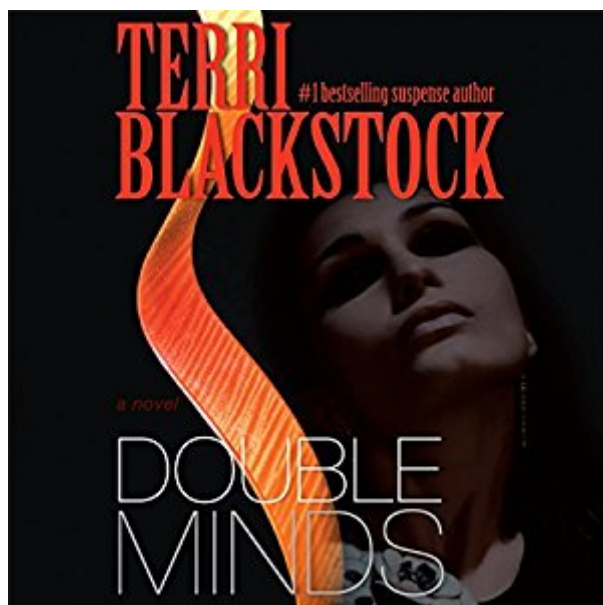


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# Double Minds



## Synopsis

Rebecca Kauffman's tranquil Old Order Amish life is transformed when she suddenly has custody of her two teenage nieces after her "English" sister and brother-in-law are killed in an automobile accident. Instant motherhood, after years of unsuccessful attempts to conceive a child of her own, is both a joy and a heartache. Rebecca struggles to give the teenage girls the guidance they need as well as fulfill her duties to Daniel as an Amish wife. Rebellious Jessica is resistant to Amish ways and constantly in trouble with the community. Younger sister Lindsay is caught in the middle, and the strain between Rebecca and Daniel mounts as Jessica's rebellion escalates. Instead of the beautiful family life she dreamed of creating for her nieces, Rebecca feels as if her world is being torn apart by two different cultures, leaving her to question her place in the Amish community, her marriage, and her faith in God. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Double Minds Can't Decide What Story to Tell and Suffers as a Result I love mysteries and I love Christian music, so I figured a mystery set in the world of Christian music would be right up my alley. I was excited to read Double Minds by Terri Blackstock. Unfortunately, it didn't live up to the promise of the premise or the first half. Parker James has dreamed her whole life of a career singing her songs before her fans. However, the best she seems to be able to do is sing before small, local groups in Nashville. Her best friend, Serene, has been building a successful Christian recording career by singing Parker's songs. Now, one song has hit it big, and Serene may be able to cross

lines into the general market if Parker will rewrite her songs for Serene. But Parker has other things on her mind. An intern at the recording studio where Parker works has been murdered at Parker's desk. While Parker wasn't scheduled to work during that time, it still freaks her out. Just when she's convinced herself the murder had nothing to do with her, a phone call changes her mind. Who is behind the murder? What part does Parker play in the unfolding drama? As I said, the book started out strong. With multiple stories, there was plenty to keep me engaged. The characters introduced were delightful. They felt real, with flaws as well as strengths. The story was told mostly from Parker's point of view with a few chapters from other character's points of view. It was enough to expand her story. And the writing flowed well, making it easy to get lost in the story. Every time I picked the book up, I didn't want to put it down again. However, by the time the book ended, I was highly disappointed. The expected character growth and development wound up feeling more forced than real, and things in their lives were solved too easily. Then there's the story itself. I found the climax at once gripping because of the tense situation but also weak because it was so sudden. Honestly, the last 100 pages almost seemed to forget about the mystery and just brought it up a few times to remind us it was still unsolved. The more I've thought about it in the few days since I finished it, some of the sub-plots either got dropped or were ended abruptly as well. Really, I think the book suffered from too much story. There was enough material here for two or three books, and if it had been told that way, the plot threads could have been better developed. But since this was a stand alone, everything needed to be wrapped up by the end, making things feel rushed and ultimately unsatisfying. Terri Blackstock can write a book that truly delivers. *Double Minds* isn't one of those books. It seems like a good story at the time, but when you finish, you realize how disappointing it really is.

It was a pretty good light read. *Double Minds* tells the story of Parker a Christian songwriter and aspiring vocalist. Her best friend Serene is a rising Christian star on the verge of signing a record deal with a secular label. The story starts with a murder at Colgate studio where Parker works and Serene records. This story wonderfully weaves a story of self-discovery and growth. The story is a great reminder that even Christians aren't perfect and have faults. The title *Double Minds* applies expertly to many of the book's characters. Overall I really enjoyed this story. I saw two downfalls to the story. The first one is the awkward transition from not on tour to tour and the transfer of money to Parker from Tiffany. The other downfall was the number of errors on the Kindle version. I'm one to hardly ever notice and/or to provide a bad review for a few errors in a Kindle version. This book was horrible. Almost every time the word Christian was written Chris was before it. For example, it

would say "the Chris Christian music industry". That got very annoying to read over and over. The book also didn't divide up conversations appropriate running different people's statements together. This made parts of the book very confusing. Overall, the story is good. I recommend reading but get it in hardcopy not on the Kindle. I would recommend it to anyone who liked Christian novels and Mysteries. This author is a Christian author and there are (obviously) Christian themes and conversations in the book. If those things put you off, you probably won't want to read it. IF reviewing simply the story I would give it 4 out 5, if I were reviewing simply the kindle version (considering typos and formatting issues), I would give it a 2 out of 5.

This book starts out with a rape, and detectives Larry and Tony were investigating it. The girl, Melissa, claimed that the man, Soames, raped her and cut her leg, and trashed her apartment, but some things didn't add up to Larry. Soames got out on bond which scared Melissa, so she moved, but he found her and continued to stalk her and cause problems for her. When the truth came out, Soames had raped and beat up Melissa's sister, who ended up committing suicide, and Melissa was determined to "set him up" so accused him of rape. She was put in prison for telling the lies, and while there became closer to God and started a Bible Study for inmates. Larry continued to watch Soames and noticed him stalking another girl - the same size as Melissa, and looking a lot like her. Larry convinced the others that Soames was about to kill this girl, so they got her to wear a wire and when Soames picked her up they followed them. What they found was horrible and you will want to read to the end to see what happens. This book was great, as are all of Terry Blackstock's books and I can highly recommend it to everyone.

This was just kind of meh. The characters were not authentic. There were some errors in the Kindle version. Storyline was okay. The writing was just meh. Didn't hate all of it. Didn't particularly like it.

These characters are described and totally real. Every detail makes the struggles reach out in fear, love and compassion. God's Word is woven throughout.

While this book didn't have the intense suspense some of her other books have, it is still a very good book. This book causes you to pause and consider your "double-minded" ways as well as if you are willing to compromise Christ. Many times in every day life we are placed in positions where we have to choose to represent God or go after the applause, do what thus says the Lord, or do what thus says friends. It is also a strong lesson in forgiveness, she had to forgive Serene although

her initial reaction was to not speak to her. This book calls for a real assessment of your life in terms of your convictions as a Christian. Love it and may God richly bless you and supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.

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