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We have all heard it before. From a mother, father, friend or maybe a complete stranger.

“If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.”

But what if it wasn’t?

Parker Bale finds himself in this exact predicament. A gentlemen with a very unique past, Parker completed college and is on the hunt for a job. Almost immediately he is offered the career of a lifetime. His new assignment? Find a woman to love. His boss? Kenton Ward - a self-made millionaire with a strange desire to witness a love he never had an opportunity to experience.

One small catch...Parker must sign a contract with Kenton, binding him to conditions of the search for a woman. Eagerly, he signs the document without reading the legal language.

Victoria Fisker doesn’t trust people, has no faith in the male species and lives a quiet life keeping to herself and caring for her narcotic addicted mother.

Can they look beyond their sordid pasts? Can Parker fall in love under the scrutiny of an employment contract? Can Victoria learn to trust?

The love depicted in Finding Parker is not simply read, it is experienced. After reading this novel, you will without a doubt view love differently...and question the life you have been living.

“I wanted to resist, allowing the night to go on forever. As we walked along the beach, I pressed my feet into the sand firmly, leaving an impression deep enough to last a lifetime.

And I did not look back...”

## **Finding Parker Details**

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## From Reader Review Finding Parker for online ebook

### Samantha Knight says

So I could catch you, and what a catch.

"Life is easy, all we have to do to live it, is breathe"

One of my favorite quotes throughout this brilliant novel. I am the type of person it takes a lot to elicit any real emotion, or feelings if you will. Only two books have ever made me stop and re-evaluate my life and the choices I have made thus far. Broken People and this one, oddly enough both written by Scott Hildreth. I cried, I laughed, I wondered and most of all I felt.

"You should live everyday as if you're going to die at midnight"

My new words to live by. Throughout this novel Parker searches for nothing more than what EVERYONE wants family, love and a sense of belonging and he finds it. In the oddest way.

"Simply existing satisfies me as long as you are part of the existing"

That saying is something I am sure everyone longs to hear. That someone is happy simply because you exist in their world. While reading this novel I found how important 'finding your other half' really is. Not only to you, but to those closest to you as well. The love Parker finds is something I to wish to find someday.

"Life's greatest treasures will never be held, purchased, or bartered for. They will only ever be felt."

I knew this book was going to be nothing short of amazing. (I mean come on have you read a bad Hildreth book yet? No? Okay then) I had a preconceived feeling about how this book was going to go and it was nothing like I thought it was going to be. It was so much better. This book is truly a treasure and I felt Every. Single. Word. This book had it all, the good, the bad and the extremely heart breaking parts of life.

"The value of a person's life is measured by the amount of people they touch in living it"

I can say with honesty that you have touched a lot of lives, not just in this book but all of them and if you wanted your funeral would be overrun and into the streets. If there was ever a novel to start your life long Hildreth obsession, Finding Parker is that book.

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### Sassy Savvy Fabulous says

Scott Hildreth has his own unique style as a writer, one that makes you ponder your very existence, one that makes you want to be a better person. Finding Parker was no exception. It was an inspiring story that touched my soul. The intensity of my feelings can not easily be described with simple words. As he often does, Scott has once again rendered me speechless. What I can tell you is....you will fall in love with this story, the characters and the concept. I walked away from this book with tears flowing and a soft smile

playing on my lips.

You heart will soar from all the love you will feel.

This story....These feelings....Heartfelt and Beautiful!

This book awakened emotions in me I didn't know I was capable of.

I truly believe that every time an author writes, they give us a part of themselves. This notion is completely apparent when reading Finding Parker. Thank You Scott! I am truly grateful for this gift

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### **Scott Hildreth says**

Where do I start. This author seems to have outdone himself this time.

The book starts out with the male MC (Parker) signing a contract with a wealthy eccentric middle aged man. Parker's bound by contract to meet several women and court them in an effort to find a lover. The problem, at least initially, is the fact he signed a contract and didn't read it.

At all.

He signed it on a literal dare.

Parker is an attractive man and a college graduate. In his new "job", he gets unlimited expenses, a new BMW, etc, but he must take the women to the wealthy employers home once a week.

Right out of the gate, this book grabs you and doesn't let go. It makes you think, and think hard. It has a plot unlike anything else I've read in years, many...many years.

I'll have to admit, the ancillary characters in this book are stronger than Author Hildreth's MC's in previous books. The main characters in this book are amazing.

If you're like me, and you like a great story about having feelings, wondering what's going to happen in a relationship, and not trusting members of the opposite sex, this book hits you in the gut with a blind-side punch.

And keeps punching away until the end.

