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The Sacrifice

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The most powerful weapon against evil is sacrifice. Attorney Scott Ellis is defending Lester Garrison, a 16-year-old accused of opening gunfire on a Sunday afternoon church gathering. At the same time, Scott’s volunteer work at the local high school brings him into contact with Kay Wilson, an English teacher and former girlfriend. Unknown to either of them, Catawba High School is not just a place of learning—it’s a battleground for an age-old struggle between good and evil. On one side are praying students and a simple janitor with an extraordinary faith. On the other side is a deeply troubled young man intent on mass destruction. Caught in the middle, Scott and Kay learn that lasting victory will require the ultimate sacrifice.
without unnecessary drivel. The author weaves faith throughout the book in an exciting way. He shows that there is spiritual warfare around us and only who the real heroes are.

Always love Robert Whitlow books

After reading Whitlow’s first two books, I was apt to label him the Christian market’s John Grisham. "The List" had a terrific premise that spurred it along with elements of the supernatural. "The Trial" had an intriguing legal case that involved lawyers and courtrooms and clues and misdirection. "The Sacrifice" starts with similar aspects, then veers away from the legal twists, using them mainly as props for a deftly handled love story. The story initially revolves around a high-school kid indicted in a racial shooting, then begins to lean more heavily on the budding relationship between lawyer Scott Ellis and school teacher Kay Wilson, and finally reaches its climax with the growing menace of another of Kay’s students. Whitlow throws in some comic dialogue and touching moments. He tackles the issue of divorce and Christian dating in a straightforward and sympathetic manner. I appreciated the relationship between Scott and Kay. It is sincere and thoughtful. Unfortunately, it rarely reaches too deep into her marital troubles or too far into his physical/moral struggles in the blossoming friendship. I also appreciated the irony that Scott, a Vietnam vet, receives an act of love from a Southeast Asian janitor. While the story moves along with a number of loosely connected subplots, the romantic relationship is the catalyst to read on. Or, more accurately, it should be the catalyst... Some of the story’s other building conflicts lead to predictable results, despite the apparent efforts to occasionally mislead. Whitlow’s words of wisdom are worthwhile, well worded, and connected to the events of the story, but they often come through his omniscient narrative rather than through his characters. For me, this was somewhat distracting. Although the cover of "The Sacrifice" might lead you to believe it’s more closely related to the suspense of Whitlow’s first two books, this novel should be read on its own merits. Technically, I would not classify it as a legal thriller. Overall, I’d recommend this book for those seeking believable romance with hints of legal dealings and touches of Christian homiletics.

I have been very pleased with all of Robert Whitlow’s writings. He gives us legal thrillers with a perspective of characters seeking our lord and savior. He is an excellent writer and a blessing to all of us that are able to read his works. Look forward to reading all his books.

A great story taken right out of todays newspaper headlines a story about what happens when
relationships breakdown or are nonexistent and how everyone can become a pawn in a life or death struggle. We live in a time when it is so easy for people to isolate themselves and quickly fall into a very dark and dangerous place to our shock and fear.

All this author’s books are excellent; you couldn’t ask for better research as most of it he knows/lives already; a realistic fiction story, which I always love…and a credible, positive finish…i have all his books, in both paperback and kindle.

In the middle of our life God demonstrates His great love by sending Christ to die for us even though we are sinners. By His sacrifice we are made whole. His death led us free from the bondage of sin and death.

It is a relief to read a book so well written that isn’t full of sex and bad language. This book is for those of us who see a spiritual life as a major part of our daily existence.

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