and Elijah is taken to an ominous mansion from which no one has ever returned. A great thriller with a realistic look at right and wrong.

A top news anchor risks his job and his life to battle the politically correct attitudes of members of the Channel 6 news team who are hiding the truth about his father's death.

In "This Present Darkness," something is wrong in Ashton, a small college town where nothing much ever seems to happen. Nothing, that is, until Bernice Krueger, a persistent investigative reporter, is thrown in jail after photographing the police chief in a clandestine meeting behind a carnival booth. Bernice knows she's stumbled across something far bigger than a mere political scandal when she compares notes with Hank Busche, pastor of the Ashton Community Church. A suspicious suicide, rash of New Age courses at the college, a mysterious power broker from New York, and a desperate young woman on the run all converge in frighteningly malevolent threat to the town—and to the entire human race.

Piercing the Darkness A Novel Simon and Schuster

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Rayford Steele, an international fugitive, plans to assassinate the Antichrist, Nicolae Carpathia, who plans to make himself world ruler.

Nigeria and Nigerians have acquired a notorious reputation for involvement in drug-trafficking, fraud, cyber-crime and other types of serious crime. Successful Nigerian criminal networks have a global reach, interacting with their Italian, Latin American and Russian counterparts. Yet in 1944, a British colonial official wrote that 'the number of persistent and professional criminals is not great' in Nigeria and that 'crime as a career has so far made little appeal to the young Nigerian'. This book traces the origins of Nigerian organised crime to the last years of colonial rule, when nationalist politicians acquired power at a regional level. In need of funds for campaigning, they offered government contracts to foreign businesses in return for kickbacks, in a pattern that recurs to this day. Political corruption encouraged a wider disrespect for the law that spread throughout Nigerian society. When the country's oil boom came to an end in the early 1980s, young Nigerian college graduates headed abroad, eager to make money by any means. Nigerian crime went global at the very moment new criminal markets were emerging all over the world.

Since its first publication in 1981, AMERICA: RELIGIONS AND RELIGION has become the standard introduction to the study of American religious traditions. Written by one of the foremost scholars in the field of American religions, this textbook has introduced thousands of students to the rich religious diversity that has always been a hallmark of the American religious experience. Beginning with Native American religious traditions and following the course of America's religious history up to the present day, this text gives students the benefit of the author's rigorous scholarship in clear language that has proven to be readily accessible for today's undergraduates. This long-awaited new edition explores a variety of recent events and developments, including increasing religious pluralism and, especially, a combinative postpluralism in which different faiths in America subtly begin to borrow from one another. The new edition examines postethnic Judaism in the Jewish Renewal movement and other instances, the growing Womenpriest movement among American Catholics, and the development of Islam in America in the light of September 11, 2001. It surveys the emerging church movement among liberal evangelicals and others, and follows the growth of a new spirituality that is much broader than the New Age movement. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The war between good and evil rages in these best-selling novels. Ordinary Christians and the host of Heaven are pitted against powerful human leaders and demonic principalities in physical, legal, and spiritual battles.

In rural Alabama, two couples find themselves in a fight for survival. Running from a maniac bent on killing them, they flee to an old house that's been empty for years, or so they think.

Leon I earned my reputation among magicians for a reason: one wrong move and you're dead. Killer, they called me, and killing is what I'm best at. Except her. The one I was supposed to take, the one I should have killed - I didn't. The cult that once controlled me wants her, and I'm not about to lose my new toy to them. Rae I've always believed in the supernatural. Hunting for ghosts is my passion, but summoning a demon was never part of the plan. Monsters are roaming the woods, and something ancient - something evil - is waking up and calling my name. I don't know who I can trust, or how deep this darkness goes. All I know is my one shot at survival is the demon stalking me, and he doesn't just want my body - he wants my soul. Her Soul to Take is book 1 in the Souls Trilogy. Although all the books are interconnected, they are stand-alone and can be read in any order. Content Note This book contains sexual scenes, kink/fetish content, horror elements, drug use, and depictions of hard kink/edgeplay. Reader discretion is advised.

