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Detective Amos Decker discovers that a mistake he made as a rookie detective may have led to deadly consequences in the latest Memory Man thriller in David Baldacci's #1 New York Times bestselling series.

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Amos Decker and his FBI partner Alex Jamison are visiting his hometown of Burlington, Ohio, when he's approached by an unfamiliar man. But he instantly recognizes the man's name: Meryl Hawkins. He's the first person Decker ever arrested for murder back when he was a young detective. Though a dozen years in prison have left Hawkins unrecognizably aged and terminally ill, one thing hasn't changed: He maintains he never committed the murders. Could it be possible that Decker made a mistake all those years ago? As he starts digging into the old case, Decker finds a startling connection to a new crime that he may be able to prevent, if only he can put the pieces together quickly enough...

David Baldacci's 5th in the Amos Decker series is a brilliant and compulsive thriller with Decker back home in Burlington, Ohio, where his wife, Cassie, daughter, Molly and brother in law, Johnny, died. He is there to commemorate what would have been Molly's 14th birthday. This tragedy has driven Decker's fierce and implacable obsession to fight for justice. After earlier brain injuries, he has been gifted and cursed by hyperthnesia, which means he can forget nothing and synesthesia. At Molly's grave, a man meets him that he doesn't recognise but he knows his name, Meryl Hawkins, now released from prison and dying of cancer. Decker had led the investigation that convicted Hawkins of the murder of Don Richards and his 2 children and David Katz, who had dropped in to see Don. It was Decker's first murder investigation and the evidence against Hawkins appeared ironclad, but Hawkins proclaims his innocence, asking him to look again at the murders. Decker's original cop partner and friend, Mary Lancaster also has doubts about the original conviction.

Decker cannot bear living with the possibility that he helped to destroy the life of an innocent man, as he commits to reworking this cold case. Indications that he is on the right path begin with the stone cold murder of Hawkins. Attempts are made on Decker's life, and in a blood drenched case, every lead he has ends up dying as the bodies start piling up. As Mary is forced to recuse herself when her husband, Earl, turns out to be the alibi of a possible suspect, Blake Natty is appointed to lead the case from the police end, and he and his superior, Pete Childress, are determined that Decker takes no further part in the case and leaves Ohio. Decker is having none of this, relentless in his pursuit of the truth. He is joined and assisted by a familiar face and friend, Melvin Mars, a man who spent 20 years in prison and on death row in Texas, until Decker proved his innocence. Decker finds that old sins cast long shadows as he seeks redemption for his past errors as an inexperienced murder detective.

This is a fast paced, complex and compulsive thriller, well constructed, and packed with suspense and tension. Baldacci is an expert at drawing in the reader and keeping them hooked right up to the tense last pages of the novel. His protagonist, Decker, is an interesting and unusual character, trapped in past

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traumas with memories that will never fade away, he is slowly and surely being destroyed unless he can learn to shift direction and create stronger personal ties with his friends that roots him in the present rather than the past. This is a highly intense, thrilling and entertaining read with a diverse cast of characters, showcasing Baldacci's considerable skills in writing nail biting thrillers. Highly recommended. Many thanks to Pan Macmillan for an ARC. ...more

Redemption Day Sheryl Crow

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There are an awful lot of dead bodies in this book, many visits to the morgue and a huge amount of very detailed and very smart police work. Some of the goodies turn out to be baddies and hardly anyone is who they seem to be. I suppose someone very smart could guess who killed who and why but I had to be patient and wait until Decker explained it all.

I enjoyed it enormously and hope that the author is planning a book 6. ...more

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By helping this ex-convict, Amos Decker tries to atone his sins and face his inner demons.

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connection and only Jamison and his new friend, ex convict Mars were able to open small cracks on his walls, fighting against his social barriers.

On this book, by slowly making peace with his past, Decker starts to communicate more with the people, even he starts accepting human touch. He still remembers the past tragedies, suffers from panic attacks and obsessed with his family house but he takes a big step on his life.

At the end, our character does not only bring justice to the wrongly convicted man, he also moves farther a little bit and learns to embrace his past to have a real future.

I loved twisted crime story and smartly developed plot but mostly I enjoyed to see the development of the character.

