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There is 'noir', and there is 'noir' that is so slick and sly that even Elmore Leonard might be tempted to leap out of bed and look to his laurels.

When five bored rich kids bet each other as to who will be the first to drive an innocent victim of their choice to death, little do they realise that one of those they randomly select in a shopping mall is the Mafia's top West Coast hitman.

How would they know? He is black and without a single fluid ounce of Italian blood in his veins, albeit with gallons of the stuff on his hands.

This hitman may be sad, he may even be ready to die, but he isn't exactly suicidal – more homicidal, definitely more homicidal, you might say.

And he moves at the center of a plot containing a cast of characters which includes Mafia bosses, murderous priests, seedy movie directors, a gay sex-line operator and credulous starlets that brings a wry smile to your face every time a new twist is revealed.

Which is a lot of smiling, and a lot of dying.

## **The Suicide Game Details**

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## From Reader Review The Suicide Game for online ebook

### **Bianca says**

It was a good idea, it was a nice read, but it was a very misleading title.

Yes the suicide game was mentioned once or twice but in total it got like...I don't know for sure anymore...one to three chapters. They plan it, they pick targets, and that's about it.

In general this book is about a few people and their separate stories. Some of which are interesting (I really liked Orlando's story), some of which I had to force myself through (the Bert Edmunds stuff didn't catch me at all). In the end all those stories are connected and meet. But a suicide game? There was none. Just a few rich spoiled teenage boys that had the idea to do so.

It was a nice read however, but still a bit disappointing due to the misleading title. Thus only 3 stars.

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### **Mercedes says**

Here's a book that had me hooked with the ending of chapter one. Possible spoilers below...beware. The thing that gets me the most about this book is the title and description. I expected a story with the rich kids torturing their marks closer to suicide. However, it felt as though there is only one little chapter on the subject. Everything else is killers and how they are connected and that is it. It was interesting how all the characters are linked together in one way or another. I did notice too for this only being 200+ pages and should have read fast, it reads very slowly. It felt like after I'd been reading for an hour I should have been much farther along than say 20 pages, I usually read really fast.

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### **Elizabeth says**

I have never left a review for a book without reviews before. So this is really weird.

I picked up "The Suicide Game" because it was featured as an inexpensive book for my kindle. I read thrillers fairly regularly, but they aren't my main diet.

I think "The Suicide Game" suffers from an unfortunate title. Yes, there is a Suicide Game proposed and I guess it was started. However, it is barely a blip in the plotline in my opinion. It's kind of like worrying about a hang nail while being wheeled in for open heart surgery.

Rausch's book is about a group of desperate people moving in clearly different worlds--many of them in what might be considered the underbelly of society--who all reach a breaking point. Through murder, phone sex, drugs, religion and the mob, these worlds start to collide.

The pace is fast and I found myself unable to put the book down. Mainly, I think it was to figure out how and when the suicide game was going to come in and what in the world would happen next on this crazy train. I think I read that the author is a screenwriter? If so, I can see that. Each scene sort of unfolded as on a movie

screen.

I wish I could have given this 3.5 stars. The cast of characters nearly reaches Dickensian proportions. And there are odd and unexpected spider webs of relationships. But I don't think the author used these to the fullest. And the big payoff at the end, seemed a bit anti-climatic to me. That sounds like I don't recommend the book. I do. While, it didn't quite reach the potential I think the author set up, it still kept me engrossed. And this will be one that I'll keep thinking about for a while.

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### **Michelle says**

The book wasn't about a suicide game. it was pretty stupid.

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### **Elaine says**

Ya I didn't want to read about this guy who works for a gay hotline and performs acts with men to pay for his meth addiction. One reviewer mentioned that the sex was implicit but no, it's explicit, and the book pretty much starts off that way.

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### **katie says**

Would give it 0.5 stars if I could. The ebook was horrible - it kept messing up and you'd have to start from the homepage to get the pages loaded correctly or keeping going back and forth a few pages to load them. Many times it said I was finished with the book and should rate it when I wasn't even close. The book itself was ok. Nothing great - only got this book because it was free. Definitely don't recommend this book.

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### **Deniece Huffman says**

The best way to say what I think of this book would be "NOT AS ADVERTISED"

I think maybe 1 chapter was relevant to the description on the book.

The story was more like a bunch of short stories linked together.

It kept me interested mostly because I kept waiting for it to be what it said it was about, but that never really happened. But by then I was too far in the book to just walk away.

All in all way too many story lines for my taste, and a little too far a reach to bring them all together

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### **Sara says**

I liked it. It is a fast paced, violent and at times funny read. I feel it is strongly inspired in Pulp Fiction. I particularly enjoyed the end, it was unexpected.

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### **Amy H says**

3.5 stars

this book has me conflicted. I want to love this book, but all in all i hate when there are chapters upon chapters of different characters and stories that eventually roll into one... HATE IT!!!!

this book is totally that. this book follows a drug addict. he works for a gay phone sex line. he hates his job. he is dating a great girl who is also a drug addict, but she cheats on him all the time with the supplier. well, when bills get really tight he will meet up with men and do some sexually favors for money. he went to the hotel to do his nightly duties when he turns the light on and sees his dad. He doesn't know what to do. This man also has another job on the side. he works for a hit man. he is the go in between guy.

this book will also follow this man's father, and how ashamed he is about what he has done. he will call a suicide hot line where you will meet another main character. this guy is rich and spoiled. his parents are making him get a job because he needs to learn about how money is made. his friends are trying to get him to have people kill themselves like game.

my favorite part of this book is that it follows the hit man. he works for the mob, and also freelances. it tell his whole story about how he was married to a great woman and had children, and how he needed up alone and mad all the time.

i have to say if it stayed and followed a couple people this would be a total 5 star book..

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### **Marsha says**

There were four or five concurrent stories that did eventually all touch on each other, but for the most part they were disjoint. The book was overall, disjoint. The other thing was that the ending was incomplete and unsatisfying! The fact that there were more pointless murders in it was a hindrance to my enjoyment of the book, but that it itself does not make it a "bad book". Overall, the character development was spotty, and they really seemed more like the author was just throwing things together that he COULD find a way to connect, regardless of how unnatural it was. The different stories REALLY didn't go well. The title and overall description was intriguing, but the "suicide game" had little to do with the overall story! Furthermore, we really don't know what happened with it; only one "player" was followed at all!

I would not recommend this author, and I will probably read nothing else by him!

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### **Candy Korman says**

Suicide Game is professional and fast-paced but it lacks heart and fully realized characters. It feels like a treatment for a Quentin Tarantino movie. I kept reading to find out how it would all play out, but it was curiosity, not investment, that drove me to read on. I'm not one of those readers who need to love the characters, but these were all loathsome. Each and every one was awful. The men were two dimensional, at best, and the women were mere outlines of people -- the kind of sketches that need actors to fill in the rest of the persona. That being said, I kept reading and wanted to know what Rausch would do with this motley crew of unhappy, unlikeable, violent paper dolls. I'm conflicted about this one.

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### **Mark Nawrocki says**

liked this book alot...little bit of the beaten path but excellent  
thank you amazon for the freebie!!

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### **Jack says**

An untidily plotted thriller featuring gay telephone sex, mafia hitmen and drugs. The sex scenes were apparently from the imagination of a teenage boy

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### **Kimberly says**

Pretty good book.. kinda got long towards the end, had to skim instead of read but all in all.. pretty good

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### **Rachel Bustin says**

It took a while for me to get into the book as there are lots of characters, but once I knew who was who, it was interesting to see how they came together. Its not a book I would want to read again but it passed the time.

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