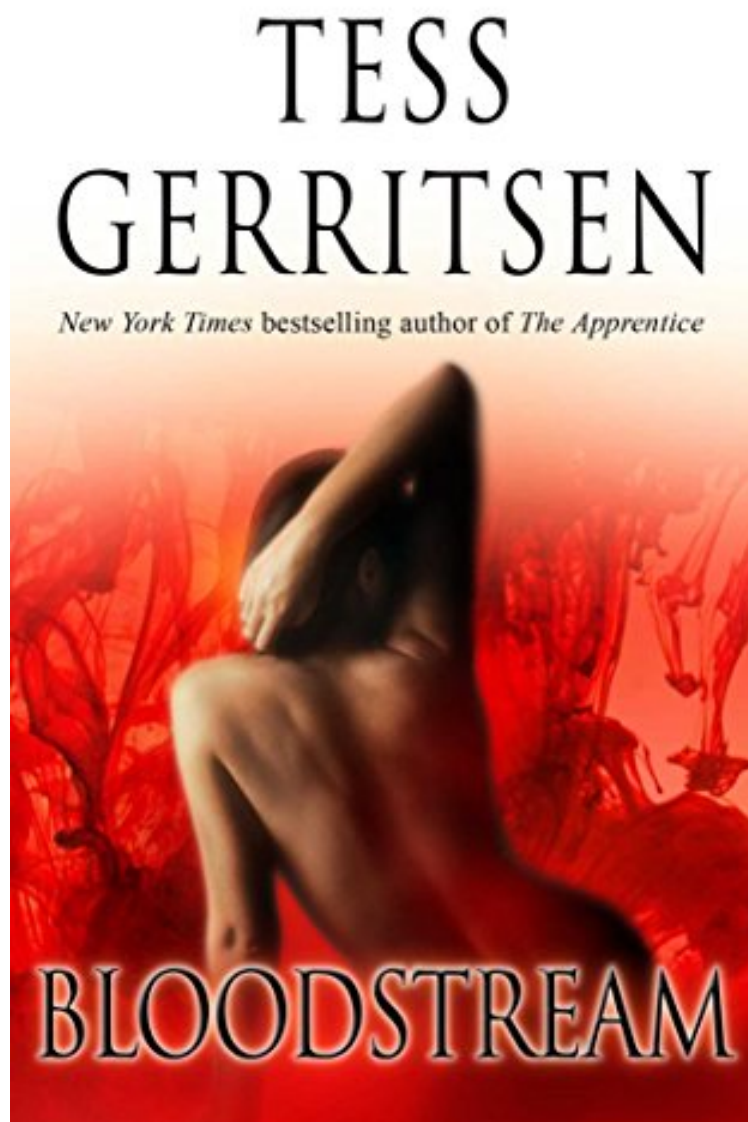


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Von Tess Gerritsen : Bloodstream (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bloodstream (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Finally!Von Ein KundeAs someone who's read all of Ms. Gerritsen's romantic mysteries and medical thrillers, "Bloodstream" was a true thrill. This is the book I've been waiting for her to write, to show mainstream readers what

she's capable of. I actually bought it last September, but put off reading it because I was worried about being disappointed again. I shouldn't have worried. Unlike the painfully predictable "Harvest" (apparently my review was so negative refused to post it) or the relentlessly depressing "Life Support," "Bloodstream" is a tense, engrossing read that never reveals too much of its hand and always keeps you on the edge of your seat. It never fails to shock, and the hospital scenes and science at its core give it a solid grounding in reality that's impossible to ignore. Real characters and understandable dilemmas add extra dimension to the tale. My only concern was that the ending was awfully abrupt (was I the only one who wanted to know what would happen to the town, the reaction of the townspeople, etc. after everything?), and yes, the worms were a bit much (why do parasites always turn out to look like worms?). For anyone looking for truly spine-tingling, can't-put-it-down escapist entertainment, this is the one for you. Ms. Gerritsen, welcome back.

3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Seltsame Dinge geschehen im kleinen rthen Tranquility Von Mario Pf. Mit ihrem Sohn Noah ist Dr. Claire Elliot nach Tranquility gezogen, um eine eigene Praxis zu eröffnen und zu verhindern dass ihr Sohn nach einschlägigen Geschehnissen auf die falsche Bahn geht. Doch bereits nach kurzer Zeit scheinen die Jugendlichen des Ortes immer aggressiver zu werden und nach vermehrten Schulhofschlägereien, dreht etwa Noahs Freund Taylor Darnell durch, als er eine schlechte Note auf seine Klassenarbeit in Biologie erhält. Er schießt auf die Lehrerin, Mitschler und beinahe auch Noah, wobei Mrs. Horatio an den Folgen ihrer Schussverletzung stirbt. Claire untersucht den Täter daraufhin, weil sie bei ihm Drogen oder eine Gehirnerkrankung vermutet und nimmt ihm deshalb Blut auch ab, welches sie schon bald an dessen Hausarzt abgeben muss. Bis auf ein Proberhrchen, welches sie für sich behält. Die Gewalt eskaliert und als Claire beginnt in den Archiven der Lokalzeitung nachzuforschen, stößt sie auf eine Gewaltserie im Jahre 1946, die sich jetzt zu wiederholen scheint... Bloodstream ist nur noch alibihafter ein Medizin-Thriller und nach Roter Engel wohl die logische Weiterentwicklung zu mehr Horrorelementen, wodurch das Buch bereits mehr an die Werke des Altmeisters Stephen King erinnert. In diesem Zusammenhang bedient Bloodstream auch eine ganze Palette von Klischees, wie man sie halt auch aus schlechten Horrofilmen kennt. Nichtsdestoweniger sollte man bedenken, dass es Tess Gerritsen allerdings versteht ein einfach zu lesendes und verständliches Niveau zu halten, was der Spannung ihres meiner Ansicht nach ersten richtigen Horrorthrillers keinen Abbruch tut, sondern im Gegenteil, erlaubt sich mehr auf die Handlung zu konzentrieren. Heldin Dr. Claire Elliot ist dabei keine unnahbare Superheldin, die einfach alles kann, sondern durchaus verletzlich und auch mal ratlos, was sie umso realistischer wirken lässt. Fazit: Zwar kein Meisterwerk, doch ein solider Horrorthriller.

