

## Locker Rooms

By Patty Lesser

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As a general rule I do not read books of this genre. From my upbringing and coupled with my childhood fears I stay away from literature that deals with the supernatural or death: ghosts, spirits, souls, Satan, etc. However once I began reading *Locker Rooms* by Patty Lesser I found myself immersed in it and anxious to see what would eventually happen.

The book is interesting in various levels. It is a unique love story between the soul of a good man and the life of a good woman. It is a religious story without espousing to any particular religion. It is a philosophical story without adhering to any particular philosophy. It is a psychological story preying on our imaginations and fears.

Lesser tackles several issues that have perennially intrigued mankind. She addresses the struggle between good and evil, the question of what happens to the soul after death, the idea of a purgatory and the ascension into heaven, and the ongoing struggle in the search for love.

As I read it, the book took me back to my religious lessons about purgatory. In this case purgatory takes on the form of locker rooms that the protagonist of the story, Alida, by chance, is able to reach. She embarks on the task of freeing innocent souls who have been locked up in this different purgatory seemingly forever. In the process, she finds love, discovers the unconditional love of her parents, and has to face the demons that challenge all of us on a daily basis.

Patty writes in a style that is easy to read. The subject matter could be frightening but she presents it in a loving, soothing way. The author also seems to have a vast knowledge of classical music and an inexhaustible supply of movies. I found the book intriguing and I was very happy with the final decision that Oliver makes.