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Abandoning the playing field for police work, Decker’s condition is both a gift and a curse. While he’s able to remember endless important details pertaining to various investigations, he can never forget the murders of his wife, daughter, and brother-in-law—the images of their dead bodies forever, painfully, preserved in his memory. Now, though, Decker is working cold cases with an elite FBI unit, a job that takes him all across the country in search of justice for those who deserve it most. This time, after narrowly escaping death in Pennsylvania following the events of last year’s *The Fallen*, Decker is back in his hometown of Burlington, Ohio . . .

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diagnosed with hyperthymesia, a condition where one has near perfect recall of one's past and cannot forget anything they have seen, read or heard. He also awoke with synesthesia, where colours are seen related to people, places and numbers. These are very rare but actual medical conditions. He spent time at a scientific institute where his condition was studied along with others with similar brain anomalies. He lost some of the empathy and social skills he had formerly possessed.

These disorders were upsetting for him but put to good use as a detective in his hometown police force. He was attempting to lead as normal a life as possible, married and was the most loving father of a young daughter, and adored his family. One evening he returned home to find his wife, little girl and brother-in-law brutally murdered in their home. The killer and motive remained mysterious.

Amos went into decline. Lived in the streets, became dirty, shabby, grew a straggly beard and gained considerable weight. In order to solve the murder of his family, he cleaned himself up and returned to police work in his hometown. He found his troublesome ability to recall in detail everything he had seen was of great advantage in solving crimes, but most distressing when he had vivid flashbacks of finding the bodies of his family. He could not endure being touched by friends and colleagues and remained anti-social. I was glad to learn he is now making friends and his social skills are well on the mend. He is now a valuable consultant with the FBI.

In this book, Amos returns to his hometown to visit his families' graves on the anniversary of his daughter's birthday. He meets a prematurely aged man of sickly appearance. It turns out that 13 years earlier his detective work and testimony put this man in prison for life. The man tells him he was released from prison as he is dying with cancer and has only a short time to live. He begs Decker to prove his innocence as he does not want his daughter to remember him as the murderer of 4 people. Decker wonders if he could have made a mistake when he was a rookie cop, but all the hard evidence pointed to this man's guilt.

The same day the man is murdered, and this makes Decker determined to re-investigate the old murder which caused the man to be imprisoned for 13 years. As Decker interviews people about the old crime and now the present one, bodies of people under questioning begin to pile up. Decker now believes he made a mistake when he was convinced he had solved the earlier murder and is consumed by guilt for perhaps sending an innocent man to prison. As people are presently dying he believes there must be a plot which involves the past and present crimes.

In fact, Decker and members the local police department have stumbled onto a nefarious and complex plot, more widespread and heinous than anyone could imagine. Later the FBI comes to town as part of the investigation.

This is a very complicated plot, well told and not difficult to follow. However, it does strain the limits of credibility. The investigation and dangerous action sequences are gripping. This works well as a standalone book but knowing a little of Decker's background adds to the interest.more

Redemption Song Lyrics

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Throughout the book, he is consistently on the back foot since he is reopening a 13 year old case and has to figure out where he has made wrong assumptions. From a story narration perspective, this works wonders because you can see him persevering even through the setbacks and this showcases a side of Amos Decker that we have not seen much before.

Even though I have given five stars, there are a couple of issues with the book.

The first issue is with the mystery. It is decent per se for most of the book but I think some portions of the solution do not gel with the whole (why some victims were killed, how Amos Decker somehow manages to find a case that will save his job). The second issue is with how Amos Decker deals with guilt. He says that he feels guilt; his friends say that he feels guilt. But, we do not see this guilt manifest in any of his actions. It is a bit like someone telling you they find something funny but with a totally serious face and flat intonation.

Still, I liked the book and it kept me interested throughout. Amos Decker fans, do not miss it.

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Wow! What a read. I thoroughly enjoyed Redemption which is an engrossing thriller with plenty of twists and turns and a very modern theme albeit with an old fashioned execution. It has been a while since I spent time with Decker having not yet got round to books three and four so I had forgotten what I was missing.

