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"Meet Amy. Should she live, or should she die? Her fate is in your hands! Vote now..."

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Dark Webb is the first in a brand new series from Harry Dayle, author of the acclaimed *Noah's Ark* and *The Faslane Files*.

Dark Webb (The Dark Webb Series Book 1) Details

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Nogueira says

Life is not easy for Thaddeus Webb, orphan and alone, a boring work that doesn't pay much and a terminal disease that fills his body with pain and throw him to drug addiction... one day he adventures in the Deep Web (the underground internet) to try to buy some drugs and he stumbles into a website that shows a young girl tied and a message announcing her death in a couple of weeks... can this be true or just a hoax to get some money from perverts around the world? He starts to investigate and soon finds himself in the middle of a dangerous adventure, trying to save the girl while escaping the cops that think he his a suspect...

I really liked this book, it's very well written and with solid and surprisingly well constructed characters (it's easy to like Thad and to connect with him, even when we find out more about his past, with some dark spots), good pace and strong story that grabs you and won't let go until you find out the final result - this is another great surprise from the free store at amazon... will definetly read the second volume in the series, Tangled Webb (hopefully for free, otherwise it's a strong candidate to be my first paid e-book).

Janet says

great story, really liked this book. look forward to reading more from this author.

Dawnn Fuss says

Wow, what a ride. I am a fan. I'll be picking up the next book in the series.

BonusMom says

To track a cyber criminal

Oh the things you will find when you start down a dark path! This is a very good read about cyber criminals and the dark net with a unexpected ending. Well written with believable characters and a very good plot.

Atiqah says

Harry Dayle has a knack for simplifying concepts on the internet, technology, and information technology. Explaining BitCoin and how it works is a task in itself, to use it in a mysterious and suspenseful plot is another, but pulling it off is the biggest accomplishment.

Our main character is haunted by ghosts of his past and unfortunately, the story won't be totally revealed

(obviously) in this book. I'm going to have to get my hands on book 2 ?. I think what defines our main character Thad is his persistence in solving the crime. Although a far cry from superb hacker-characters, he puts his limited skills to fantastic use. His resourcefulness, however, is the game-changer time and time again.

Thanks to the publisher for providing me with a copy via NetGalley. All opinions are my own and are based on the advance readers version.

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Amanda Sassy-pants says

Thad: a dark past and sins to atone for. Matt: a naive young man, running from the pain of losing his parents and getting mixed up with the darker sides of London. Amy: young and beautiful, held captive but for how long? The author brings these and other characters together in a story of one haunted man who is trying desperately to right past wrongs and of others whose disturbing desires lead them to the darkest corners of the mind.

Linda says

Dark Webb

I enjoyed reading your book. It was well written and kept my interest throughout. I have already purchased Tangled Webb. Looking forward to reading it. Really good read.

Rebecca says

3.5 star

Mostly decently written. Some small stuff annoyed me. I'd probably have liked it more if I were more inclined to this type of novel. Darker and grittier than I usually like. MC in a grey zone that makes him likeable at times but I question that from other behaviors, so harder to feel invested in him.

Barb VanderWel says

I love this & I can't wait for more.
I will be also leaving a review on Goodreads @ Amazon.
And letting everyone know about it.
So I gave it a 5 Stars.

Illustrious Illusions says

A good suspense with a good explanation into the dark web. The story has a few twists and turns that you might not be expecting and some good characters.

It's a little slow in spots and a little overly descriptive if you are familiar with the technology.

The Rad Books says

Written for theradbooks.blogspot.com

Summary:

Taken from Goodreads.com:

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Pros:

- I loved this plot so much! It taught me a lot of new information about the dark web while keeping me entertained.
- I loved how the story jumped from past to present to show two different stories that eventually are connected at the end.

Cons:

- There were only a few parts that I felt dragged on a bit.

