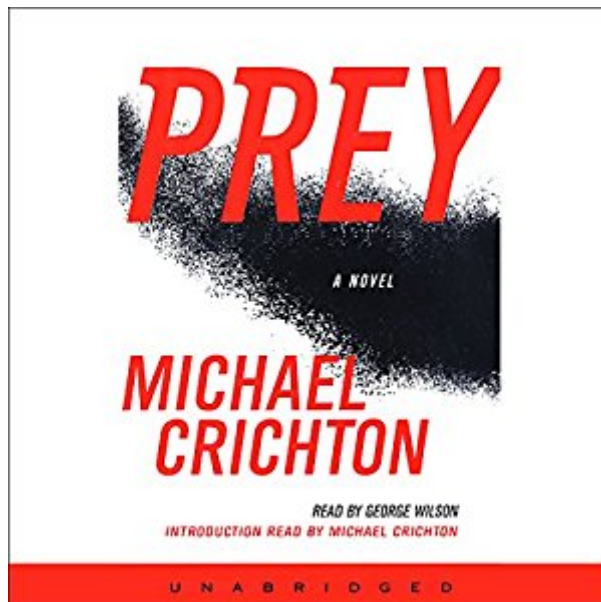


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

This book delivered. The author has a way of making you understand the technical side of science otherwise I couldn't have been able to read this book. With that said the storyline was fantastic and well written. I gave this book the rating I did because it was hard to put down and I finished it in 2 days.

Wasn't sure I would like this book. It drew me right in. Remember Orwell's 1984, Big Brother Is Watching? And we all know how easily people can watch us today. Our technology is exploding exponentially in computers, programming, virtual reality, the bio technical sciences with transplants, artificial limbs, etc. This could happen. A good read.

I've read four of Crichton's books so far - Micro, Congo, Jurassic Park, and Prey. Prey is easily the best of those. The central character is instantly relatable, and extremely likable. The backstory is well set, and the story flows beautifully. And when you finally get to the swarm, the book gets insanely good. In fact, it's the only of his books that doesn't feel like there are any extraneous events; everything is necessary. The plot only ever picks up speed until it's riveting finale, and the research by Crichton is so good I'm afraid it could be accomplished in real life by some rogue company! If you haven't, read this NOW.

Exciting and suspenseful. Too bad it turned into a horror flick with the grossness of the dead bodies. That part when the hero got his foot stuck in the chest of his teammate was especially hokey. The entire hive felt like it was out of a alien-like horror movie. I was kind of frustrated that it took them so long to figure out that the virus could defeat the e. coli assemblers. The plot dragged on and on as they tried to fight it with conventional weapons, blowing up things, etc. I had already figured out that Julia was colonized by the particles. I also don't like the loose end about the cause of the accident. Perhaps the real Julia wanted out, but the particle man caused her to crash. A bit slow at the beginning, but picked up after the rabbit died.

This book stands well more for the ideas it presents than the story. Crichton did a good job creating an interesting environment for the plot to transpire. A place so close, yet so far, from civilization. As the plot builds there are tantalizing little clues about what's really going on, but they're never followed up on. In the epilogue where the character looks back on these events and tries to figure them out, but even then, the reader's imaginary gap filling is laid to waste. Overall, it's a good read reminiscent of Crichton's Jurassic Park in which Man uses science to make something he can't control. Most interesting is the included information on how computers and predators think (you'll see).

For those of us who like something different and imaginative to read, Crichton always seems to fill the bill. This book was no exception. It gets into some techno/scientific subject matter here and there, but not to the point where I felt like skipping pages, and I think it was necessary for the story - so we could have just a little understanding of how the premise of the story might be possible. It left me wishing for more from Michael Crichton.

Another thriller from Crichton who seems to be on the forefront of futuristic technology that is really happening in the labs and being tested in the field. Very scary stuff which keeps you glued to each page. Love his work.

This is such a great read. If you like suspense, mysteries, and truly thought provoking ideas.....you are going to love this book. I could not put the book down! Michael Crichton does such a novel subject of nano tech and weaves a story that will have you on the edge of your seat. I don't want to reveal or spoil details from the book because I'd rob you of the pleasure of finding out the plot and twists that Michael Crichton has in store for you. I will say that I was scared at times when reading the book because science is a field that is still so vast and this whole nano tech really is really just mind blowing. The characters are well defined. I hated a couple of them but that just goes to show that Michael Crichton did a great job in his character details and truly did his job as a story teller. Buy the book!! You won't regret it!!!

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