

*Descent* by Gary V Brill is a fast-paced, captivating crime thriller inspired by the author's life. Brill excels at creating characters that are elaborate and lovable. Steve is an upright, no-nonsense man who is hemmed in from all sides, pursued for something he has no idea about. He has a powerful ally, Susan, a woman whose devotion is impeccable and who displays an unusual intelligence. The characters are intriguing and Steve is one that readers will love to follow. The narrative combines the first-person-narrative and the third-person-narrative voices to create clarity in points of view. Gary V Brill is a great storyteller who succeeds in creating drama in the narrative while offering scenes that are real and immersive. Characters like Doug Mitchell are enigmatic and the author uses such characters to create suspense, making readers wonder what they are up to. The writing is crisp and punctuated with engaging dialogues that augment the drama and the pace. Brill has created a tenacious, smart-mouthed, and sophisticated protagonist that makes for a wonderful company and a tale that is delightful to read.

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