

The Mind Keepers

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This novel is not only deep and mind bending, the characters are created with such depth that you will find yourself questioning the difference between fiction and reality.

MacLean has the perfect recipe to combine just the right amount of reality into this edge-of-your-seat thriller, creating a novel that will keep you in its grips to the end. You will walk away and wonder aloud "What if?" as you see the possibilities of the scenarios written to be something with just enough real life in it to possibly be truth.

From the minute you meet the main character, Mike Neilly, you can relate to the character and what drives him to find out the truth behind the small town of Morton City. Nothing is what it seems anymore and each new leaf overturned brings more questions and possibilities. As Neilly uses his retired FBI skills to stalk the killer of his best friend, he uncovers some very interesting happenings in a small town that normally experiences no real action. A town you'd want to raise your family in and grow old.

Dabbling in the idea of new age technology, combined with a frightening psychopath, the creation of a weapon above anyone's dreams becomes a reality that Neilly has to deal with. This new 'machine' can literally delve inside your head, creating everything from physical trauma such as heart attacks to mental instability with voices in your head.

Truly an edge-of-your-seat thriller, MacLean has a brilliant writing technique that creates characters with complete depth, ideas with absolute reality, and fears that you've never had before.

"The Mind Keepers" is an awesome book for anyone interested in trying to figure out the truth behind fiction. This is a must read on any thrill reader's list. If you walk away from this one without a shiver up the spine I'd be amazed and frightened! Literally one of those books you don't want to put down.