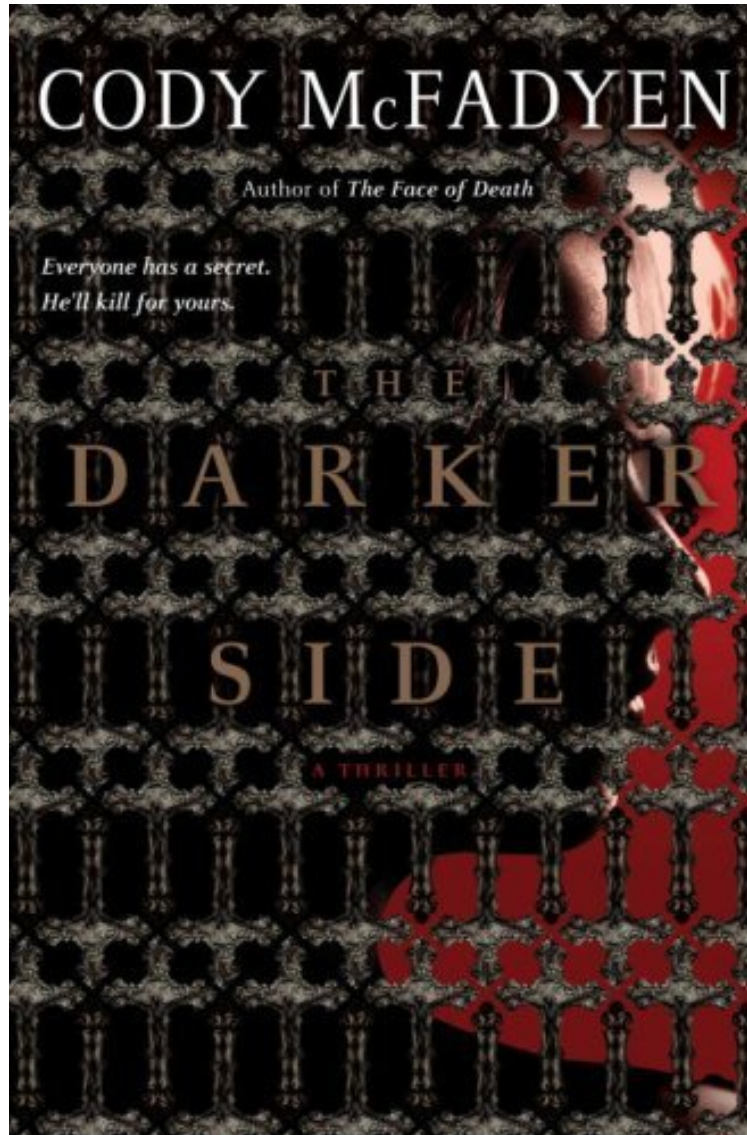


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Spannung pur!Von CBDie Smoky Barrett Reihe ist absolut der Hammer! 5 Sterne sind nicht genug fr dieses spitzen Buch! Es ist sehr spannend geschrieben und hlt was es verspricht. Mord und Totschlag sind an der Tagesordnung und es scheint manchmal, dass man das Gelesen kaum verkraften kann. Also der absolute Gnsehaut pur Effekt. Man kann

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Kurzbeschreibung Everyone has a secret they don't dare tell anyone. Hell kill you for yours. Cody McFadyen has shocked even the most jaded suspense fans with Shadow Man and The Face of Death. Now comes a thriller that outdoes them all, featuring a psychopath on a perverse crusade of murder. And the one woman who can stop him has a secret that will change her from the hunter to the hunted. A lie, a long-ago affair, a dark desire everyone has secrets they take to the grave. No one knew that better than FBI special agent Smoky Barrett. But what secret was a very private young woman keeping that led to her very public murder? And what kind of killer was so driven and so brazenly daring that he'd take her life on a commercial airliner thirty thousand feet in midair, a killer so accomplished that he'd leave only a small souvenir behind? These are the questions that bring Smoky and her hand-picked team of experienced manhunters from L.A. to the autumn chill of Washington, D.C., by order of the FBI director himself and at the special request of a high-powered grieving D.C. mother. As a mother, Smoky knows the pain of losing a child it nearly killed her once before. As a cop with her own twisted past, she takes every murder personally, which is both her greatest strength and her only weakness. Brilliant, merciless, righteous, the killer Smoky is hunting this time is on his own personal mission, whose cost in innocent human lives he's only begun to collect. For in his eyes no one is innocent; everyone harbors a secret sin, including Smoky Barrett. Soon Smoky will have to face what she's so carefully hidden even from her own team and confront a flawless killer who knows her flaws with murderous intimacy. From the

Hardcover edition. From Publishers Weekly Full of horrific violence, this solid third thriller to feature scarred FBI agent Smoky Barrett (after *The Face of Death*) shows that McFadyen knows how to shock. When the FBI director calls Smoky to Washington, D.C., to inspect the body of a beautiful young woman stabbed to death aboard an airplane, Smoky can't figure out why she's been assigned a case so far outside her L.A. jurisdiction. But when Smoky learns that not only was the victim, Lisa Reid, the child of a powerful Democratic senator but also that she was a pre-op transsexual, Smoky realizes that this is more than a bizarre homicide. Smoky and her team soon get on the trail of the man they dub the Preacher, a sin collector who murders people to obtain their darkest secrets. Harboring secrets of her own, Smoky must stay one step ahead of the killer if she's to bring him down. The forays into the victims' minds to expose their secrets are unnecessary, but the formidable Smoky makes up for the occasional plot tangent. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen Cody McFadyen writes the kind of gut-wrenching, fast-paced thrillers that keep you hooked, and terrified, right to the very end. (Simon Kernick) Mcfadyen proved with his first two books that he is an accomplished exponent of the serial-killer thriller and here he once again displays his ability to create terrifying scenarios as he takes the reader down some very dark alleys' (Canberra Times) Not just another scary-as-hell serial killer novel (although it is that in spades)...shocking, gruesome, and terrifying...it may also move you to tears...a perfect book for fans of Deaver, Koontz and King (.com (Editor's Pick) on *THE FACE OF DEATH*) Mcfadyen is a supremely gifted storyteller. *THE DARKER SIDE* is an utterly compelling thriller. (Booklist starred review) This gritty novel is a fun and fast read for thriller fans; recommended (Library Journal) Readers of Cody Mcfadyen's previous books - *SHADOW MAN* and *THE FACE OF DEATH* - will recognise descriptions in the reviews of both titles: shocking... gruesome... terrifying... scary... brilliant. Well, I wouldn't argue against his latest serial-killer outing, *THE DARKER SIDE*, receiving more of the same, and in spades...I found myself desperate to know who the killer was and why he or she was doing it. And surely that is what good thriller writing is all about. (Shots Mag) Cody is one of those rare writers who have the gift of using words to scare you...There are scenes in this book that will chill you to the bone, but once you start it, there's no turning back, you simply have to finish it (Books Monthly www.gatewaymonthly.co.uk) Coldly, stunningly brilliant. Move over Thomas Harris, Mcfadyen has brought a new game to town. (Lisa Gardner on *SHADOW MAN*) Terrifically good, terrifically scary . . . very hard to put down (San Francisco Chronicle on *SHADOW MAN*)