You'll never guess where this book will take you, but be prepared. It's a ride you'll not soon forget, and you'll want to immediately read over again. Many times.

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## **Snow says**

**5 "yin to your yang" stars**

**Beautiful coming of age story.**

**Life altering truths.**

**I have highlighted so many sentences i will need to ponder over them...and make them "alive" through the further walk on my own memory lane towards another day cause:**

***"You should live every day as if you're going to die at midnight."***

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Once again i was surprised by a read. I didn't quite know what to expect except for the "feelings" and

essentially this book is exactly that - a **FEELING!**

**the abundance of kindness, emotional spectre interwoven with ties of introspective search, finding and keeping.**

acknowledging the existance of greater truth of life is on hightened on every page and it's overwhelming in my own process of finding them out, accepting them and recognizing them...

### **BEAUTIFUL. ENLIGHTNING. HEARTWORMING.**

#### **the story and the characters**

are so interlinked that you have the feeling they are one and the same. They move through the pacing, they set the pacing, they are the pacing.

**Parker Bale** is a 23 year old college graduate in search of an employment. He answers an add that is intriguing and daring and he finds himself signing a contract with the middle aged rich man **Kenton Wade**. Parker's job includes a "search" - finding and courting women in order to find the one that would eventually become smth more. The setting is given, the location is marked and the "sight" is in proximity. **Victoria Fisker** is the one Parker sets his eyes upon.

Seems like an ideal, "too good to be true" job BUT the constant self-questioning that Parker puts himself through sets the bar higher in not only the search for "the one" but in settling his own thoughts, feelings, ethics considering friendship and finally love.

**The connections run deep and the bonds are formed beyond imagining possible and the hidden truths come out in the light setting the tone for enlightenment of event, people and places they are about to reach**

#### **My thoughts**

***I FELT: Kindness. Love. Tenderness. Life altering truths. Quotes that linger and stay with you reminding you what you somehow misplaced inside yourself while running the everyday fast lane called LIFE.***

Truly different in tone and pace, but the writing style is recognizable and I can only make my statement that **Scott Hildreth** is a versatile author that can amaze with grandiose "life truths" and deliver them in such a simple, warm and wholehearted way.

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#### **Jen Campbell says**

LMFAO—Yes that is how I am starting this review. I have to laugh because as a reader I NEVER know what I am going to get from this author. I was very intrigued to read this book after comprehending the prologue and chapter one but at the same time had no idea where the story would go. I have read all of Scott Hildreth books and in my opinion, this book is amazingly different from his previous work. I believe, the

layers of the onion that I usually peel when reading his work where softer and more subtle. Which made for a wonderful read.

Finding Parker is A Love Story that at first took my mind to aspiring how I would love this type relationship for my children someday. At the same time did not think this tender story had anything for me personally, besides the enjoyment of a great book. However, EVERYTHING and I mean everything in God's world happens for a reason and this book was another reminder of that for me.

I believe that relationships progress in stages, and this book was for me a perfect example of those stages. Most relationship start in your thoughts and Scott Hildreth laid that out wonderfully. The story starts with Kenton Ward as a mentor of sorts to Parker Bale and as with any great mentor he guides Parker in finding his own way. Through this thoughtful journey, he encounters Victoria Fisker. The below quote stopped me in my tracks because I am guilty of it on a daily bases. \*over thinker extraordinaire\*

As the story unfolded, I soon saw the relationships moving into what I consider the next stage, your feelings. The author did an amazing job at portraying the growing feelings that Parker and Victoria shared. The below quotes illustrate wonderfully these feelings.

The discovery of ones thoughts and feelings was not limited to just Parker and Victoria's relationship. I felt that Scott Hildreth brilliantly interwove Kenton and Downes into the journey. The result being the evolution of a family

Now this is were my mind sat, in the middle of Kenton's peach tea, all murky with fibers of the story floating around, for about 12 hours after finishing this book. I thought to myself what am I missing. I even called an insightful friend to discuss the story, she tried explaining, and I still did not piece it together. What it took was a "aha" moment, (yes another one) and it came in the form of remembering the knowing.

The magic happens in the knowing. The author anchored each character's journey for beautiful relationships in the knowing; they knew that they were loved unconditionally. When you love in the knowing you understand that even in times of trouble that you are going to be ok because someone has your back. Kenton, Parker, Victoria, and Downes grew to love each other not with merely their thoughts, or feelings but bonded in the serenity of knowing that they shared an unreserved love. Mr. Hildreth you did a beautiful job at creating a true LOVE STORY.

