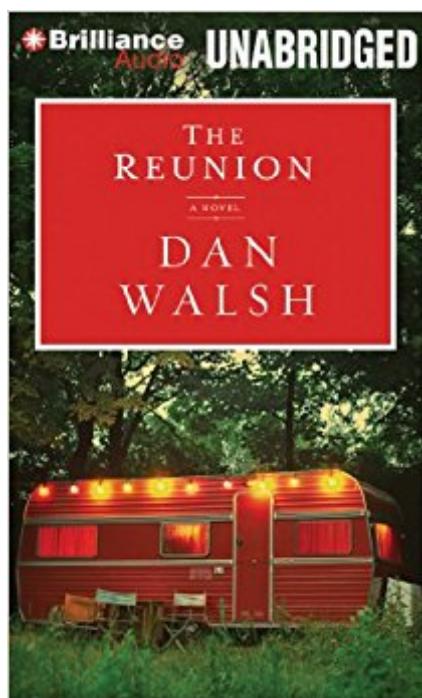


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# The Reunion: A Novel (Brilliance Audio On Compact Disc)



## **Synopsis**

Aaron Miller knows a thing or two about loss. He's lost love. Dignity. Second, and even third, chances. Once honored for his heroism, he now lives in near obscurity, working as a handyman in a humble trailer park. But God is a master at finding and redeeming the lost things of life. Unbeknownst to Aaron, someone is searching for him. With deep insight into the human heart, consummate storyteller Dan Walsh gently weaves a tale of a life spent in the shadows but meant for the light. Through tense scenes of war and tender moments of romance, *The Reunion* will make you believe that everyone can get a second chance at life and love.

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## **Customer Reviews**

"I just finished reading Dan Walsh's new book *THE REUNION*. OHMYGOSH!! I have happy tears running down my face and a warm feeling in my heart. I never expected the ending to this amazing heartfelt story. It was off the charts satisfying!"--Nora St. Laurent, CEO The Book Club Network

*The Reunion* by Dan Walsh, has taken up residence on my Top Ten of 2012 List, but that's not all. It sparked a new list. My Top Ten All Time Favorites, and it's earned a spot there. -- Ane Mulligan, Sr Editor, Novel Rocket Blog

"With a gift for pulling the heartstrings and encouraging a slow build of tears within his reader, Dan Walsh is quickly becoming one of my favorite go-to storytellers for sweet romance and intricately woven parallel storylines." -- USA Today (Serena Chase)

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**Review:** "This book has a pretty big cast of characters, but Walsh does it well and, as the storylines collide the reader becomes fully invested in each individual HEA." Aaron's humility, born of failure and whitewashed by grace, is almost a tangible thing. A flashback to Vietnam is action-packed and tense with a sense of doom, but in the present, it fuels John's desperation to find Aaron. The romance between Karen and Dave is the sort that lets you feel the butterflies of falling in love right along with them, yet your heart breaks when other men's failures threaten to poison Karen's chance at love. "With a gift for pulling the heartstrings and encouraging a slow build of tears within his reader, Dan Walsh is quickly becoming one of my favorite go-to storytellers for sweet romance and intricately woven parallel storylines." --USA Today, Happily Ever After

**Praise for Dan Walsh**

"Dan's books grab your heart and don't let you go until the last page." --Dr. Gary Smalley, bestselling author and speaker

"Walsh [makes] the reader feel like a dear old friend." --RT Book Reviews

"Dan Walsh's novel-within-a-novel is rich with intrigue, history, and romance. Character-driven and wistful . . . a sublime delight that shouldn't be missed." --USA Today on *The Discovery*

Dan Walsh is the award-winning author of several books, including *The Unfinished Gift*, *The Deepest Waters*, and *The Discovery*. A member of American Christian Fiction Writers, Dan served as a pastor for 25 years. He lives with his wife in the Daytona Beach area, where he's busy researching and writing his next novel.

