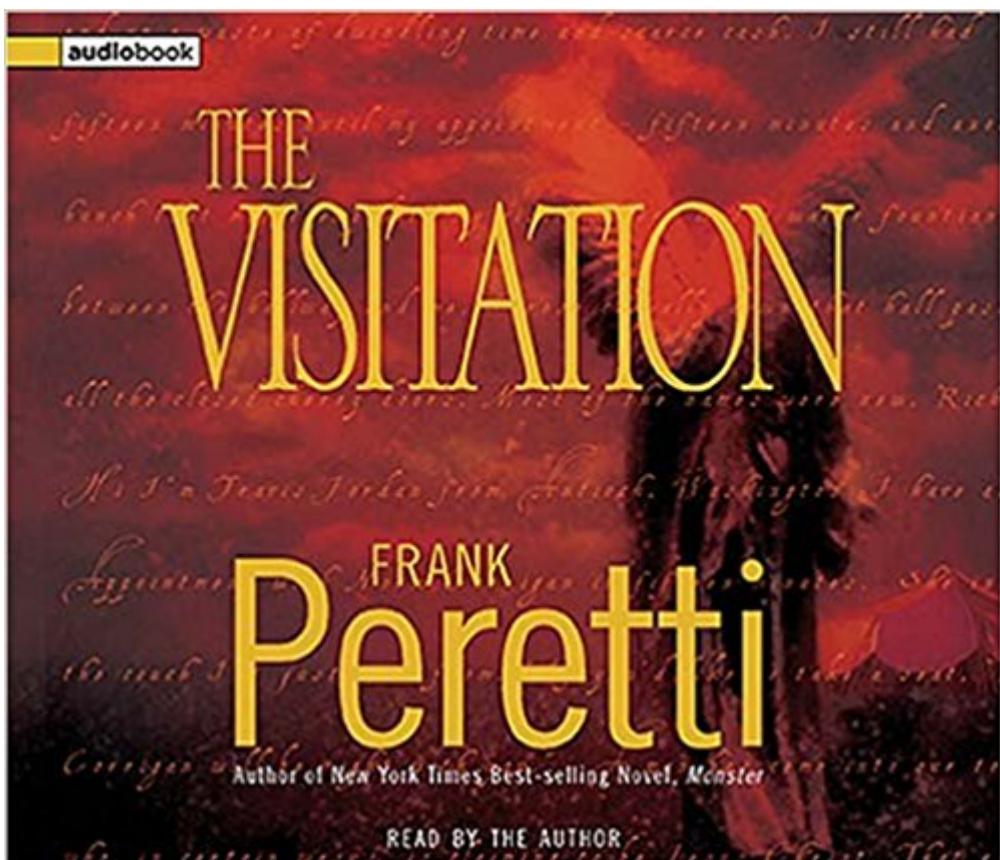


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The Visitation: Abridged Audio



Synopsis

The sleepy, eastern Washington wheat town of Antioch has become a gateway for the supernatural—•from sightings of angels and a weeping crucifix to a self-proclaimed prophet with an astounding message. The national media and the curious all flock to the little town—•a great boon for local business but not for Travis Jordan. The burned-out former pastor has been trying to hide his past in Antioch. Now the whole world is headed to his backyard to find the Messiah, and in the process, every spiritual assumption he has ever held will be challenged. The startling secret behind this visitation ultimately pushes one man into a supernatural confrontation that has eternal consequences.

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Customer Reviews

A burned-out minister in small town Antioch, Washington, must wrestle with his confusion and cynicism when a self-proclaimed messiah takes over his ministry. The replacement minister looks like Christ. He even heals the sick and performs miracles. Could this messenger of hope and renewal be the real thing? At first, this small town is abuzz with reports of miracles and religious sightings (a weeping statue of Christ, a disappearing hitchhiker warning of Christ's arrival, a soothing angel). But suddenly there's a twist of evil and demonic mystery in the air. It's up to the jaded minister Travis to track down the real story behind this visitor and somehow find a way to stop him. Frank Peretti has been a hit sensation in the Christian thriller market but admits that up until now his books have surfed in the shallow waters of pop fiction. In *The Visitation*, Peretti has worked

