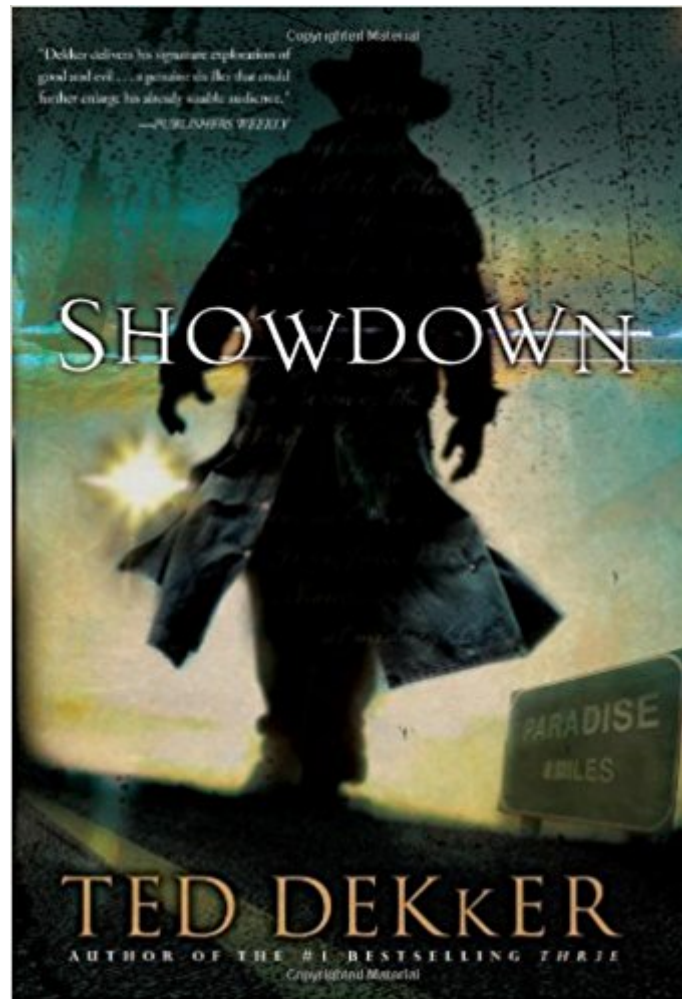


The book was found

Showdown (Paradise Series, Book 1) (The Books Of History Chronicles)



Synopsis

Welcome to Paradise. Epic battles of good and evil are happening all around us. Today that battle comes to town with the sound of lone footsteps clacking down the blacktop on a hot, lazy summer afternoon. The black-cloaked man arrives in the sleepy town of Paradise and manages to become the talk of the town within the hour. Bearing the power to grant any unfulfilled dream, he is irresistible. Seems like bliss . . . but is it? Or is hell about to break loose in Paradise?

Book Information

Hardcover: 384 pages

Publisher: Thomas Nelson (January 3, 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1595540059

ISBN-13: 978-1595540058

Product Dimensions: 9.5 x 6.4 x 1.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds

Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 stars Â Â See all reviews Â (148 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #1,112,685 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #253 in Â Books > Literature & Fiction > Genre Fiction > Religious & Inspirational > Western #943 in Â Books > Literature & Fiction > Genre Fiction > Religious & Inspirational > Mystery #33112 in Â Books > Mystery, Thriller & Suspense > Thrillers & Suspense > Suspense

Customer Reviews

Ted Dekker is a total "hit or miss" with me. I began my foray into his work with *Thr3e* and literally could not finish the book. But, assured by a friend I trusted, I gave him another shot and picked up *Black*. I was not disappointed. The day I finished *Black*, I got *Red* and the day I finished *Red*, I began *White*. I absolutely loved *The Circle Trilogy*, so you can imagine my eagerness when I discovered *Showdown*, which is roughly a continuation of the *Trilogy*, centering around the mysterious *Books of History* which bring written words into real life. *Showdown* begins with promise, builds weakly, and putters to a pathetic end. Is there any action in *Showdown*? Plenty, I suppose. Actually, *Showdown* is a fairly gory and violent story. I would not recommend it to anyone under the age of maybe 15. If it were to be made into a movie as written, it would be rated "R", "PG-13" at the least. The story is about a tiny, isolated town in Colorado. It literally has one grocery store, one church, one beauty shop, and once had a movie theater. The town of Paradise (such an awfully cliché name, all things considered) has a population of about 400, but we only really get the feeling

