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Ted Dekker : The Bride Collector Reprint edition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Bride Collector Reprint edition:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A little too corny and unbelievable for my tasteBy MFSLWhen I picked up this book to read during the holidays, I expected something different. For me it was a bit disappointing. The characters were unbelievable, and here is why: ****SPOILER ALERT**** Brad Raines: he is a 32 year old FBI agent, who is in charge of a high profile case involving a serial killer dubbed the Bride Collector. I expected this character to be more rational, but to me he appeared more like a corny teenage girl, who falls in love with a mental patient in 5 days, while struggling with his feelings for his dead fianc and an attractive co-worker, who conveniently (for purposes of him getting finally falling for the mental patient) becomes the serial killer's sixth victim. Along the plot, we see a lot of: "Oh no! I might be falling in love with this girl and I am so scared" kind of thing that I would expect from an insecure teenage character. Aside form that, instead of focusing in solving the case, he spends unnecessary time at a mental institution recruiting the help of some patients, who in the end, crack it. Brad came across as incompetent and immature.Paradise: She is the novel's "heroine", who has suffered at least, 2 huge traumas (she witnessed the murder of her family in the hands of her father and nearly became a rape victim) and as a result has been institutionalized for 7 years. She doesn't care much for her appearance or personal hygiene, wears jeans that are too short and doesn't trust men. Additionally, she is agoraphobic and mnemophobic. However, in only 5 days, she manages to overcome her phobias, trust and fall in love with a George Clooney type of guy, who in return, falls for her (inspite of his own commitment issues with women) and, pretty much save his life.Allison: She is the head of the mental institution, who

loves Paradise as her own child, but notwithstanding encourages the FBI agent to make her fall for him and kind of exposes her to him. I'm not sure her behaviour regarding her patients can be deemed either common or ethical for someone in her position. In any case, I found it unbelievable. Nikki: She is this incredibly attractive woman and insightful psychologist that works for the FBI, who finds herself attracted to the main character and is conveniently murdered just after her first date with him. Ruby: She used to be Brad's fianc. He describes her as beautiful, smart and witty. Brad claims that they were very happy and that she was as much in love with him as much as he was with her and they were engaged to be married. However, inexplicably she commits suicide because "she didn't feel beautiful enough". Really???? Come on! And to make matters worse there is this bizarre love triangle (which could have easily become a square if the Nikki character had survived) among the three main characters. Coincidentally, (1) the man who tried to rape Paradise a few years ago is our one and only Bride Collector, (who murders people as a result of Paradise's rejection), (2) is being hunted by FBI agent Brad Raines who, against all odds, falls in love with Paradise and (3) in turn becomes her love interest. It felt that the writer just tried to hard to surprise the reader. The "twists" didn't seem natural, and frankly seemed ridiculous. The characters were frivolous and acted in absurd ways. Along the book, there were many unrealistic situations, especially since the characters are supposed to be extremely smart, insightful and capable.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I wanted to give it less stars, but it kept me captivated so it gets 4. By Laura This book had a LOT of promise, and I'll be honest, I read/listened (bought both the Audible version and the kindle version) to the entire thing in about two days. It was that intriguing. The story-line is very interesting and a nice spin off of your traditional crime/psychological thriller type novel. There is a mental-health component that is refreshingly unique in its presentation and that part, in and of itself, was great. What really got to me about this book was that I just couldn't bring myself to fully buy most of the major relationships between the main characters. (WARNING - spoilers ahead). When you start off with Brad looking like he and Nikki the assistant might eventually end up together you get a feeling of eye-rolling predictability. When Nikki is taken out of the equation (a move which I respect the author for doing since many authors wouldn't), you get the sensation that another possible relationship is brewing but between the time you start to suspect that may be the case you blink and 'poof' they're in love. I get that the author couldn't really let a lot of time span between these two main characters to get their relationship solidified to the point where they're truly, madly, deeply in love but REALLY? They knew each other for a whopping 5 minutes and all of a sudden the borderline psychotic, beautiful, brilliant but horrifically scarred woman and the insanely good looking, somewhat shallow yet equally flawed male lead are in so in love that they would pretty much die for each other? It just didn't link up for me - I couldn't get past how poorly that was developed and, as a result, couldn't really buy any part of that. Normally, a poorly constructed romantic component wouldn't bother me when you have a good suspense/thriller plot line going on but because the reader's understanding and acceptance of that love is a major element of the dynamic towards the end of the story, it just fell flat. Having said all of that, again, it was a good read and the overall plot line is well thought out with some nice twists. I would recommend it for those who can see past impossible relationship conclusions and just enjoy the crime aspect of the book.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. One of Dekker's Best By Brooks So, Ted Dekker is one of my all time favorite authors. I highly suggest any of his books. He is brilliant. His newest book "The Bride Collector" just came out this past week on the 13th. I can say that I literally read this book in 2 days. I did NOT want to put it down! I won't post the description since it can be found above. The story line won't leave you bored. When Ted Dekker writes books, there isn't a lot of filler in the beginning. The story line takes off right away, so there isn't any boring intro stuff to read through. You are immediately introduced to the roller-coaster that is the story. The characters are well developed. It is a solid thriller that fits in well with the rest of Dekker's thrillers. What makes Dekker's books interesting is that he basically likes to explore the internal struggle of his characters, which is very evident if any of you have ever read any of his previous books. This leads the reader to take a look into their own lives and discover a little something about themselves. My favorite character in this book is Paradise. I don't want to give a lot away, so you guys will just have to check out this book for yourselves, but she is different from any of the other characters that Dekker has written about. We can all learn a lot from Paradise, actually. So I hope you guys will go pick up this book, maybe share it with your friends. It is definitely worth the read. I think it is one of the best he has written. His books just keep getting better!

He loves them because they are beautiful. He kills them because he loves them. A virtuoso killer is carving a path of death across the west, intent on killing only the most beautiful women, all in the name of love. He has claimed six victims and slipped through the FBI's fingers, each time leaving behind a hand written note and a bridal veil. Special agent Brad Raines has hunted the Bride Collector from crime scene to crime scene, but each time finds himself one step behind. Desperate for help, Raines turns to the Center for Wellness and Intelligence, a private home for gifted, mentally-ill residents. There, he finds help in an unlikely group of four who eagerly agree to help him solve the case. Raines is quickly drawn to an unlikely young woman named Paradise who struggles with psychosis. As they grow closer, he begins to see the world through her eyes. Together they enter the killer's deadly game and begin to close in. But like Paradise, the Bride Collector is supremely gifted and he has a distinct advantage: This is his game. Now Paradise will be pushed beyond her limits. She will learn what it means to be beautiful and what it means

to love, really love. Full of surprising wit and hair-raising twists that will keep you riveted to the end, *The Bride Collector* will haunt you with a new way of looking at beauty, love and the world in which you live.