his craft more carefully--exploring how suffering leads to disillusionment in God as well as deepening his characterization. (The main character is a thinly disguised reflection of Peretti's own bout with doubt.) Fans will be relieved to know that Peretti is still dedicated to suspenseful drama, and there's still plenty of spine-chilling mayhem when all hell literally breaks loose on this small-town cast of characters. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Though there are elements in Peretti's latest novel reminiscent of his contemporary Christian fiction classic, *This Present Darkness* (1989), this time he tells a quieter, more personal story that reflects some of his own experiences as a minister. It's told from the point of view of a lonely widower named Travis Jordan, who feels he has failed as a minister in the little town of Antioch, Washington. He and his replacement in the pulpit, a fervent and earnest young man, are called upon to do battle against a false christ. Not an Antichrist, but a drifter, "Brandon" has assumed many identities. The false christ heals the sick and the lame, but there are hints that he's under Satan's power and that his miracles are hollow. Travis traces his history back to rural Texas, where the young Brandon, then called Justin, was nailed to a cross by his zealot father. Thus was born the false christ. Events in Antioch grow ever more bizarre and violent, with other christians showing up to denounce each other and a showdown brewing at Brandon's ranch. A fine Peretti effort distinguished for its honest considerations of religious excess: from the zealotry of born-again teenagers, convinced that signs from God are all about them, to the impersonality of a great church in Los Angeles, so big that the minister can only be seen on closed-circuit TV. John Mort --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I found the book quite riveting. It would have sounded ridiculous if it wasn't for the fact that some of the themes talked about were not already happening. So many "prophets" are out there claiming to do God's work and performing miracles with much fanfare, showmanship and not to mention showboating. The Visitation comes as a warning in this day and age when people follow signs and wonders and miracles instead of wanting to know God and following God's word. This is a good book to read for everyone and serves as a reminder to be careful and test every spirit as the Bible warns in 1 John 4vs1. It's also good to help strengthen your faith and know that God still has power over sin, principalities and sickness. The Christian walk is not the easiest but let's all soldier on. You shall know the truth and truth shall set you free!

I understand now why several reviewers said this was their best Peretti book yet! I couldn't imagine

how it could be after having just re-read "This Present Darkness" and being wowed again! I ditched digging into "Piercing The Darkness" again in favor of this which I'd never read before; Wow!!!A compelling read; from start to finish it kept me on the edge of my seat, eager to get to the bottom of things. There was no dull moment, and the satirical narrative running parallel to the historical flashbacks was brilliant. I had a number of good, tear-evoking laughs at the apt portrayals of several of the characters and their religious/denominational excesses! I loved the subtle but poignant message the storyline surrounding the protagonist Travis Jordan ultimately conveyed - that in spite of all the challenges and shenanigans religious (as distinguished from Christ-like!) people, systems and traditions tend to propagate, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the only thing that really matters and is what will sustain you when all that religious stuff fails. A personal relationship with the real JESUS on His terms is the only true way to transformation and living a life that truly counts! It was so beautiful to see the burned out, somewhat cynical minister restored in his relationship with Christ as God brought him full-circle through his unwitting involvement with the false Christ situation. The book poses a great incentive to believers to get solidly grounded in the word of God as the predicted days of deception worsen. For those unfamiliar with the bible, it's a great thought-provoker and inspiration to go dig into it to discover the truth for oneself.I recommend this book to both the believer in Jesus and non-believer alike, although the person who was brought up in church or who is familiar with various church traditions will benefit most from the humor lacing the religious descriptions and experiences!

Just when you think you know where the story is going, it takes a turn. This is a page turner and there are lots of pages. Peretti takes the reader through all the emotions and questions that many Christians feel from time to time, but adds a real devil in the flesh. A great read for sure.

It was very interesting reading about what a visit from God/god might be like. One felt the excitement, the possibility and wanting to believe. Watching the whole thing from the retired pastors view was even more insightful. It was a long book and I had to keep stopping other things to read it. There was a lot to consider in my own soul as the book progressed. It should be made into a movie but only by Christians, not Hollywood. It is definitely worth 5 stars.All Christians should read this. As a mature Christian is mirrored my own progression of faith and in such gave me hope and clarity that I am not alone.

This was a really interesting read - a bit different than some of his other books. Having read the

description of the book, I was a little uncertain if I wanted to read it. I am glad that I did. Peretti has a knack for writing about controversial topics within Christianity in a way that draws the reader in and entertains. In this book, Peretti discusses topics such as false prophets and those who follow them, charismatic worship, the battle of the denominations, mega churches, and the difference between knowing church and knowing God. It was thought-provoking and worth the time.

VERY ENTERTAINING FICTION, WITH A DASH OF TRUTH MIXED IN, TO MAKE YOU WONDER HOW ONE WOULD REACT, IF IN CASE THIS SENARIO WOULD PLAY OUT IN REAL LIFE. THIS BOOK SHOWS ME HOW IMPORTANT OUR BIBLE IS, AND THE GREAT NEED TO STUDY IT. I WILL READ MORE OF THIS GENTLEMAN'S BOOKS BECAUSE MOST OF THIS BOOK IS A PAGE TURNER- MAKING ONE WANT TO STAY UP PAST ONES BEDTIME BUT, THERE ARE A COUPLE OF TIMES WHEN TRAVIS IS REFECTING BACK ON HIS OWN HISTORY THAT IS JUST A TAD DRAWN OUT-[THOSE AREAS I SKIMMED OVER, THUS THE 4 STAR RATING].

I much enjoyed reading this book despite often losing track of the many characters. I didn't go back and try to figure out who these characters were but the plot still came together, and thankfully wasn't as predictable as I thought it might be. Also recognized as accurate the portrayal of some churches and "churchy" people, versus those with genuine belief. Human nature revealed as well as demonic influence. Insightful and sometimes humorous, all in all kept my attention and curiosity engaged. A good read.

Wow! Everything Christians fiction could be. A must read! Sadness, hope, false prophets but most of all faith. A very happy ending.

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