Final Thoughts:

I loved this book way more than I expected to. It had mystery and crimes that were not too graphic. Each piece of evidence that was uncovered made me want to read more and more. I also have never found a book dealing with crime on the dark web so that made it stand out to me. It also taught me a lot about the dark web that I didn't know. I would definitely recommend for fans of crime novels!

Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says

I enjoyed this one for the most part. The plot was interesting. The characters were intriguing. It was maybe a tad too long, but all in all, I liked it enough that I will check out the next book in the series **TANGLED WEBB**.

Star Shining Forever says

Wow. This book was my introduction to the Dark Web, that part of the Internet that isn't accessible by search engines, that you need to download a special Tor browser to access, where you can get to websites by typing in a string of letters and numbers with .onion at the end, and where bad things happen.

Venturing into the Dark Web to anonymously purchase some drugs to ease the pain from a medical condition, ordinary Web designer Thad never expected to stumble across a heinous crime about to go down. A kidnapped girl is being held by someone putting her future to a vote: money decides whether she's released or brutally murdered on live streaming Internet. Convincing the police fails, and teaming up with the missing girl's sister Claire proves almost as formidable, but Thad's the only lead Claire's got, and he truly wants to help. Why, she can't figure, but she'll take his tech and hacker skills over the sluggish, apathetic police any day.

A combination of Thad's knowledge of both Clear and Dark Web, late nights tracking the unique trails of Bitcoins, playing a PI and impersonating a policeman, tracking down and questioning witnesses, and pure guts and determination nets Thad and Claire more than they'd ever hoped for in the way of leads. But with the clock ticking down on Amy's life and the police to dodge, can they get to her in time?

There's already a conundrum regarding anonymity on the Web. On the one hand, there's lots: sitting behind a screen emboldens words and actions normally not dared. On the other hand, it's a type of vulnerability: so much of life is online that the right hacking skills can lay out, or destroy, anything and everything that's important. When two master hackers go toe-to-toe, sparks fly.

A second story is intertwined with Thad and Claire's, one that's told in first person and gets you wondering which character's formative years you're privy to. That young man's story is a cautionary tale on the dangers of living it up in the city and getting into bigger trouble than you can get out of. Almost proverbially, young hardworking men rise to better life and fall deep into the devastating clutches of drinking, money, and sex. Then our narrator realizes a trap has been sprung that he cannot escape without wrecking lives, his own not the least. The below verses from Proverbs are ones he and all young adults would be wise to heed.

Whoever loves pleasure will become poor; whoever loves wine and olive oil will never be rich. -Proverbs 21:17

There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes himself poor, yet has great riches. -Proverbs 13:7

Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise. -Proverbs 20:1

To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who flatters with her words. -Proverbs 2:16

There is some swearing and crude language, but not terribly much. The start of something romantic between Claire and Thad was stupid; their friendly, father-daughter relationship is more natural and way better. The

"feeling" of immorality being wrong that's described by various characters is just the conscience--doing what it's there to do, warn you to stop doing wrong! That's heartening to see as a theme in a book.

It's an informative, entertaining, read with positive morals. Oh, and it's set in Britain so it's fun to read it in a British accent ?

Brandon says

A great thriller that's geeky but accessible at the same time, and built with modern technology.

Ramon Somoza says

This is a story I relished, as it is one of the very few times that I have seen a thriller using the dark web as its background. The author has either a Computer Sciences background or has done his research well, because I could not find any technical errors in the plot.

Interestingly, the main character has himself quite a few shadows in his life - and when you find out what those are, suddenly your sympathy with him will fall quite a few degrees. At least mine did.

Having stated that, the plot is interesting, and it is difficult to lay down the book once you have started.

However, I think that the end has been somewhat forced, so as to maintain the series open. And ingratitude seems to be a trait that I was not expecting from the female character, not to speak about the credulity that she displays at the end, while the rest of the book she has been just the opposite. As stated, a little bit forced.

Having stated that, the book is a good read that I can greatly recommend. And yes, the dark web is like that... and even worse!
