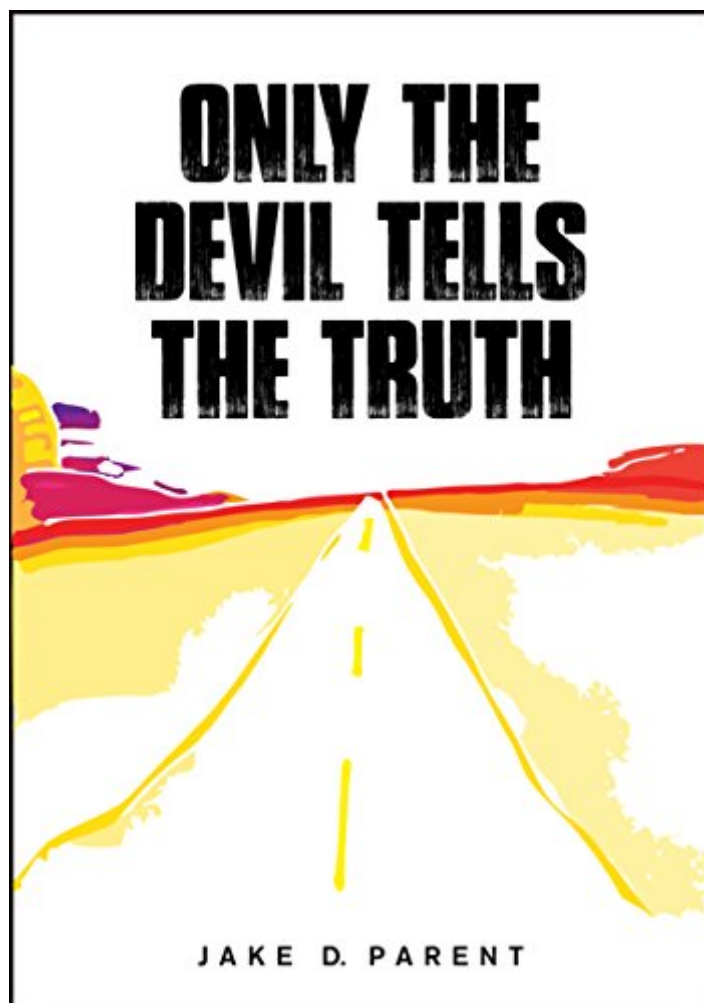


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Only The Devil Tells The Truth



Synopsis

A #1 Bestseller. In a world where success is too often defined by dollars and cents, sometimes a person has to go through hell to find out what really matters. No one knows this better than ex-alcoholic and drug addict Nick Johnson. But while his heart tells him he's destined for greatness, so far life has yet to deliver. That is, until the day Nick is in a horrendous car crash that almost kills him – a life-changing event that forces him to not only follow his dreams, but face the demons of his past. Only The Devil Tells the Truth is filled with laughs, love, pain, and tears. But most importantly it's full of inspiring reminders about how precious and short life really is. All delivered in a driving narrative that readers say makes the book impossible to put down.

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Customer Reviews

The characters in Only The Devil Tells The Truth are remarkable and deep. Each one sprung to life as the words on the pages effortlessly flowed from page to page. Painting their self portraits, and intertwining their personalities with their individual quirks that make up a strong, multi-layered and

likable/unlikable character. I found the chapter breaks a bit difficult to follow. The book was bouncing from "reality" to "story" (which is not a critique, just a fact) and it was a bit difficult for me to understand which time frame I was reading. I was able to figure it out rather quickly but it did briefly break my reading flow. The book as a whole was very well written and edited. The words the author used painted the most vibrant and multi-layered pictures in my mind. I found it very appealing. This book could have been a perfect outlet to expound more on the relationship between a son and a single mother but unfortunately it did not. Fiction is a great way to get across facts without directly facing the opposition. That is one topic our society refuses to look at with an objective eye. That wasn't the author's point of this book of course, nor is this a criticism of the book but it would have been an added, and valuable bonus in my opinion. I am excited to read another book from this author. Overall this was a great book that was well worth my time to read and review it. Touché! ©, Jake Parent!

