

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT *KISS*

BY TED DEKKER & ERIN HEALY

Publisher's Weekly

Master of evangelical Christian suspense, Dekker (*Thr3e; Blink; Skin*) joins first-time author Healy in this thriller, no less fast-moving than the Christy Award-winning author's solo prose, but also more gripping as it plunges into the life of a woman with frayed and painful family relationships. When a tragic auto accident leaves Shauna McAllister's brother brain-damaged and erases her recent memories, she discovers she has a paranormal ability to steal memories from others, a capability that will either get her killed or unveil hidden sides of the very people she thought she could trust. Against this background, she attempts to uncover the ugly truth about her father's dark secrets and to upend his run for president of the United States. True to Dekker's penchant for twists that keep you guessing till the very last page, *Kiss* also attempts to return to snappier dialogue and more logical plotting than *Skin*. A psychological suspense thriller that shines light into black-market child trafficking, Dekker's latest will satisfy Christian fiction lovers who want complex characters and who believe in the stark realities of true good and heinous evil.

Library Journal

Shauna McAllister cannot remember the last six months of her life after suffering a traumatic automobile accident that left her in a coma. She returns home to recuperate but finds that her family blames her for the accident, which also severely injured her brother. Shauna's friend Wayne Spade tries to jog her memory, but instead Shauna develops the mysterious ability to read other peoples' memories. She needs to find out what really caused her accident, but she also knows that it may cost her her life. Debut novelist Healy is aided by thriller master Dekker's talent for writing suspense with a supernatural edge. *Kiss* will also appeal to readers who enjoy books by Eric Wilson (*Expiration Date*), T. L. Hines (*Waking Lazarus*), and Kathryn Mackel (*The Hidden*). Recommended for CF and crossover suspense collections.

Jake Chism, TheChristianManifesto.com

. . . Ted Dekker and Erin Healy team up seamlessly to give us an intoxicating, psychological thriller full of wonderful twists and revelations. Shauna's journey is full of intrigue and mystery that will keep you guessing throughout. We discover each piece of the puzzle at the same time Shauna does, making *Kiss* both fun and hard to put down.

Dekker and Healy also treat us with some beautiful themes of faith and hope that are perfectly interwoven into the plot. As Shauna is drawn deeper into her search for answers we get some great moments of redemption from unexpected characters giving this story even more depth. Dekker proves once again why he is the master of plot execution as he makes every piece of the puzzle fit at just the right moment. . .

Vennessa Ng, Titletrakk.com

. . . *Kiss* is more than just great entertainment. I couldn't help but relate to Shauna as she struggled to recall her past. As I read, I spent a lot of time pondering the scenario and the intricacies of the human mind. Don't get me wrong, the book is far from heavy when it comes to the ins and outs of the plot device and is Dekker all the way—pure escapism with inescapable truth. The story is compelling, beautifully paced, and well told.

Dekker recently revealed on his message board that he planned to write three books a year in the foreseeable future, one of which would be co-written with his editor for the last ten years, Erin Healy. *Kiss* is the first offering from the two and Healy's debut novel.

I've been a fan of Dekker books ever since I first discovered them in 2003, but I will admit to preferring the writing style contained in *Kiss* far more than I have previous Dekker books. I'm sure the smoother style is a tribute to Healy's editing expertise and skilful blending. . .

Lisa T. Bergren, author of *The Blessed*

Dekker and Healy form a powerful team in crafting redemptive suspense. *Kiss* is emotionally absorbing and mentally intriguing—don't miss it.

Melody Carlson, author of *Finding Alice and The Other Side of Darkness*

The human brain could actually be the real final frontier—we know so little about it and yet it drives the world as we know it. So when authors like Erin and Ted bravely explore these mysterious regions, going into complex places like memory and soul and relationships, I become hooked. The creativity of this suspenseful story is sure to hook other readers as well. Very memorable!

James Scott Bell, bestselling author of *Try Darkness*

Dekker and Healy prove a winning team in this intriguing, imaginative thriller.

Colleen Coble, author of *Cry in the Night*

Kiss by Erin Healy and Ted Dekker is a superb thriller that hooked me from the first sentence. The original plot kept me guessing, and I may never look at a kiss the same way again. I'll be watching for the next book!

Rene Gutteridge, author of *Skid and My Life As a Doormat*

The writing team of Erin Healy and Ted Dekker has taken me through a page-turner with *Kiss*. It's one of those books that you think about when you're not reading it. I highly recommend it, especially if you don't mind staying up late because you can't put the book down!

Laura Wilkinson, gold-medal-winning Olympic diver

A perfect 10 packed with romance, politics, scandals, and non-stop suspense.