Ask yourself are you loving the people in your life in the knowing? I know I did. I want to thank the author for the excellent reminder to strive for the knowing. Oh, and my husband thanks you too.  
WELL DONE. Looking forward to your next book.....

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### **Ramblings From Beneath The Sheets says**

#### **BEAUTIFUL**

Scott wrote a powerful message in this story. It was a beautiful story about love and loss. Something each of us can relate to in one form or another. It will have you thinking about Life. Love. Family. Finding Parker is

not like anything Scott has written. This story - in my opinion - show cases just how talented Scott is. He has written a story that focuses on the importance of what really matters in life. it's not always about the sex and hook ups. It's about finding The. One. The one you are willing to lay all cards on the table for. Taking risks. Following your heart. Friendships. Family. Unconditional Love.

Bravo Scott. You made my heart smile with this one and my eyes water.

<3.

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### **~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says**

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If you want something that will touch your soul and leave you in a place of wonder and profound peace.. read this epic story. Truly I felt like I met some extraordinary people.. and am just utterly at a loss for words. Epic.. wonderful and amazing.

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### **Angela Wallace says**

When I heard that "Finding Parker" was finally Live, I had two reactions (Ok, so I may have borrowed from Victoria a little...)

"Oh my fucking God, Parker. Yes. Yes. Yes"

Swiftly followed by...

"I'm going to devour this motherfucker"

You could say that I was \*slightly\* excited... And beyond the fact that it was being described as "A Love Story", I didn't know what kind of journey it was going to take me on.

I can tell you now, that is wasn't long before I knew this was going to be something a bit special; something that was going to affect me and stay with me; and I was absolutely certain that I didn't want it to end... Even when I was ripped to shreds, feeling raw and vulnerable...

"Sometimes when I have to do something I really despise, I count to five and just do it when five comes."  
~Victoria

"One"...

From the moment the story began, I felt an inevitable flow of time and events and it reminded me of a quote by Lao Tse

"Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes, Don't resist them - that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like."

To relax. To live life to the full every.single.day. To be observant of signs pointing you a certain way, gives me a sense of peace...and to accept my past as something which has shaped me into who I am now, gives me strength.

"I have no regrets. To regret my past would be to admit I am not satisfied with who or what I have become. Everything I have accomplished and all I have been exposed to - good or evil - has created what sits before you."~Downes

Scott Hildreth's sub characters always add so much (I want to know more about Downes!), but Kenton... He is something special...

"TWO"...

Then there are the Scottisms ~ the unique Hildreth~Humour... or Hildreth-haha's. I was close to choking with laughter at the sub sandwiches, eyebrow perfection "Pluck. Pluck. Pluck", chicken guts, a clown \*raises eyebrow\*, and my personal favourite....

"The piccolo player's a motherfucker"... Trust me, read it and you'll understand!

"Three"...

LOVE. Parker & Victoria. To find a love that is so exceptional, that defies odds. That person who allows you to just be yourself, but helps you to grow into the best person you can be. Yin/yang. Someone who really sees you... not your image, but your heart and your soul... is priceless, and beyond compare... Simply beautiful. And the sacrifices we make for those we love are beyond words...

"Life's greatest treasures will never be held, purchased, or bartered for. They will only be felt."

"Four"...

My favourite quote which warmed my heart, is actually the dedication "With swollen eyes and a heart filled with warmth, I dedicate this novel to my father. Pop, this one is for you."

So, Mr.Hildreth, it seems apt to end with the words of Parker which wholeheartedly reflect my thoughts...

"Thank you," I whispered.  
"For?" He asked in a whisper.  
"For," I hesitated.  
"For being you."

Never stop being you. Your words have the ability to inspire, make people reflect, laugh, cry, heal and be more.

"Five" ... swollen eyed, but thankful stars.  
"Fuck" ... I came to the end... But it's not really the end, and that's why I'm now smiling and thankful.

Stunning.

"Love without end."

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### **Jennifer Edwards says**

This was a definite departure from Scott Hildreth's normal fare.

There was no erotica, no torrid or kinky affairs. This was a love story, and not centered around romance, but love of family and friends, and yes romantic partners. Dare I say that this story was sweet?

All of the characters are well-developed. I actually loved Kenton and Downes equally, if not more, than Parker and Victoria!

I think Kenton trying to gain redemption for the way he lived his life, and The person that he had become made me fall in love with him a little bit more. It just showed that people can turn their lives around, even though parts of their lives may have not been spent being a model human.

However, in true Hildreth fashion, he once again causes the reader to contemplate life through his writing and stories. I happen to always find sage advice and quotes that touch me, and even change some of my stubborn thought patterns.