This very moving and genuine story is an absolute work of art. I am SO impressed that this is Jake's first published book - what a gift he has! Each and every page drew me in. There were numerous points where I cried and many more where I smiled. While the plot is relatively simple and understandable at the surface, it unmask a deep and insightful interpretation of the human condition, and the triumphs and tribulations we all go through at some point or another on a personal level. He touches upon powerful experiences such as pain, suffering, unconditional love, redemption, regret, vulnerability, selflessness, courage, determination, and, most importantly, self-realization. Beautiful beyond words. I hope future generations will read and appreciate this transformative book as much as I have. Definitely one I'll eventually be passing onto my children and grandchildren :)

This book-within-a-book was very hard to put down; I read it in two sittings. The writing is so filled with details. It's those details, excruciating, painful, and beautiful, that make it so compelling - like I was right there smelling the smells, and feeling the pain. That, to me, is the mark of really great writing. I enjoyed it more than a lot of things I've read lately. I especially liked Chapter 25. It was short, but the sentiment was so simple and true - I wanted to underline it a thousand times. Jake Parent is a master at the art of writing dialogue. Writing honest, believable, and natural conversations is so tricky, but the author nails it. The characters reminded me that we are all human, and some things are just universal. I also often question male authors' attempts at writing female characters, but I think Jake did an excellent job of portraying Henri, Katie, and Barbara as people,

not just objects. I've read many books where I found myself not caring what happened to the characters, but in this case, I really wanted Nick to succeed and find happiness. This is simply a powerful, inspiring, and dramatic story!

This is a really great book. I'd intended to do a little reading last Saturday and ended up finishing this heartfelt novel in one sitting; I really could not put it down! The characters are beautifully written and the story has true authenticity. I was quickly drawn into the world of Nick, Henri, and Eric, rooting for each of them along the way. (Especially Eric! what a great character. He stuck with me the most.) The unique, quick pace of the writing style was a perfect compliment to the subject matter and pulled me in to every page. Relatable, honest, and genuine first novel from Jake Parent. Thank you for writing this book!

This book takes the reader into a world of uncertainty, lies, lack of commitment to family and friends, alcohol, drugs -situations that are foreign to many- and it grabbed me. It gave the reader insight into the mind of a young boy, living in poverty with no sense of home or family and we watch how the need to belong leads him into a world of disregard for other humans and himself. At the same time, one could see tenderness, love, empathy and friendship poke through and finally give hope to a seemingly hopeless life. Parent does an excellent job of sharing the "other side of the tracks" and the downward spiral of lack of education, poor adult models, alcohol and drugs. But, there is hope!! Well written - with passion and insight.

This book had my attention from *The Why* to *The Sun Also Rises*. This story is full of everything you want in a good read--words that make you laugh, cry, reflect, and seek to understand--words that give you hope for better. It is a fantastic example of transformation and how to turn things completely around for a better life--better opportunities- and a better self. If you have a family member or friend who is dealing with drug or alcohol addiction, I highly recommend this book. The story will give the reader inspiration for hope and happiness, and a sense that the first step to "better" is only a reach away. Fantastic story Jake...I would have NEVER KNOWN...you are the poster child for Transformation! I applaud you in your writing, your story, your determination, and your courage to share the truth. Bravo!

Powerful and moving, the way this book reads is as a story within a story format which is difficult to pull off but Jake does it with skill. There are some heart wrenching scenes which keep you engaged

with Nick, Henri, and Eric in this tale of redemption and recovery. While tracing years of ups and downs, it's a fast read as you find yourself cheering Nick on but wanting to smack him at the same time. I look forward to more from Jake, and would recommend this book to anybody who wants something with depth that will stay with you.

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