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Danced with the Devil

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William Wilson is a gender identity confused man who uses his wives to con men into sexual encounters with him and then he robs them. One night, things get out of hand and he accidentally murders a woman who has been his nemesis for years. Having someone who was almost his victim witness the act, William has to hit the road fast. Deciding to both resolve his gender identity issue and find the perfect cover, he comes up with an incredibly ingenious plan. To be able to carry it out, he has to get a large chunk of money fast. So he robs a mobster. This puts him on the lam from both the police and the mob.

Taking off to another country for the services that he needs to complete his identity change, things seem to fall into place for him until another man attempts to blackmail him for the money that he stole. Once again, William has to take some drastic measures to protect his secrets. After doing what he has to do to cover up his true identity, William could choose to settle down to a “normal” life, but his human nature steps in and he makes some choices that don’t turn out to be in his best interest, but they do make for an entertaining story.

In “Danced with the Devil,” the author Ronald Thompson has come up with an incredibly unique plot. Not relating to the main character in any way, made me more interested in his story, because it was very far from being a run-of-the-mill mundane tale. I could not guess what he was going to do next. I also enjoyed how the main character was able to create a unique escape from a complicated situation. While his ideas were ingenious, his downfall turned out to be his true human nature. The contrast between his ideas and his final actions is what keeps the story interesting. If everything were to work out perfectly it would seem too far fetched. I also want to note that the book is beautifully bound, which will also help make it a great gift.

I highly recommend “Danced with the Devil,” especially to readers groups who will enjoy discussing the twists and turns in the storyline. There will definitely be some stimulating conversation!