

Book title: Ravine

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I thought that this was a really good book! It keeps your attention and has a good storyline. The characters were interesting, especially Rachel the woman that had the "gift" to help those that needed God's help (whether they knew it or not). Danny was the one that I could relate to the most because I was in the same place that he was for a lot of years. I held a lot of resentments, a lot of anger and a lot of other unresolved issues towards my father and brothers. Carrying this anger made it easier for me to find justification for my behavior, which eventually led to the death of an innocent man.

Back to the book.... I think that this book is about spirituality, the power of forgiveness and how the things that we keep inside can destroy not only our lives but the lives of others. The ripple effect of crime is more than evident, not only in the case of Carolyn and her friends and family, but also in the case of Danny's family, not to mention the Grants and their family (the people they robbed at the beginning of the book). This book is also a testimony to what can happen if you (criminals) do not use your time to honestly take a look at yourself and what got you here. Danny had the chance to correct his thinking, but chose to "fake it to make it". He played the part in prison but never really changed. His brother on the other hand took responsibility for his actions, made the changes that he needed to make to better himself, found God and became a productive member of society. This dispels the argument that where you are from dictates your thoughts/actions, because here are two brothers that were raised together, had similar experiences, went to prison for the same crime but one changed and the other actually got worse and eventually killed his own wife and son. The last

statement can be taken both figuratively or literally. We mentally, emotionally and physically kill our loved ones when we leave them and come to prison, proven by the affects that crime had on Danny and Tony's mother and father.

This is a book that every criminal should read. It shows how powerful forgiveness can be, how holding on to resentments can destroy you, how crime affects everyone, that we can change if we want to, what can happen if we don't change, and that it does not matter where you are from or how you were raised crime affects everyone.

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