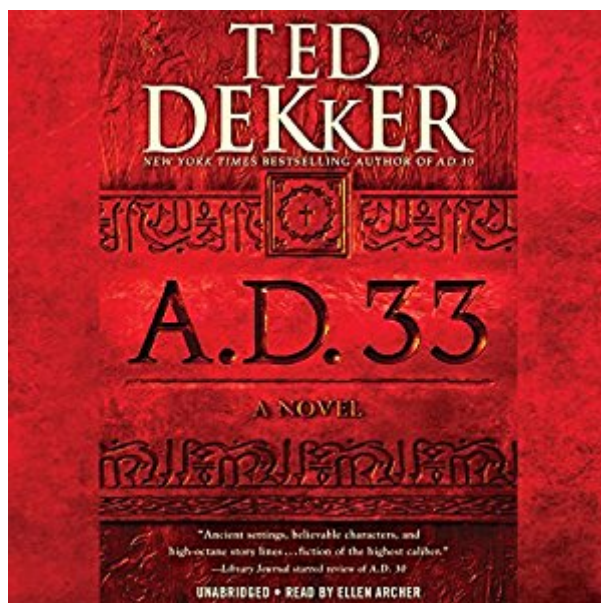


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Synopsis

New York Times best-selling author Ted Dekker delivers the gripping story of Maviah, a slave who becomes a queen in Arabia in AD 33. They call her the Queen of the Outcasts. Maviah, a woman whose fate was sealed on her birth by this world - unwanted, illegitimate, female, a slave - subject to the whims of all. But then she met a man named Yeshua who opened her eyes. She found strength in his words, peace from the brutal world around her. Because of what he taught her, she has gathered her own traveling kingdom of outcasts deep in the desert, wielding an authority few have seen. But when her growing power threatens the rulers around her, they set out to crush all she loves, leaving her reeling as a slave once more. She must find Yeshua to save her people, but when she does, she will be horrified to discover that he faces his own death. Enter a story full of intrigue, heart-wrenching defeat, uncompromising love, and staggering victory - one that reexamines everything you thought you knew about the heart of Jesus' stunning message and the power that follows for those who follow his easily forgotten way.

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Customer Reviews

This continues Maviah's story from AD 30. Now, she's in the desert, queen of her people --the only woman given a voice in council--and facing trials (what's new?). Her beloved Judah is imprisoned by the ruthless betrayer Kahil. Her backstabbing brother (Maliku) continues to side with the enemy. Her people are at risk of starvation. The men want war with those who stole their place, property, and pride. But Maviah seeks to do as Yeshua taught: live with and by peace, not the sword. However, just when it seems that peace will be theirs and starvation averted--unexpected

problems. New betrayals. And bad counsel. When Maviah heeds the voice of man and rage and not the voice of Yeshua, when the way of sword seems the right and inevitable course, peace will be lost. And much more than peace. She must seek and find Yeshua's voice again...and that will lead to new surprises for her. The best part of this, for me, is being in Maviah's head and in her voice. She's a hugely likable and courageous character, though not perfect. Like us, she doesn't always know what is the right thing to do and can make mistakes. But Dekker writes her voice very well, nobly. Readers should enjoy visiting the milieu of desert people and their difficult life and foreign ways. Dekker's fantasy/SF fans will enjoy the strategy, machinations, and battling. And those moments of faith when it "feels" like magical-wonder. Christians will enjoy seeing how often (very often) Scripture is used, paraphrased, and integrated into dialogue and character thoughts. The teachings of Christ saturate this story. Here's an example: "He was ruled by bitterness, I by acceptance. He, then, was the slave of this harsh taskmaster called earth, not I. For I was in the world but not of it." Scripture students will think of John 17. Many passages bring verses to mind in this way. POVs alternate (you'll get in more than one character's head depending on the chapter), but it works fine, so never fear. I would have preferred a different story arc for Judah, but there it is. We can't have it all. A solid read. Dekker's prose is so much improved from when I first read him years and years ago. And I don't doubt it will continue to do so as he weaves exciting tales. While I prefer fantasy as a genre, he's doing quite a good job weaving Biblical Fiction stories for us. Recommended for those who like historical or Biblical or adventure tales. There is violence and some difficult stuff, but that's true to the era's life, right?

Gene Edwards "Chronicles of the Door" & "First-Century Diaries" have been among my favorite Christian historical fiction books of this type... until now. Ted Dekker's A.D. Novels have brought me to my knees - literally - with this presentation of the Person & Ministry of Yeshua! Read them in sequence, as the second (33) is built on the first (30). I've followed Yeshua for decades, couldn't begin to count the number of times I've read scripture cover-to-cover, meditated on His Word or the number of fiction & nonfiction works I've read in almost 5 decades... and these novels still brought tears of blessing & challenged me on fundamental levels. HIGHLY recommend them both. These are not my first Ted Dekker works. He is a consistently worthy author whether the work is obviously Christian or otherwise. If you make the time to read A.D. 30 - & I strongly suggest you do - please do not deny yourself the pleasure & blessing of continuing with A.D. 33! Together, they a complete & powerful message! Was SO glad I bought both books at the same time! I *immediately* started A.D. 33 when I read the last word of A.D. 30! Read it faster & can't wait to read both again!

Far too long and drawn out. AD 30 was more like a as Lewis with the hidden message feeling out of the otherwise exciting novel, and suddenly grabbing the reader by the throat. This one was more like a preaching sermon using a dragged out story to fill it out. I think it missed the point, unlike the first one.

If you have not read A.D. 30, You really SHOULD read that book FIRST! However, BOTH books are highly recommended! I read A.D. 30 twice (so far)! The author has surpassed himself - A.D. 30 was GOOD! A.D. 33 is BETTER! What I liked about both books is that they are both really good stories - they are well plotted out, with characters that are easy to identify with. Within the story, we see humor, drama, tension, fun, hope, despair and so much more. There are also some plot points that spring up that are not expected! There is actually one plot twist that I really did NOT like... but, as the story unfolded, I found that twist to be pure genius! That is the other reason that I gave this book 5 stars - Ted Dekker writes TWO stories - a story within a story! There is the story of Maviah; then, there is the story of Yeshua (Jesus). There is actually a THIRD book interwoven in the two stories of A.D. 33 - and that is the story of the Gospel and how we may learn from the life of Maviah & Jesus. How good is A.D. 33? One day after finishing it - I started reading it AGAIN! Yes - the book is worth your money!

The Greatest Story as never told before This book, "AD 33" and the previous one "AD 30" are the life story of Jesus and His teachings, directly from Biblical accounts, as seen through the eyes of Maviah, daughter of a famous Bedoin Sheik, whose tribe was captured by a competing tribe. Before Maviah's father was killed he dispatched her on a mission to Palestine to find help for his captured tribe through Herod - who owed him a favor from long ago. What follows is an intriguing story, including Maviah's meeting with Jesus, a dangerous confrontation with the King of Petra, where Jesus' spirit helped her, a witness of the Crucifixion and loss of faith, and finally a breath grabbing coliseum death duel, where she and her son were face-to-face with a tiger, and again the Lord intervened. I am a long-time Ted Dekker fan, and I think these two books are his best ever - should be a good read for Christians and non-Christians alike.

I'm a fan of the Ted Dekker thriller novels, and the way he weaves in a deep thread of faith into each one. This was different from others of his books in that it was more of a historical fiction based around the time of Jesus. Even though it is a fictional story, it gets you thinking and asking

questions about your own faith, and what offenses may be blinding you to The Way.

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