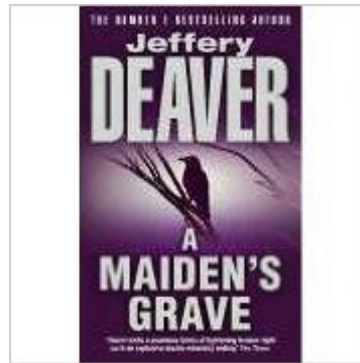


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# A Maiden's Grave



## Synopsis

When a pathological escaped convict takes a group of deaf girls hostage in a slaughterhouse, an FBI negotiator and a deaf teacher struggle to defuse the situation before it explodes in violence.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I'd have to consider myself a "newbie" to Jeffrey Deavers, as I've only read four of his books, but am definitely a fan. His writing is intense, the stories draw you in from the beginning and won't let go, and the endings are always full of surprises. Well, that's what I thought about all of the books, except this one - Maiden's Grave - it didn't grab my attention but let me wander for about 50 or so pages. When the action did pick up, it was intriguing and then lax - definitely not a book that you couldn't put down on the coffee table. This one actually took me a while to finish. The story begins with a busload of deaf students riding along the highway between the Kansas wheat fields. The reader isn't sure exactly what they're doing, except they are going to a type of recital, the purpose of the trip is eluded to but never clarified until much later in the book. The bus comes on the scene of a fatality accident so the bus driver and teacher leave the bus to see if they can help the victims. But this wreck was no accident, and the students and adults are soon thrown into a nightmare. Three escaped convicts take the eight deaf students and two adults hostage and hold them in an abandoned slaughterhouse a few miles from the accident scene. The leader of the thugs, Lou Handy, is intelligent and seems to have thought of all possibilities. The other two are more hard-core - Shepard Wilcox is young and doesn't blink if he needs to kill someone; "Sonny" Bonner is a child rapist who's gazes toward the girls gives everyone the creeps. The FBI sends in their best hostage

negotiator, Arthur Potter. He's personable and sincerely cares about the captives.

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