*The value of a person's life is measured by the amount of people they touch in living it.*

*Life is easy. Live it while you're alive. Because when you're gone you won't have an opportunity.*

Both seem like such simple and obvious statements, but do we actually do this? How many times do we procrastinate or put off friends and family? I know that I am oh so guilty of thinking that there will always be time later.

One of my thoughts is that I hope that I may have touched people's lives and have them remember me fondly when I am gone. In this wish, I think that I, as many of us don't do often enough, put others ahead of myself at times.

*You should live every day as if you're going to die at midnight. And ask yourself throughout the course of each, day, if this were my last day on this earth, would I do anything different?*

I can honestly answer, yes I would. This quote alone made the whole book for me. If I can take this lesson and apply it daily, I feel that things can change. Life can change. Life can be lived.

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### **Jamie ?? submits to books ?? says**

#### **DNF @ 43%**

Plain and simply just bored and had no connection to Parker and his unbelievably boring life and thoughts.

Time to move on!

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### **Debi Price says**

As Usual I had to take a couple days to reflect, to get the courage to write a review that would even give the book the just words it deserves.

This new book is not what I expected at all. This book Finding Parker was like opening a present. A present you have been waiting for and can't wait to open. Well I did! As I read chapter after chapter I was drawn into the life and experiences of Parker Bale. I loved the whole story with all it's funny little tid bits and so many quotes I loved such as...."The Value of a persons life is measured by the amount of people they touch in living it." I fell in love with each of the characters perfectly in their own way. Even Katelyn had me smiling as she "Fumble F#\$\*ed her way into a room" so Imperfectly Perfect. lol

I cannot say enough about this book. I don't want to give anything away. You just have to read it for yourself. All of Scott's book are interpreted by each person differently. So dive in. I did and I am so glad I did. I totally give it five plus stars.

This author, Scott Hildreth can just keep writing books that touch your heart ,make you think (like Parker) and leave you craving for more. EVERY TIME!

Once again, Thank You! B

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### **Tina says**

Let me just start by saying that I could kick myself in the ass for waiting to read this masterpiece.

Even though I knew where this book was going and what was going to happen, it was all still a surprise to me. This was a very touching book, and I actually learned a lot from it. I loved this book! I laughed, I cried, and when I say I cried, I mean I CRIED!!

This love story was exactly that, and I don't know if I'm jaded by most of the books I have read in the past, but I kept waiting for something bad to happen, for Parker to turn into an asshole, but this truly was a love story, so that never happened. I'm trying not to give any spoilers away, but in true Scott Hildreth fashion, with his writing, there is hidden meaning within the book and he always keeps you thinking.

This book was very refreshing to read. It will make you think, it will make you reevaluate what's important in your life and it will make you live in the moment and smell all the wonderful smells that are around you

everyday, that maybe you have been missing.

Once again, Thank You Scott Hildreth for an awesome book!! Can't wait for what's next!

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### **Auntee says**

Didn't exactly wow me. I found parts of it incredibly long -winded and I was tempted to skim. The story was kind of intriguing...but just as it was getting good it started to get too wordy. I'm feeling a bit ambivalent about this one...

I guess I liked the idea of the story, but just wasn't thrilled with the execution. And, I wasn't totally convinced of the romance between Parker and Victoria. I know I'm in the minority here, but it was just OK for me. 3 1/2 stars

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### **Nina says**

Damn, I'm feeling a little scared about posting a review after seeing everyone else's because they all f\*\*\*\*\* ROCKED!!! So here it goes...

Scott, I absolutely feel in love with Finding Parker just as I have with all of your books. I've been patiently waiting (not really) for this one to come and it was well worth the wait.

You truly have a gift when it comes to writing. Not many authors can write different genre's and nail it every single time. This is one of the many reasons why I'm drawn to you. Your words have so much meaning behind them and many times I've stopped and asked myself "if this were my last day on this earth, would I do anything different?" At this moment in time, no. "I have no regrets. To regret my past would be to admit I am not satisfied with who or what I have become. Everything I have accomplished and all I have been exposed to - good or evil - has created what sits before you." I used to dwell on the past, but now that I'm older I view things differently and try to live everyday like it's my last "because when you're gone you won't have an opportunity."

I'm not going to go into details of the story because for one I don't want to spoil it for anyone else who hasn't read it and happens to come across reading this review. You need to experience all of it "until the bitter end."

I hope you don't find this review too disappointing ha ha

It's good to have you back Scott and I look forward to reading many books to come. <3 :)

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### **Jennifer says**

"Life is easy, all we have to do to live it, is breathe."