Queen Victoria's reign was an era of breathtaking social change, but it did little to create a platform for women to express themselves. But not so within the social sphere of the séance--a mysterious, lamp-lit world on both sides of the Atlantic, in which women who craved a public voice could hold their own. Out of the Shadows tells the stories of the enterprising women whose supposedly clairvoyant gifts granted them fame, fortune, and most important, influence as they crossed rigid boundaries of gender and class as easily as they passed between the realms of the living and the dead. The Fox sisters inspired some of the era's best-known political activists and set off a transatlantic séance craze. While in the throes of a trance, Emma Hardinge Britten delivered powerful speeches to crowds of thousands. Victoria Woodhull claimed guidance from the spirit world as she took on the millionaires of Wall Street before becoming America's first female presidential candidate. And Georgina Weldon narrowly escaped the asylum before becoming a celebrity campaigner against archaic lunacy laws. Drawing on diaries, letters, and rarely seen memoirs and texts, Emily Midorikawa illuminates a radical history of female influence that has been confined to the dark until now.

In the tiny farming community of Bacon's Corner, an attempted murder, a case of mistaken identity, and a lawsuit against a struggling Christian school all lead Sally Beth Roe to flee for her life.

A freak storm has spawned three tornadoes that are bearing down on the town of Summerville. Yet under the cover of the storm looms a much more ominous threat: A vindictive killer known as Red who's left a string of victims in his wake and is now bent on exacting his final revenge on the unsuspecting town. But there is an enigma surrounding Red that the FBI is unwilling to admit--closely guarded secrets of something gone terribly wrong beneath the skin of Summerville. Secrets that will destroy far more than one small town. Wendy Davidson is caught in the middle. She's a recovering cult survivor who takes refuge in Summerville on her way to visit her estranged mother. And with her, four strangers, any of whom could be the next victim . . . or the killer.

When several students at Baker High School are stricken by an alleged curse of the school's ghost, Elijah and Elisha Springfield and their parents, undercover investigators, are sent to uncover the truth behind the events.

The story of five best-selling novels beloved by evangelicals, the book industry they built, and the collective imagination they shaped Who are evangelicals? And what is evangelicalism? Those attempting to answer these questions usually speak in terms of political and theological stances. But those stances emerge from an evangelical world with its own institutions--institutions that shape imagination as much as they shape ideology. In this unique exploration of evangelical subculture, Daniel Silliman shows readers how Christian fiction, and the empire of Christian publishing and bookselling it helped build, is key to understanding the formation of evangelical identity. With a close look at five best-selling novels--Loves Comes Softly, This Present Darkness, Left Behind, The Shunning, and The Shack--Silliman considers what it was in these books that held such appeal and what effect their widespread popularity had on the evangelical imagination. Reading Evangelicals ultimately makes the case that the worlds created in these novels reflected and shaped the world evangelicals saw themselves living in--one in which romantic love intertwines with divine love, in which humans play an active role in the cosmic contest between the divine and the demonic, and in which the material world is infused with the literal workings of God and Satan. Silliman tells the story of how the Christian publishing industry marketed these ideas as much as they marketed books, and how, during the era of the Christian bookstore, this--every bit as much as politics or theology--became a locus of evangelical identity.

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A colossal spiritual struggle breaks out in a small town--an attempted murder, a ruthless lawsuit--and a young woman is caught in the middle. A bestselling novel of forgiveness and the power of prayer.

WINNER of the 2013 Printz Award. In darkness I count my blessings like Manman taught me. One: I am alive. Two: there is no two. In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake a boy is trapped beneath the rubble of a ruined hospital: thirsty, terrified and alone. 'Shorty' is a child of the slums, a teenage boy who has seen enough violence to last a lifetime, and who has been inexorably drawn into the world of the gangsters who rule Site Soleil: men who dole out money with one hand and death with the other. But Shorty has a secret: a flame of revenge that blazes inside him and a burning wish to find the twin sister he lost five years ago. And he is marked. Marked in a way that links him with Toussaint L'Ouverture, the Haitian rebel who two-hundred years ago led the slave revolt and faced down Napoleon to force the French out of Haiti. As he grows weaker, Shorty relives the journey that took him to the hospital, a bullet wound in his arm. In his visions and memories he hopes to find the strength to survive, and perhaps then Toussaint can find a way to be free . . .

The mysterious Wonk Eman has disappeared. Fearing the remaining scrolls may be lost forever, Samantha Yale is determined to find him.

