

Head Trip: One Case of Super Twins

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Jack Eadon has created a terrifying look into the potential impact of Superfetation (the 1 in 40,000,000 chance of twins being conceived at different times but born together). Roger, a full term baby, and Marcus conceived one month later, born prematurely struggle, in an ongoing completion, one to succeed, the other to keep up.

In a masterful introduction, Eadon describes the growth pattern and the imaginary thoughts of the two developing embryos within the womb. At birth the boys are labeled “super twins” after the medical term “Superfetation.”

Eadon goes into great detail describing the personality development of the twins as they compete at home, at church, with girls, in Eagle scouts, sports, and music. Marcus, although premature was born first. Later it was determined that he may have been pushed out of the womb – as the intruder. As an interesting aside Eadon introduces “birth order” implications of this phenomenal possibility.

Careful thought has gone into the development and introduction of each character. Each has their flaws as well as a certain element that leads to possible empathy from the reader.

I found the parallel of the Biblical twins, Jacob and Esau, of great interest. Similarities are woven into the story of Roger and Marcus that are drawn from the Biblical account. Even as Esau threatened to kill Jacob after he was robbed of his birthright and Isaac’s blessing by Jacob. Roger in his obsession with envy, rage, and rationalization makes plans to have Marcus killed.

The sexual content relative to personality development and the rites of coming of age are often graphic. The dark evil side that results from compulsive envy gives the reader a glimpse into the seamier side of life. I sometimes felt the reader was provided a little “too much detailed information.”

This is the first in “The American Drama Series” which promises to bring to life the seven deadly sins. Jack Eadon combines an active imagination with careful research in this fast-moving, dramatic story as he unravels the deadly results of being obsessed with envy.

The hardback edition, which I read, has an attractive durable binding. I hope to add the entire set to my library and am looking forward to book two in the series, “A Consequence of Greed,” which will also feature Marcus Ramsey. “Head Trip” is a fast-moving “page turner.”