The novel is told fully from the law enforcement perspective, mostly Decker, so the reader has no idea of what is behind either the thirteen year old spree or the current one (Meryl Hawkins is only the first victim). This is my favourite approach as it allows the reader to identify with Decker and get invested in his investigation while leaving plenty of room for speculation and encouraging the reader to read on to satisfy their curiosity. I was hooked from the initial meeting and couldn't put the novel down from there to the rather startling conclusion, startling because it's silly but not quite beyond the realm of possibility. Hats off to Mr Baldacci's imagination and also to his ingenuity in the way he resolves many puzzles throughout the novel. I also think it is worth mentioning the writing style which is very welcoming and instantly makes the reader feel comfortable and at home in his story. It is a well plotted thriller with plenty of excitement, action and mysteries and is great entertainment.

Amos Decker is a nice man with much sorrow in his past due to the murder of his family and some strange brain conditions due to a football collision when he was young. Without getting technical he has a perfect memory for everything and sees auras of colour round anyone he meets. The former comes in handy with his work and the latter, thankfully, doesn't get much of a mention, thankfully as it would clutter up the narrative. It would appear that Decker is changing, a fact noted frequently in the novel, becoming more sensitive and tactile. It will be interesting to see how this plays out, if it is the first steps to shrugging off the guilt of not being there for his family and starting to live in the present.

Redemption is a good read which I have no hesitation in recommending. ...more

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Decker is a fascinating creation but with all the usual, somewhat predictable baggage. The past regularly comes back to haunt him occupying and taking over his mind and taking him out of the present meaning he is less investigatively intuitive. I admire him as he is astute and compassionate and hope he evolves as a person to get back on top of his mental health in future books. Redemption is gripping entertainment with a twisted narrative, plenty of action, a diverse cast and perfect pacing.

Once again Baldacci has consistently shown himself to be at the top of his game, so anyone out there who enjoys masterfully crafted thrillers owes it to themselves to grab a copy.

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Amos Decker, in contrast, has grown to be a much richer character and provided a much more well thought-out arc to run. Not only are the mysteries still brilliantly enacted but they're proving to be

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more inclusive of utilizing Decker's particular talents to solve. They exact more of a toll. They better him in a much richer way. When I read about Robie and Reel, their cases don't feel entangled as much with who they are as people. They may be personal, but they don't feel like only the two heroes can solve them. Decker's cases inevitably do.

This novel especially feels legitimately like it has Decker's stamp all over it. Because of that my enjoyment of it goes far beyond being visceral. I enjoy this novel because he has quickly grown to be an outstanding character with an incredible story to share and it feels like we're privileged to come along for the ride.

I just hope the winning streak continues. ...more

Redemption Day

It seems like with Amos a simple trip never ends up that way and this trip is no different. Being back in his hometown Amos stumbles upon a man from the first case he worked, one where he got the ba guy, but this man now says that he didn't commit the crime. This throws Amos, throws him more when the guy ends up dead a few hours later. With Amos being Amos he now can't let this go. As Amos investigates one small thing leads to another, to another, all of them fishy. By the time we get to the end

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Another great read in a great series! Love Amos Decker! Amos is back in his home town visiting the graves of his wife and daughter. A sentenced criminal from his past has been released because he is dying with cancer and he wants Amos to clear his name because he claims he was innocent - don't they all. But something about this guy - besides the fact that he is murdered shortly after meeting Decker - stirs within Amos. That's the start of the bodies accumulating at his every turn, even attempts

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2 thumbs up and 5 solid stars ...more

Redemption Song Chords

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I didn't realize how much I missed the Decker character until I got back into this book. Once I did, it was tremendous fun. Another great mystery and some great suspense. I don't think I'm spoiling anything when I say that Mars comes back, and that just brought a smile to my face. Decker and Mars make a great team, even if they are not really supposed to.

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I have liked all David Baldacci's characters but I think Decker is my favourite. Once again Baldacci has woven his magic and created a story with twists and turns to keep you constantly intrigued and I did like the fact that at the end we see things maybe changing for the better with Amos Decker. It is a special talent that can be as prolific as David Baldacci, have such a range of characters and maintain such a constantly high standard of novel.