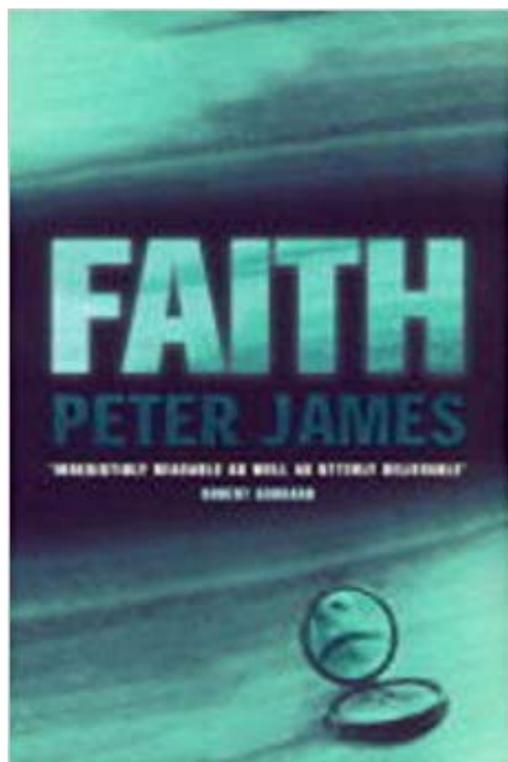


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Reviews of the Faith by Peter James

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Peter James is one of few truly extraordinary writers. His prose is crystal clear, character specific, and his understanding of human nature is staggering. The pure, quietly astonished, restful yet obsessive state one tumbles into reading this book, brought me profound, pure, uncomplicated happiness. Peter James's stories are each unique from all others of his stories, are deeply and deceptively layered, with not an event, thought or action that EVER rings false. James's fathoms-deep understanding of humanity, his astonishing knowledge of the many fields he taps into so effortlessly in his books. Medicine. Philosophy. Psychiatry. Police procedure. Law. Alternate medicine. The human body, boggling in its complexity, and the human mind, the only thing more complex and mysterious than the human body. And, of terrific importance, as regards all of the above, love. The many threads the man weaves together with consummate skill, creating tapestries of unparalleled richness, with colors, depths, shadows, experimentation, and the excitement of the endless possible

combinations of threads, result in a heightening the senses, in countless thrills, and a multiplicity of surprises, combining to create a three dimensional tapestry as vibrant, as enveloping, as wonderful, and as welcome, as a slow, ocean sunrise, a freak urban sunset, a child's simple smile, a roaring fire (in a fireplace, I think), all while mimicking the movements of a lover's heart. James CREATES the concept, with controlled abandon, of the meaning of the dashes" between the dates of our birth and the dates of our death -- as seen commonly on headstones -- "1749 -1845" -- sharing with us, this never before, the glorious truth that a simple, utilitarian "dash" is really quite profound. It represents, with staggering understatement, the sum of our lives. Everyone is born. Everyone dies. But, what happens in between, during the "dash"... How many of us fill our dashes with important (to us) event, with curiosity, with courage, with action, with the acquisition of knowledge, with inner and outer travels as not mere destinations, but visits to the soul. "Faith" is a book to be admired, cherished, and thrillingly enjoyed, fully engaging the lucky reader's mind, heart, delights, fears, and with it's surprises multiple, always fully earned, never gratuitous trickery, but never in the least less startling for it. I will have this book inside me forever, it's resonance, relevance, and lessons taught already a part of my DNA; "Divinely Nuanced Astonishment". I've not gone into the particulars of the plot of "Faith". And, it's a DOOZY, the double-meaninged title, the least of it. I just don't want to give away A THING! I do, realizing it makes me a bit of a git, want to ASK you to read this book. You will have a ripping good time, and find yourself not QUITE the same person you were before it's absorption. It will be, I promise you, impossible to put down, as well as a marvelous way to spend part of your "dash".

And, I want to thank Peter James. A book this layered, thrilling, moving, funny, expertly plotted and filled with WONDER, cannot have been easily crafted. But, every one of it's spectacular, passionate, caring, amusing, lucid, entertaining, enlightening, and, yes, magical moments into which you poured your very best self, has paid off in SPADES -- in ways I wonder if even YOU, in the trance-like state necessary for one to transcend the available -- are aware of. But what you have created, dear writer, is a work of art, of lasting, singular beauty, true and pure, on every page.

Fenrikasa

Eerily frightening story. Characters are well written, storyline excellent. An unraveling that is very thought provoking. I highly recommend this book

Kulalbine

I read this book because I am sure that I have read Peter James in the past and enjoyed him. I though I'd give him another go.

What a terrible mistake.

Our heroine, Faith, is a mousy, insecure, unhappy wife whose only strengths are that in some lights she looks like Meg Ryan and she sometimes wears a cute pair of ankle boots.

Faith is married to Ross Ransome, a cruel, heartless, slip shod surgeon who is also a domineering, wife beating, child abusing and matricidal caricature of a man. I can't imagine why James didn't go the full way and give him a Hitler moustache as well.

Into this shambolic marriage steps the handsome stranger who falls in love with Faith across a crowded room. Yawn. Handsome stranger also happens to have a sad past (a dead child, sure to attract Faith's nurturing side), and in contrast to our vile surgeon husband, happens to be an alternative health practitioner.

Which is just as well, because mousy Faith has just developed an extremely rare form of tropical virus which will kill her shortly if her homicidal husband doesn't slap her about too much first.

Name your cliché, it is here. The book is not worth reading. Instead, may I suggest Andrew Davidson's "The Gargoyle" which has to be the most extraordinary book of love and faith I have read in years.

Fhois

Got what my wife ordered

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I couldn't believe the reviewer who gave this two stars. I don't often write reviews, but here's one.

Got this book from my local library. I COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN.

I read a lot. I'm a published author in my own right. I know what sucks and what doesn't and I rarely give four, much less five star reviews.

This was a fast-paced, well-characterised British thriller. Great action, engaging characters. I really enjoyed it and couldn't put it down.

Tebei

I have just finished reading the paperback version of this title and unlike the other reviewer found it to be a brilliant read and would recommend it to anyone as a gripping story of a madman!! I have read a number of Peter James titles and find his Roy Grace stories excellent!

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