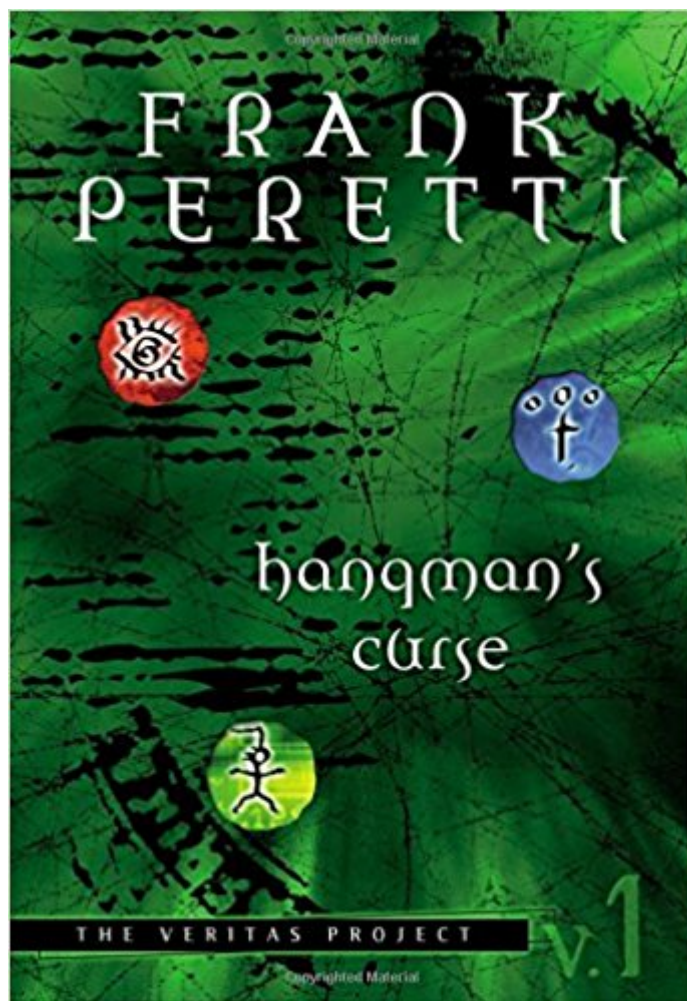


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# Hangman's Curse (The Veritas Project Vol. 1)



## Synopsis

They could be anyone, anywhere . . . even the person walking by you right now. The Veritas Project is their code name—but only a handful of people know teens Elijah and Elisha Springfield have been covertly commissioned by the President to investigate strange mysteries that delve into the paranormal and supernatural. Their charge is to find out not only what happened, but why—the veritas (Latin for truth) behind the seemingly impossible phenomena. Their new assignment: Hangman's Curse In Baker, Washington, three popular student athletes lie in an incoherent coma, with loss of muscle coordination, severe paranoia, and hallucinations. It's whispered that they're victims of Abel Frye—a curse that's haunted the school since a student died there in the 1930s. Now the curse is spreading, and students are running scared. The Veritas Project must go undercover to find the truth . . . before it's too late.

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## Customer Reviews

Trouble is brewing in Baker, Washington. Three popular athletes have been stricken with a mysterious ailment--or phenomenon--that leaves them ranting incoherently, paranoid, and eventually comatose. Ever ready to seek truth and justice, teen twins Elisha and Elijah and their parents hop in their van, the Holy Roller, and head to Washington. As members of a top-secret presidential investigative team, the Veritas Project, the family must be prepared to go undercover at any moment. Soon they are deeply embroiled in a deadly mystery that involves witchcraft, bullying, the ghost of a boy who hanged himself long ago, and a most diabolical weapon. Frank Peretti, well

known for his Christian thrillers (*This Present Darkness/Piercing the Darkness*, *The Visitation*, etc.) draws from his own experiences of not fitting in as a child to create this alarming tale of vengeance. The twins and their parents occasionally turn to their faith for guidance, but the crux of the story lies in the danger that comes from treating less cool kids like second-class citizens. References to the tragedy at Columbine remind readers just how painfully real the problem is. Peretti seems to use the twins' father as a voice for his own viewpoint: "Metal detectors may keep weapons out of the schools, and security officers can maintain at least a surface tranquility, but these will not keep out the pain, anger, and loneliness that cause a child to bring a weapon to school in the first place."  
(Ages 13 and older) --Emilie Coulter

Peretti, long praised for his popular Christian fiction for adults and his strong storytelling style, here turns his talent to young adult fiction with a quick-paced thriller about the evils brought by bullying and intolerance. When the star athletes of a Washington state high school are struck down by debilitating hallucinations, the Springfield family (Nate; his wife, Sarah; and teen twins Elisha and Elijah) go undercover to investigate the mystery. The Springfields operate independently, as the Veritas Project, guided by their Judeo-Christian faith to seek the truth behind strange occurrences. They even have a mobile home nicknamed the Holy Roller. But this setup never seems overly corny in Peretti's hands. As the slightly chilling story unfolds, readers learn about the ghost of Baker High a boy named Abel Frye, who supposedly hung himself in one of the old hallways in the 1930s. Throughout, Peretti paints a realistic picture of the clique-y world of high school that will be familiar to just about anyone. His comfortably paced, compelling performance consistently draws readers along. Peretti has an obvious knack sure to appeal to his intended tween and teen audience for emphasizing his beliefs without preaching. Ages 12-up. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Good pacing, great action. Recommend this to anyone who likes a good scare, but also wants to see justice prevail in the end. Quit reading my review and go read this book!!!!

This book was great for me because you never really know until the end whether it was paranormal activity or something else. It has so many parts that want to make you keep reading. This book has confusion, mystery, and nail biting drama.

I am now an official FAN of Frank Peretti! He is able to write in so many different genres, but with a

Christian undertone that keeps it real, not preachy, showing how people grounded in their faith still have lives in the natural world. And then he picks a scary topic, and away we go! Again, I didn't know these were geared toward teen audiences, but then again, the parents involvement makes it interesting for many age groups. I'm a Grandma, and loved it! I really hope he writes some more "Veritas Project" books. He's already got the characters developed so well, and with his imagination, I'm sure he won't have any trouble coming up with some more great books.

I read this book back in middle school and reading it again as I finish high school brings back some awe some revelations that are easy to forget. We need to be kind to people and ever on our guard. Pain and suffering is all around and it is never the time to look the other way or condone it for happening. There's always something we can do to stop it. There needs to be a hero for every pack of bullies and why shouldn't it be you or me. The suspense will keep you reading more and the loving message should be kept with you. I know I won't be forgetting it again.

Excellent book just like the others I have read. This is a very interesting, thrilling adventure. The Veritas Project is an amazing idea that would be wonderful in real life. The second book is just as good if not better!!

Frank Peretti writes in an easy style and one which keeps you guessing until the last minute , with good twists and turns.

Peretti is an author who make it difficult to put his work down and attend to other things. I have read all of his books and would have to rate them all as being the best. My daughter got me involved with the reading of his material and I haven't decided whether that was good or bad simply because, of wanting to finish it in one setting which is impossible. Each book has a story and you end thinking Wow.

Love this book. I purchased it for an 11 year boy. He enjoyed it very much.

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