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Book Review: Dark Video by Peter Church by Mandy Andrews



Have you ever sat through a movie that was so gripping that you left with tense muscles and a headache? Dark Video is the kind of book that I envision as that type of thriller. The author, Peter Church, is telling a story that has you gripped from the very first page and proceeds to develop into something a lot more intricate and dark.

The story follows a group of university students based in Cape Town and their experiences that connect them to a character known simply as Dark Video. They face a number of moral twists and turns and try and validate them along the way – some better than others. I found myself aghast at various parts, but morbid curiosity kept me reading. The characters themselves grow and transform through the story. Along the way there are intimations and hints that keep you glued to the book and make you want to keep reading and move with the characters themselves. The world of cyber- space is visited and the ramification of making movies takes on a whole new meaning.

Had this been a movie, the review board may rate it as suitable for mature audiences. There are a few scenes that I imagine would trouble a more prudent reader and the language used can occasionally be considered immoral, but it reflects the core of the story and the morality in question. The picture created by the author is so clear that I could feel the "dread" as felt by the main character at one point.

If you enjoy a thriller with a twist at the end then Dark Video is a must to get your blood pumping.

For more information see www.peterchurch.book.co.za



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