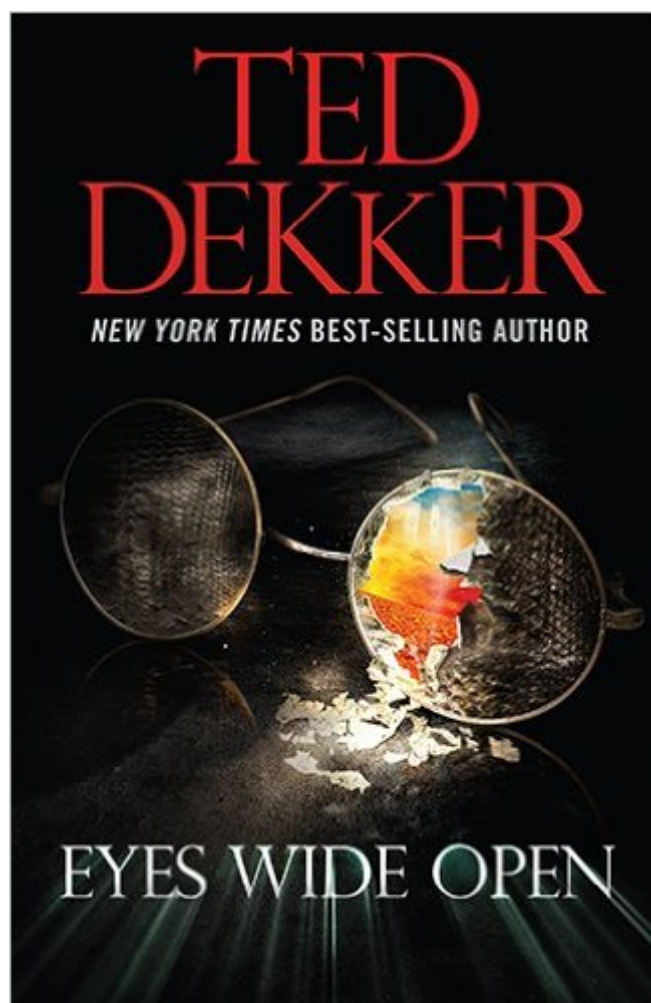


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# Eyes Wide Open (Outlaw Chronicles)



## Synopsis

First in the newest series from Ted Dekker, master of suspense, whose books have sold 9 million copies. Humming with intensity, *Eyes Wide Open* is a raw adrenaline rush from first page to last. My name is Christy Snow. I'm seventeen and I'm about to die. I'm buried in a coffin under tons of concrete. No one knows where I am. My heart sounds like a monster with clobber feet, running straight toward me. I'm lying on my back, soaked with sweat from the hair on my head to the soles of my feet. My hands and feet won't stop shaking. Some will say that I'm not really here. Some will say I'm delusional. Some will say that I don't even exist. But who are they? I'm the one buried in a grave. My name is Christy Snow. I'm seventeen and I'm about to die.

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## Customer Reviews

Two teenage friends, Austin and Christy, both with "forgotten" childhoods get accidentally lost in a mental hospital. You'd think once they could explain their situation, all would be fine and they'd leave and go on their way. But this is a Ted Dekker novel. The hospital authorities re-admit them both as Scott and Alice. So who are they? Are they Austin and Christy or Scott and Alice? Dekker weaves his clever story telling skills in a thrill-of-a-minute ride where even we the reader are unsure of the truth. The truth? What is it? How can we be certain we know the truth? Why do our perceptions of our reality play such an important part in our understanding of our individual lives? Who can provide the truth, about who we are? about our childhood? These are great questions

which Dekker asks as we the confused reader try to understand what's going on in the two protagonists lives. Are the doctors and even delightful psychiatrist Nancy really the bad guys? Dekker challenges us beyond the story to question our own perceptions of truth. I would have given this a '5', however, the sudden intrusion of a character near the end of the novel I found to be a little contrived and somewhat fantastic. I understand now why this character was injected into the novel, but it allowed a degree of artificial resolution. Those familiar with Dekker's "Showdown" novels will be able to relate to this character very easily, however, those new to Dekker may find it a little abrupt. In saying that I'm keen to read the sequel to understand how Dekker develops these themes. I read this over a series of 4 e-books which were released a week apart. I thoroughly enjoyed this process of reading the novel. If you're a Dekker fan, you'll love this. And those new to his work will enjoy it's freshness and powerful thematic premise.

Eyes Wide Open by Ted Dekker introduces two characters Christy Snow and her friend Austin. As in most of Ted's previous works, you assume one thing is happening but see it unravel as something else. I had the opportunity to read this book in four installments that are available as e-books over the last few weeks. Identity, Mirrors. Unseen and Seer. Had the whole book been available at one time, I would have read it in less time. Supernatural Thrillers are not my genre of choice, but a well-written book always captures my mind. Christy and Austin's struggle with their identity and their attempts to discover what is truth and what is delusion parallel every Christian's walk in this life. I found the plot compelling and the conclusion satisfying yet leaving me with a desire to explore the other stories recommended at the end of the book. Even if thrillers are not your cup of tea, you should pour over the delicious words in this book and experience the fragrance of the faith challenge expressed here. Eyes Wide Open

I bought this book after getting the first section for free and reading it. Ted Dekker had set up an amazingly suspenseful plot that I looked forward to following to the end. But instead of continuing what he started, he ended the book in a ridiculous catch-all way that makes me think he just didn't know how to finish it adequately. Really wish I hadn't spent anything on this book. I was very disappointed. I don't recommend buying this if you are looking for a suspense/thriller. It's more along the lines of Christian fiction. If you know that before hand then you might be fine with it, not expecting a logical conclusion. I was not expecting it to turn out this way, I was expecting a thriller as his page says he writes. Update: I see that since my post, others have also commented on the book drawing attention to the genre of book it actually is. Much appreciated!! If I had the benefit of

those comments prior to my purchase I would have felt much more informed.

Where does this guy come up with his ideas??? Just when you think you know what's happening he throws a curve in and makes you doubt all your ideas. The story line is so well thought out and written that you just can't put down the book.

Ted Dekker is an author I love to read. His most recent release I read in the episodic series and I loved it. It took me for a wild ride right to the end. Eye wide open is a book and in series form I could not get out of my head. I absolutely loved it.

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