A popular magic act for 40 years, Dane and Mandy are separated when a car wreck supposedly takes Mandy's life, but instead she is transformed into her 19-year-old self in the present, and when the pair reunite, she still mesmerizes Dane--now 40 years her elder. Reprint. 550,000 first printing.

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 (ESV) Ashton is just a typical small town. But when a skeptical reporter and a prayerful pastor begin to compare notes, they suddenly find themselves fighting a hideous New Age plot to subjugate the townspeople, and eventually the entire human race. This Present Darkness rivals The Screwtape Letters with its keen insight into spiritual warfare and the necessity of prayer. It is fast-moving, riveting reading, ranking with the best thrillers on the bookshelf. Readers have picked up more than 2.5 million copies since its publication in 1986, and, with its companion volume Piercing the Darkness, it has sparked great interest in spiritual warfare over the years. "Frank Peretti kicked open the doors that all of us Christian novelists are passing through today. We owe him a huge debt." Jerry B. Jenkins, Author, The Left Behind Series

God loves us just the way we are, and He wants us to love each other, too! That's what Mr. Henry wants kids to learn as he retells these stories from the Bible: the Good Samaritan, Jesus and the disciples, and Jesus and the little children. In his own wacky way, Mr. Henry teaches some of the most important principles of helping one another.

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heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12 After the film in her camera is mysteriously destroyed at a small-town festival, reporter Bernice Kreuger knows she’s found something worth covering up. She brings the investigation to her boss, Marshall Hogan. Along with the local pastor of a struggling church, Hank Busch, they find something much bigger than they expected—a demonic plot to enslave their town and, eventually, the world. The tiny college town of Ashton becomes the unlikely battleground in a cosmic clash between good and evil. Unseen by the human protagonists, armies of angels and demons wage war against one another in the spiritual realm for the souls of the people of Ashton. Up against supernatural forces, the future of the town seems bleak – but the power of prayer might be able to influence the outcome of the fight. This fast-paced thriller birthed an entirely new genre, setting the standard for spiritual suspense. It has since sold over 2 million copies worldwide, sparking a renewed interest in the concept of spiritual warfare.

"I've found something, James, something atypical. The locals have their legends about it, how it's a harbinger of death, how it knows you, follows you . . . takes you." A strange little town given to the occult, and a different kind of "haunted house" that appears, disappears, follows people to their day of reckoning, and then . . . Professor McKinney, Andrea, Brenda, and Tank are brought together once again by divine appointment to confront a supernatural mystery, a case of murder, and an exploration into the darkness of the human heart.

Dr. Jake Cooper, his son Jay, and adventurer-journalist Meaghan Flaherty evade angry terrorists and cannibal tribes as they desperately search for Lila Cooper after her plane is hijacked in a remote corner of the Pacific.

Our past was painful and a lot of mistakes were made, but that was then - this is now. Mia wants a fight? I'll give her one. She wants to leave me? I'll make her stay. This is our future. She belongs to me. Our past wasn't just painful, it was soul-shattering, and no amount of time will change that. Adam wants a fight? Bring it. He won't let me leave? I'll make him pay. This is my future. I don't belong to him. Follow Adam and Mia's journey through the deliciously dysfunctional madness they like to call...marriage. Author's note: This is the third book in the This Can't be Happening Series, but it can be read as a stand-alone. Author's warning: Mature content, lots of cussing (as in, A LOT), a five-foot-three, redheaded, terror of a woman and a sexy, possessive, crazy, hot alpha cop.

A woman struggles to reconcile herself with the memory of a child she aborted nine years previously.

Now in ebook, a classic from bestselling author Frank Peretti about a TV anchorman whose life is turned upside down as he starts hearing voices and discovers supernatural forces at play. John Barrett, popular anchorman, finds himself suddenly lost in the comfortable world he thought he understood. His producer seems to be hiding something big and lying to cover her tracks. His father's "accidental" death isn't looking quite so accidental. And his estranged son has returned search for the truth. On top of all this, John is starting to hear mysterious voices. Prophet has all the hallmarks of Peretti's fast-paced blockbuster fiction, and his clear understanding of the vast spiritual struggle over moral authority marks every page.

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"...began in 1990 with the goal of producing a NT commentary from the Free Grace perspective" -- from preface.

A deeply moving story of forgiveness for a woman who struggles to reconcile herself with the memory of a child she aborted nine years previously.

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