3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Intriguing thriller with medical details Von MissGoWest After her husband's death, Dr. Claire Elliot moves to Maine with her son. In the small town of Tranquility, she hopes to build up a new life for herself and 14-year-old Noah. Yet the saying "nomen est omen" proves to be wrong this time -- Tranquility soon becomes everything but tranquil. A shooting in Noah's classroom is the first incident in a series of extreme teenage violence. Fearing for her own son, Claire tries to find the cause, thus coming across similar atrocities in the past. Police Chief Lincoln Kelly supports her, but the majority of the townspeople aren't thrilled by the theory Claire comes up with. Tess Gerritsen's knowledge in the medical field from her former career as internist shows in her novel "Bloodstream." Dr. Claire Elliot is a very believable character -- both in her profession as doctor as well as a troubled woman trying to help her son and finding a new meaning in her own life. The author manages to balance Claire's strengths and weaknesses, neither making her a superwoman nor someone falling completely apart during a crisis. The book's plot grips the reader's interest from the very start, keeping it until the action-packed end. All in all, "Bloodstream" is an intriguing medical thriller which will not disappoint the reader in the least.

Kurzbeschreibung With her acclaimed novels Harvest and Life Support, Tess Gerritsen has injected a powerful dose of adrenaline into the medical thriller. Now, in a new blockbuster, Gerritsen melds page-turning suspense with chilling realism as a small-town doctor races to unravel the roots of a violent outbreak -- before it destroys everything she loves. Lapped by the gentle waters of Locust Lake, the small resort town of Tranquility, Maine, seems like the perfect spot for Dr. Claire Elliot to shelter her adolescent son, Noah, from the distractions of the big city and the lingering memory of his father's death. But with the first snap of winter comes shocking news that puts her practise on the line: a teenage boy under her care has committed an appalling act of violence. And as Claire and all of Tranquility soon discover, it is just the start of a chain of lethal outbursts among the town's teenagers. As the rash of disturbing behavior grows, Claire uncovers a horrifying secret: this is not the first time it has happened. Twice a century, the children of Tranquility lash out with deadly violence. Claire suspects that there is a biological cause for the epidemic, and she fears that the placid Locust Lake may conceal an insidious danger. As she races to save Tranquility -- and her son -- from harm, Claire discovers an even greater threat: a shocking conspiracy to manipulate nature, and turn innocents to slaughter. From Publishers Weekly Gerritsen leaves the urban hospital setting of her first two successful thrillers (Harvest; Life Support) and steps into Stephen King territory? the troubled Maine town of Tranquility? with mixed results. The former doctor's ability to create credible characters and make medical details accessible and exciting

provide the book's strongest moments, as Dr. Claire Elliot—recent widow from Baltimore—tries to make a go of her new life in Tranquility, where she has moved to get her son Noah, 14, away from dangerous influences. Irony of ironies: the country turns out to hold more savage dangers for the teen than the city ever did. Claire's struggles with the boy, her failure so far to win a place for herself in the hearts of prospective patients and a possible romance with the town's police chief are straightforward and moving. Harder to swallow is the book's premise—that savage outbreaks of violence among Tranquility's teenagers occur every 50-odd years, caused by natural or even supernatural factors. It's Claire who makes the connection between recent murders and older attacks, and of course there's the old "enemy of the people" subplot about not scaring off the tourist trade. The fact that Tranquility's teenage problem has a scientific solution lets Dr. Elliot have a final moment of triumph, but you can't help feeling that King would have made the story more powerful—and more fun. Major ad/promo; author tour; Doubleday Book Club and Literary Guild super release; Mystery Guild main selection; simultaneous Simon Schuster audio. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist

Dr. Claire Elliot, newly come to Tranquility, Maine, and its hospital, stumbles into an epidemic of teen violence. Her son becomes involved, along with other young and, eventually, older citizens of the suspicious town. With the aid of police chief Lincoln Kelly, Elliot searches for a cause. Blue mushrooms in a teen-favored corner of the woods turn out to be a red herring. The green phosphorescence that occasionally appears on Lake Locust, in which many teens regularly swim, is, however, another matter. Despite misgivings, the high-school principal, who has long yearned for Chief Kelly, gives the go-ahead for the big dance. At it, violence threatens, of course, and Kelly almost talks a teenager into giving up a revolver. Just at the wrong moment, the number-two town cop and his crew burst onto the dance floor. Then Elliot and Kelly discover that earlier outbreaks of violence took place, like these, after a flood and a hot, dry summer. A drug company worker masquerading as a reporter, a sharp pathologist, and a cave of worms help bring Gerritsen's third fascinating, well-crafted, fast-paced medical thriller (the others were the best-selling *Harvest* [1996] and *Life Support*) to a credible, creditable ending. William Beatty