"Time passes at a constant rate. It never changes. A second is always a second. Sixty of them make a minute,

and sixty minutes make one hour.

Always.

Our perception of the passage of time, however, changes. I believe when I am anxious of the arrival of a particular event, time seems to pass very slowly. If I allow myself to become consumed by smaller events preceding the larger event, time seems to pass more quickly.

In short, I have concluded thinking - or reasoning - creates the illusion of time passing slowly. Mindlessness allows us to fly through the days and nights as if they never existed. One may stand to reason, and I certainly do, that a thoughtful person lives a lifetime equal to three or four of that of a mindless couch potato."

Life.

As humans we have perfected going through the motions of this our so called life. Most days, we attempt to convince ourselves that we are happy, that we are content. Some of us believe in gratitude, a few of us even live each day thankful. We pretend that the numbness and the complacency that we feel are normal, and that this is what we are supposed to do. What forces one to start living? What forces one to start allowing themselves the opportunity to live? What would you do if you had a proverbial remote control for your life? Would you choose to rewind or fast forward through certain events? Would you choose to stop it at some point? Would you press pause to slow things down and have the ability to reevaluate the life that you are living? What we don't understand is that each of us already holds that remote in our hand. That remote comes to us in the form of choices. The choices that we make each and every day.

In the novel *Finding Parker* by author Scott Hildreth, we are being shown the value of living life in the now. This amazingly heartfelt love story isn't just about the love of two people, it's about love in its purest form. The love of family and the love of self. The life lessons presented in this book are numerous, you just have to absorb them. Some of them are screaming at you, but the important ones are the ones that will surface as you are turning the page or even days later. The miracles manifested on the pages of this book, are the lessons between words.

I have read all of Mr. Hildreth's books, and have enjoyed each of them for different reasons. What draws me to his work is his ability to be tuned in to each and every one of his readers, in a way that most writers aspire to achieve. Most of us read a book because of a plot we think sounds intriguing, and our love and support of said author. I've stated publicly that I will read anything written by this man because of those very reasons, but for me, it's so much more. Scott's writing has the ability to tap into things we don't understand within ourselves. He manages to infuse into his stories bits and pieces of all of us. Everyone gets something entirely different from each of his books. He never fails to knock me to my knees and cause me to think about my life, my being, my worth, and my hopes and dreams. Every single time. He causes me to revisit and revise. He breaks me, and not at all in a bad way. He breaks me so that I can pick up each of my pieces, dust them off, and reassemble my life and myself into a better version of me. That? That, is amazing talent.

This novel presents us with four individuals, each of them looking for an angel without realizing that they are doing so. Each of them finding their angel in themselves and in each other. Parker is a gentleman, first and foremost. He has integrity, and values, and morals, and ethics. He is complicated, yet he really isn't, he's actually quite simple. Victoria is an independently strong woman who knows that sometimes life just "unravels." It does, and it has for her, and yet she is the epitome of grace and courage. Kenton is a man who hasn't always lived a life that he's been proud of, yet he has no regrets, and wants to embody every second of

the moment, and all of the joy that moment holds. Downes, ah... Downes, an under played character in my opinion that brings so much to this story. He's a man of loyalty and honor. He's a silent hero. These characters form an unconventional family, but a family in it's truest form. Once again, showing us that family doesn't have to be blood related. A family is simply about love. A family is made up of people who love unconditionally. Treat everyone with respect and kindness, you don't know why they've appeared in your life and what you are supposed to learn from them. You never know if that person is your angel.

This work isn't anything like any of the author's previous books. I admit that as I started reading, I found myself thinking, wow... Mr. Hildreth's writing has matured. It wasn't his writing, it was the fact that he had taken on mature gentlemanly role models and wrote them impeccably. Impeccably. So for that, I go on record with an apology. I was wrong in my first assessment. I should have known better. Scott did a perfect job of bringing the complexities of these charters to life. This story? This story is beautiful. It is truly a love story. In so many ways. I challenge anyone who has taken the time to read this review to read it. You will get from it exactly what you as an individual needs at that moment. It will speak to your soul. It will leave a smile on your heart. You will be forever changed. You will find a better version of you because of it.

"The value of a person's life is measured by the amount of people they touch living it."

This book teaches us that maybe it's not about the ending. Maybe it's really about the journey. What do you want your journey to be? What stops do you choose to take along the way? You have that choice. Do you want to rewind or fast forward, or do you just want to slow it down? We have the remote controls for our lives. Make the choices that empower you to live the life you want. How do you choose to spend your time traveling the road map of your so called life?

Think about it.

"With swollen eyes and a heart filled with warmth, I dedicate this novel to my father.

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