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Water Walker (The Outlaw Chronicles)



Synopsis

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Ted Dekker is a New York Times best-selling author of over thirty novels. Heralded as a "master of suspense" by Library Journal, Dekker has sold millions worldwide, establishing himself as one of the most widely recognized author brands. Dekker was born to missionaries and grew up among cannibals of Indonesia, and his peculiar upbringing gives him a unique perspective outside the cultural bubble, allowing him the freedom to share provocative insights in his fiction. He resides in Austin, Texas with his wife and children. You can find him at Teddekker.com and [Facebook.com/teddekker](https://www.facebook.com/teddekker).

Huge fan of the author, with the exception of the way he ends his books. Though I did like the ending of this book. *Water Walker* took me about a day to finish to finish. Not something I would suggest for a first time reader. The book implies you are familiar with *The Outlaw* series (At least 2 books) and to a smaller extent *Project Showdown*. Likes:-One thing I liked about the book (and I feel like he does this in a lot of his books) is the idea of true repentance. By that not having any hate or contempt for anyone who has wronged you in anyway. He looks to Jesus as the example with a combined element of the supernatural.-The ending was simple and left me satisfied. Not something I normally have from reading one of his books. Some problems:-The character development FBI agent. Any other reviewers feel like that just died?-The character development of Wyatt was slightly better, but I felt like that too just died.-Typos-The middle felt pretty repetitive. Not up to his usual standards, but as a fan of the author I enjoyed it. For those of you not familiar with the author, I suggest starting with another one of his works such as *Thr3e* or *Blink of an Eye* and then move your way to to the *Circle Series*. Its clever to see how he twist his books into his other ones.

I have always loved reading Ted Decker novels. I have almost read every single one. I started with *Black* and haven't stopped. The way he interconnects the stories with underlining twists and turns that pulls in mystery, spiritual battles, the unseen world that exists; and is far greater and more important. And *The Lord* is always at the center. I have learned so much from every book and some very profound life lessons that happen to just connect right to where my life is at at that moment. I can say honestly that that has happen many more times then just once. I hope he never stops writing because he is so gifted.

I like Ted Dekker's writing. This is no different; he mixes spirituality into a thriller. In addition to the

story it sends us a powerful message of letting go. We have a story of abduction by a natural mother, mind & physical control of her daughter, and a location in Louisiana where the child is basically held prisoner for five years. Are these abductors religious zealots or do they have other reasons? The abused child finds a way out through Stephen (Outlaw) after years of abuse. The message is very good, considering we all have it within us. A fast read, I was enthralled by it; though I found it flawed.-Olivia, the FBI agent has a strong prescience, but her character never develops fully. The same holds true for Wyatt.-Claude is a secondary character who comes out of nowhere, has no development, then meets his fate.-Zeke plays a large antagonist role, yet his fate is very non-descript and barely mentioned at the end. Though our heroine gets this beautiful gift and her ability to act her own salvation, I really think the premise was carried too far. It went to a stage of Pollyanna. Unlike other Mr. Dekker books, I found the ending to this one flat and rushed, disappointing. A very good novel really deserved a closure as rapt as the rest of the book. I'll give it a 4, but it came close to 3 because of the ending

Thirteen-year-old orphan Alice Ringwald has no memory beyond six months ago. The only life she knows is the new one she's creating one day at a time with the loving couple that recently adopted her and gave her new hope. That hope, however, is shattered one night when she is abducted by a strange man. In a frantic FBI man hunt, the kidnapper vanished with Alice. So begins *Water Walker*, a modern-day parable that examines the staggering power of forgiveness, and reminds us that it's possible to live free of the hurt that keeps our souls in chains. Really a fantastic book by Ted Dekker. *Water Walker* from the very first chapter, even first line grabbed me and I couldn't wait to read every word and find out what happened next. Alice got into such a mess that I felt that there was no way she would ever get out or even live, but Ted pulled it through again at the very end. *Water Walker* is part of *The Outlaw Chronicles*. You don't need to read *The Outlaw*, but it gives you back story. Also if you want to know the whole story you should also read *Showdown*, another unbelievable book. I love how Ted works forgiving everyone and knowing no matter what happens to you on this earth it's just happens to your outside shell. A very well written, highly interesting book. I very much recommend *Water Walker*. I didn't review this for any publishing company or for the author. I just wanted everyone to know what an excellent book this is.

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