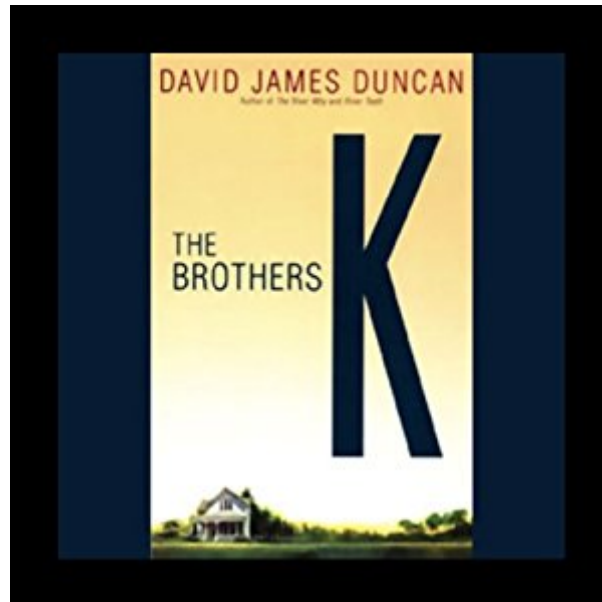




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The Brothers K



Synopsis

[Read by Robertson Dean]As four brothers come of age during the seismic upheavals of the sixties, they find themselves embattled over the differing ideals represented by their father's passion for baseball and their mother's religious obsession. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Customer Reviews

It's certainly a baseball-heavy book, but it's not the heart of the story, more of a backdrop, therefore aside from some occasional technical linguo, it shouldn't be a turn-off or an obstacle to non-baseball lovers. This book certainly qualifies as "epic family saga" even if it only covers 2 generations of Chances (that's the family's name). A poignant account of close-knit family which disperses and breaks up in more ways than one (geographically, physically, emotionally) and how it slowly put the pieces back together.

Compelling story of familial trials, tribulations and unwavering love. Duncan writes with intelligence, wit and - just sometimes - an obsession with baseball that gets a little out of hand. Nevertheless, this book is a winner.

Thoroughly enjoyed this book. Don't let the length deter you--it could have continued for another 200 pages and I would have welcomed it. As the (most often) narrator tells the story from childhood, the beginning is told in a way that reflects a child's viewpoints, thought processes, etc. I found the flights of ideas just a wee bit tedious initially (is there really 800 pages of this?) but all good as the

narrator matured and the dialogue did as well. Great story and compelling characters. Will be looking for more from this author.

If it were possible, I would have given the first half of the book one star (all baseball related) and the second half five stars. Even so, the second half jumped jarringly from issue to issue.

I don't understand baseball which made the first couple hundred pages a slog. But the rest is universal - a tale of the ups and downs of a family and a journey towards love and healing. It is imbued with a love of a particular type of nature (which I don't share but did appreciate) as a constant healing force, ever present. Even a scene on the Mekong is transformed into a scene on a northwestern river. Moving, passionate and, ultimately, spiritual.

Great book but a little too much baseball talk. But it was interesting and I recognized a lot of what they were talking about. Also, it was fun reading about life in Washington, where I live. The story was quite dramatic! Hard to describe the mood with one word...it was sometimes all of the word choices!

For a big fat book, this story delivered. Not being someone who cares too much about baseball (sorry bb fans!) and growing up with no brothers, the author managed to draw me in and keep me in. Loved the writing. The book is full of thoughtful notions but is delivered through humor. Characters are developed and heart warming. I even managed to somewhat like Mama by the end of the book... Actually, no, that's not true. I didn't like her and still don't but I can understand the characters' feelings towards her...I recommend!!

I read this book some years ago and had it marked up with some favorite passages. I loaned the book to another person and (of course) never saw my original edition again. So I bought another one - and I intend to read it again. I was the youngest of five boys in my family - and I also love baseball - so the story itself attracted me. But the author's prose is beautiful at some points (thus, the mark-up's in my first copy). I don't know exactly where it is, after all of these years, but there is one point where the author describes one of the brother's description of heaven - it will take your breath away. The entire work is lyrical!

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