that it's populated by about twenty. The remaining population are only briefly referenced a few times, which skews the feel of the story, in my opinion. The opening scene is pretty good, actually. Johnny Drake, a boy of about fourteen, is sitting with his old (very old) friend Cecil as a stranger decked out in what can only be described as a gunslinger's getup from a Clint Eastwood spaghetti western, strides into town on foot. Marsuvees Black is an outlaw prophet come to Paradise to bring the sleeping residents a message of "grace and hope" and to shake things up a little.

Having read several of Dekker's novels, I can honestly say that this complete train-wreck of a story is hands-down the worst of his that I have read so far. It boggles my mind that anyone, even the most slobbering Dekker fanatic, could enjoy this incomprehensible mess. Still, there are a lot of five-star reviews out there, so if you're thinking about buying "Showdown", take the following quiz. 1) A mysterious preacher has just come to your town claiming to be a man of God. He has been implicated in the death of an elderly resident, and has admitted putting an hallucinogenic drug into the town's water system. Since his arrival, the town has been blasted for days by a freak sand storm, and now you're having nightmares in which the preacher urges you to impale your spouse with a wooden stake. Do you conclude: A) This guy is the spawn of Satan! B) I don't know who he is, but he's causing trouble; better call the state police. C) I kinda dig the name "Marsuvees". Sounds like a man of God to me! 2) You have just found a set of ancient objects with the power to grant your every wish. Do you use it to: A) Solve world hunger and cure cancer. B) Fulfill all your selfish desires. C) Lock a bunch of orphans in a monastery and use them as guinea pigs in a bizarre socio-spiritual experiment in the name of "love". 3) While exploring a mysterious cavern, you encounter a passage crawling with giant worms. The worms are excreting a mucous-like substance that smells like dirty socks. What is your reaction? A) You turn pale and become physically sick. B) You flee in shrieking terror. C) You decide to scoop up some of their excrement and eat it.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Showdown (Paradise Series, Book 1) (The Books of History Chronicles) Paradise Lost: An Annotated Bibliography (Paradise series Book 1) Showdown at Comanche Butte (Remington Book 3) The Divine Comedy & Paradise: Paradise v. 3 (Classics) History: Human History in 50 Events: From Ancient Civilizations to Modern Times (World History, History Books, People History) (History in 50 Events Series Book 1) History: British History in 50 Events: From First Immigration to Modern Empire (English History, History Books, British History Textbook) (History in 50 Events Series Book 11) Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America The Next America: Boomers, Millennials, and the Looming Generational Showdown Jokes For Kids -

Joke Books : Funny Books : Kids Books : Books for kids age 9 12 : Best Jokes 2016 (kids books, jokes for kids, books for kids 9-12, ... funny jokes, funny jokes for kids) (Volume 1) LIST SERIES: JAMES ROLLINS: SERIES READING ORDER: SIGMA FORCE BOOKS, THE BANNED AND THE BANISHED BOOKS, GODSLAYER BOOKS, JAKE RANSOM BOOKS, TUCKER WAYNE BOOKS, STANDALONE NOVELS BY JAMES ROLLINS Chronicles of the Black Company (Chronicles of the Black Company Series Book 1) JUDITH McNAUGHT: SERIES READING ORDER & BOOK CHECKLIST.: SERIES LIST INCLUDES: ALL STANDALONE NOVELS, SEQUELS, WESTMORELAND, PARADISE & FOSTER SERIES (Top ... Authors Reading Order & Checklists 2) The Stairway to Heaven: Book II of the Earth Chronicles (The Earth Chronicles) Twelfth Planet: Book I of the Earth Chronicles (The Earth Chronicles) The lost realms: Book IV of the Earth Chronicles (The Earth Chronicles) All Mye Queen's Men Chronicles of Love, Volume I (All Mye Queen's Men, Chronicles of Love) The Immortality Chronicles (The Future Chronicles) The Galaxy Chronicles (The Future Chronicles) The Shapeshifter Chronicles (The Future Chronicles) The Time Travel Chronicles (The Future Chronicles)

[Dmca](#)