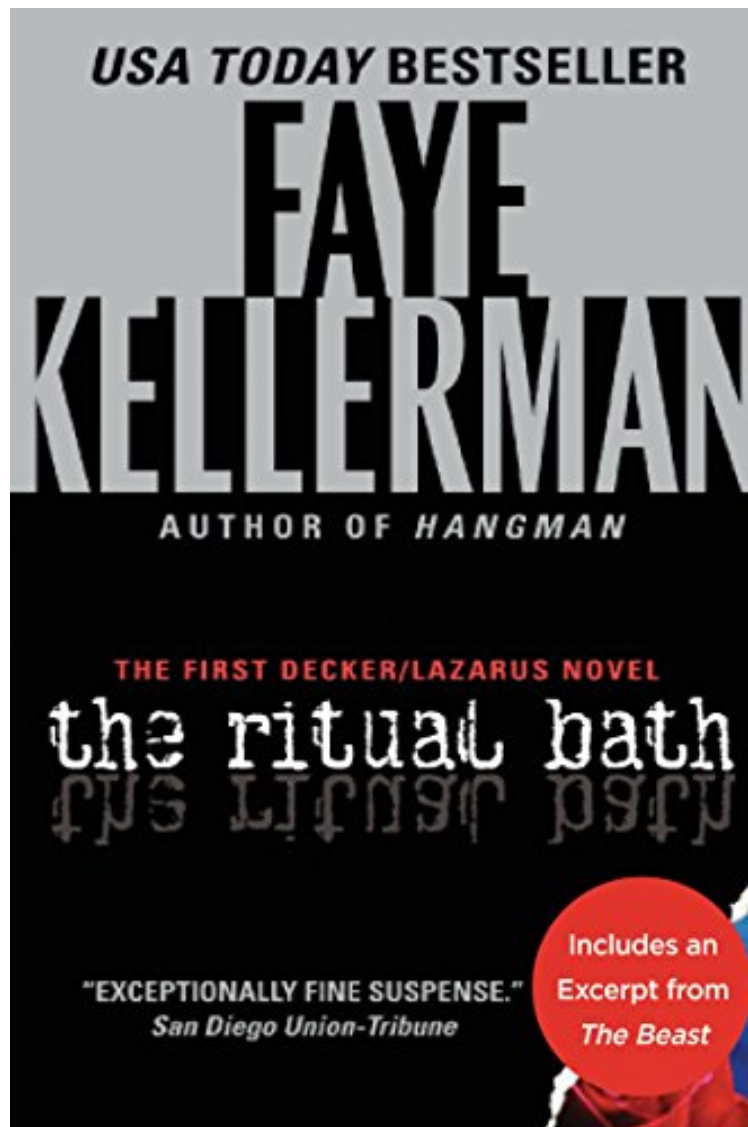


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Von Faye Kellerman : The Ritual Bath: The First Decker/Lazarus Novel (Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus Series Book 1) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ritual Bath: The First Decker/Lazarus Novel (Peter Decker and Rina Lazarus Series Book 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This mystery, its insights its characters fascinated me.Von Ein KundeDet.Peter Decker takes the call when a wife is raped while walking home after her mikvah within the grounds of a yeshiva near Los Angeles. With his partner, Marge Dunne, Peter comes face-to-face with his birthright, a secluded devout sect, a worldly rabbi the woman who will renew his faith in life in more ways than one.I was fascinated by what I found in Faye Kellerman's The Ritual Bath. She has composed a fully-fleshed mystery complete with the sacred profane. "Jewtown", so called by everyone outside of it, has a reputation for easy pickings by burglars vandals. Its very seclusion, created to enhance the practice of their faith, makes the yeshiva an easy target.It's been 35 years since I lived in a Wisconsin retreat where a thousand people of the same faith stayed for the summer; coming in waves every two weeks. It's been that long since my days took on that lovely religious rhythm of prayer play, fasting feasting, study sports within the community body. Faye Kellerman's The Ritual Bath brought back fond familiars.When I discovered that Peter Decker was adopted it hadn't bothered him much up until then; when he has to question Rina Lazarus in the women's mikvah is surprised by her good looks, powers of observations her reluctance to be there alone with him; when he meets Rav Schulman, the Rosh Yeshiva, they strike up a smoke a cordial connection; when Peter Rina struggle within themselves, curious about each other - she, a widow with young sons to raise a religion to practice; he, divorced for years with a teenage daughter for the summer no spiritual calling...I couldn't stop reading.Then Rina is harrassed by a quartet of youths outside a supermarket Peter's on call for that. Suddenly she's calling him from the mikvah where someone is trying to get at her through the locked door windows. The newly hired much liked security guard is nowhere to be seen.By this time they both realize she has been the target all along none seems to know why. By now Peter Decker's heart has become engaged , if Rina could admit it, so has hers.Faye Kellerman offers us a rich, evocative tale - yes it is set about a mean dirty act by wilful destructive people. Real life is like that, isn't it?Very well done, I really liked this one! An unusual, absorbing, erudite read of mysteries within mysteries. Delicious!1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Captivating Mystery of Jewish Life from a Goy perspectiveVon Ein KundeI've read 3 of the Decker/Lazarus series. Hint #1: they should be read in the proper order (something I haven't done). This is the book, however, that makes me want to read on! I can understand why this was chosen to be a TV movie - it has all the right ingredients. What I've found fascinating is the voyeuristic peek into a culture that I knew very little about. As a non-religious person, I found myself with a deep respect for the Jewish community rather than wondering why anyone would be crazy enough to follow so many complex rules. Kellerman's writing shows strong character development (especially the deliberately slow flirtation between the two main characters) and good dialogue, resulting in the reader bonding with the characters. The plot, however, was rather quickly resolved (particularly the Foothills rapist), yet a wide variety of suspects kept the book interesting. The book was obviously planned as the first in a series, so it's expected that character development should prevail. With the other two books I've read, again, the Jewish culture and strength of family provide an interesting read. I also recommend Sanctuary, which discusses another topic I knew little about - diamond retailing.1 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Exceptional mystery, but blasts Christian viewsVon Pamela CzerwinskiWhile her writing is extremely interesting and gives an excellent viewpoint of the Jewish life, Ms. Kellerman has a limited understanding of Christianity and her writings reveal this. If she knew the truth about Christians, then she would know that above all else, they love Jews.

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following his standard investigative procedures. Reissue.