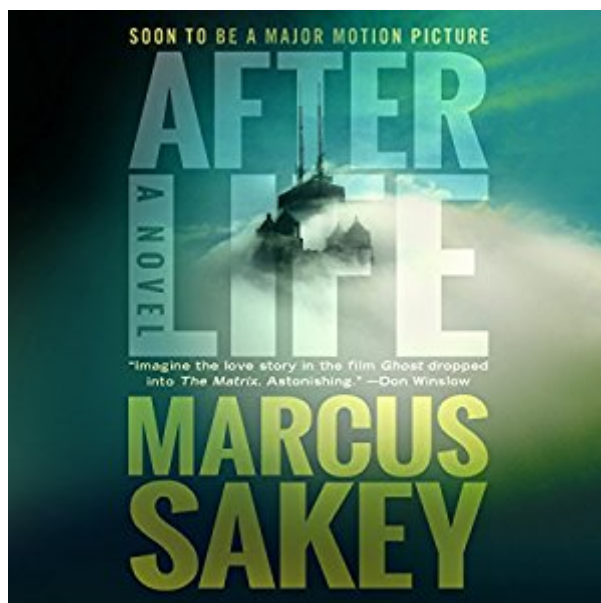


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# Afterlife



## Synopsis

Soon to be a major motion picture from Imagine Entertainment and producers Ron Howard and Brian Grazer. Between life and death lies an epic war, a relentless manhunt through two worlds...and an unforgettable love story. The last thing FBI agent Will Brody remembers is the explosion - a thousand shards of glass surfing a lethal shock wave. He wakes without a scratch. The building is in ruins. His team is gone. Outside, Chicago is dark. Cars lie abandoned. No planes cross the sky. He's relieved to spot other people - until he sees they're carrying machetes. Welcome to the afterlife. Claire McCoy stands over the body of Will Brody. As head of an FBI task force, she hasn't had a decent night's sleep in weeks. A terrorist has claimed eighteen lives and thrown the nation into panic. Against this horror, something reckless and beautiful happened. She fell in love...with Will Brody. But the line between life and death is narrower than any of us suspect - and all that matters to Will and Claire is getting back to each other. From the author of the million-copy bestselling Brilliance Trilogy comes a mind-bending thriller that explores our most haunting and fundamental question: What if death is just the beginning?

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## Customer Reviews

I've just finished reading Mr Sakey's latest novel and the only reaction I have is: Is there any form of book that he can't skillfully bring out? Afterlife involves an approach to what comes after we pass away that is both surrealistic and mesmerizing at the same time. Will Brody is a member of an FBI task force in Chicago reporting to Claire McCoy who is a beautiful woman as well as being a very

talented manager. While their on the job relationship is straightforward and correct they have also fallen in love and look forward to a life together with Will resigning from the FBI in order not to compromise Claire. But the best laid plans of mice and men often are thwarted by events and that is what happens in *Afterlife*. Will is killed by an explosion during a raid on the residence of a suspected serial killer. Claire is devastated but must carry on with the investigation of the killer. As for Will; he remembers being killed but awakens absolutely unmarked by the bomb blast into a Chicago vastly different than the area he was working in for the FBI. The city is dark, cars lay about abandoned and he spots some people armed with machetes moving about. What is happening when both the "dead" Will and Claire find that their love can somehow go on and search for each other. Mr Sakey describes a multi layered afterlife that the two lovers must navigate in order to both stay together as well as defeat an evil that transcends the many sectors they face in life after death. Reading this novel can only be done by the avid reader in one fell swoop hypnotized and drawn in by the concepts presented and described. It will come as no surprise that the book has already been set up as a motion picture produced by Ron Howard. Computer aided movie techniques will lend themselves to the visual feast required to showcase the events and bring Mr Sakey's work to the Silver Screen. Very different and very well done indeed.

I read this book in under a week, which for a Dad with 4 young boys is really saying something! I'm a big fan of Sakey's previous work (i.e. *Brilliance Trilogy*), but was excited to see him take this book in a totally fresh and new direction. He continues to challenge himself and his readers with his own unique way of looking at the world (in this case the *Afterworld*). I think he presents a very hopeful and interesting take on what the afterlife may be like, something I certainly had never considered! Couple that with a love story and fast paced narrative and you've got yourself a great read. Enjoy!

I got an advance copy of *Afterlife* and devoured it in a few sittings. Sakey is a genre master, and here his storytelling talents are working on overdrive. The marketing says *Ghost* and *Matrix*, but those are loose, nearly irrelevant markers. The book is a monumental work of literary invention and totally original, a mash-up of straight ahead crime-thriller writing with one of the most fully realized parallel worlds I've encountered on the page. If you loved *Brilliance*, *Afterlife* is an ambitious leap forward. If you're coming to this author for the first time, lucky you.

Marcus Sakey's follow-up to his *Brilliance Trilogy* shines just as brightly as the former series. *AFTERLIFE* is a compact (318 pages in Kindle format) whale of a tale that has it all. It's got horror,

suspense, scares, romance, twists and turns and as the title indicates, life after death. Will Brody is a Chicago FBI Special Agent hunting a serial killer who has an uncanny ability as a sniper who kills at random leaving behind plenty of forensic evidence but not clues to who, what or where he is. Brody's boss, Claire McCoy, is a brilliant and tough Assistant Chief of Chicago FBI and is running the task force hunting the killer. She is also, against all Bureau regs, Brody's lover. Both are relatively new to the relationship, but it is clearly more than just sex. Much more. As the page blurb says, Brody is killed early in the novel while chasing the serial killer. And that is really where the story begins. The story is original. The writing is superb, just as it was for all the Brilliance Trilogy novels, and the plotting and pacing are terrific. As well as being a good time supernatural thriller, it explores the meaning of love and sacrifice. It does this largely by the excellent character development of Brody and Claire, as well as some others that we meet along the way. The book hooked me and I read 90% of it in one go while staying home with a nasty cold. I read until I couldn't see any more and then went to sleep, then awoke at 4 am this morning to finish it. That ought to tell you how much I liked it more than any long list of superlatives that I could write. Very highly recommended. JM Tepper

The beginning of this book seemed to be totally irrelevant to later sections, but then it became obvious later on how it tied in to the rest of the book about a third of the way through - but it took long enough that I ALMOST couldn't quite give this 5 stars, just for that. But the other elements were so well done that it deserves the 5 stars. It is an extremely well done book. As I read it I kept thinking that it would make a really great movie and almost played the scenes in my mind as I went. It is a great story of loves lost and regained, and doing the right thing even when it seems on the surface to be the wrong thing. Characters are strong, with extremely well done development, making them stand out as fully developed personalities from page one. Protagonists and antagonists are constantly in flux with both internal and external tension leading to a story that draws you in to see it through to the finish. The world building is amazing and the underlying theme is very well executed. Good Job!

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