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*The Reunion* is a beautiful book, very well written, and full of heart. Aaron Miller, a Vietnam vet, is caretaker of Bentley's Trailer Park and Campground. He gets around on a golf cart, fills people's propane tanks, and helps out any way he can. His home is a garage with sparse furniture. Heather and her boyfriend live in the trailer on Lot 31. They fight a lot. One day, Aaron finds Heather with her eye swollen shut. Last week, she had a red mark on her face. Aaron helps her get ice on her eye, asks a few questions, and he promises not to let her boyfriend hurt her again. He told his boss lady and moved on to the next job. He needs to repair the access ramp for

Billy, another Vietnam vet, who lost both legs in the War. Aaron got Billy to come to the door and chatted for a while with him, getting to work on the ramp. What Aaron didn't know was that Billy had the gun loaded and was planning to kill himself that day. Karen is on a blind date with a man who is handsome and knows it. This isn't going to work, partially because her date keeps reminding Karen that she is older than he is. Karen can hardly wait until this one is over. Karen is a real estate agent. She is smart, beautiful, and single. Dave is a newspaper journalist who is writing a book about Vietnam heroes, in honor of his father, who died in the War. He is a widower and has one son in high school, Jake. On a routine assignment, Dave has the opportunity to do some work for his book.

He is going to Houston, where he will be able to interview a prominent veteran. When Dave interviews John Lansing, he learns of the brave man who saved his life along with two others. Then, Dave begins the search to find him. I don't want to spoil it for you, but the interwoven lives of a real Vietnam hero and the way the author brings them together make *The Reunion* the best title. You will laugh, cry, empathize, and you will find a slice of your own life somewhere in this lovely tale. As an additional plus, you will end up with a renewed appreciation of those who fought and died in Vietnam.

Emotional and heartbreak at times, *The Reunion* is the story of a Vietnam veteran and how he feels like he is nothing special. Due to some choices made in his earlier years, Aaron has not seen his kids in decades. As the maintenance man at a Florida trailer park, he pretty much keeps to himself but helps others and reaches out to them without ever realizing how much difference he truly makes. Dave is a journalist on a mission to write a book on Vietnam war heroes when he finds himself commissioned by a veteran to find a recipient of the Medal of Honor. As he begins his search, he meets Karen, whose dad fought in Vietnam. The way this story plays out is beautiful, and I hope you will give it a try. Dan Walsh did a fabulous job of weaving this somewhat complex story so beautifully. His characters feel like real people, with real emotions and real problems. As I listened on Audible, Dick Hill was a great choice for this audio book. I am always a little hesitant when a male reader records a book that has female characters, but he did an excellent job and I really enjoyed it. I would classify this book as a southern meal. Maybe mashed potatoes, fried chicken, biscuits, and green beans. Something that reaches your soul.

Ok, I read this book on the 7th of this month but have had a real bad month with my health and so have been in bed unable to get to my computer. But this book was so good...no INCREDIBLE that I couldn't wait to write the review! As I was laying in bed after telling my husband the WHOLE book and making him cry also! (He doesn't read much because he's severely dyslexic and it takes him months to read a book.) Anyway, he finally fell asleep and I was laying there wishing I could get up and get to the computer and the review just started coming together in my mind. So I grabbed a paper and pen and wrote it down, thinking to post it the next day...15 days later here is what I wrote about this book!! I wanted to read this book the moment I first saw it. The picture drew me in and made me want to walk up to the trailer, feel the grass on my bare feet, go inside and look around. I could almost see what all the decor and layout looked like...I was fascinated! My sister called and she said she read it and I HAD to read it!! I tried to win it in 11 different contests online and couldn't win it!! Then I found it on e-book (Not as good as the real thing but will work!) Dan is a master craftsman at his art of writing! I have 2 other of his book on my computer and I am going to read them ASAP!! He has jetted himself to the top of my favorites list! (And that is saying a LOT!!) To me this book was like a beautiful spider's web that Dan was weaving before our very eyes! He took silken threads of memories from the past and wove them into feelings of the present. Threads wove from Vietnam all the way back to Texas. From The White House to a shed. From broken hearts and homes, to rejoicing and ALL praise given to God! And when you reach the end it is like the sun coming up in the morning and shining on the web of Arthur's life, making what seemed like a tangled mess a thing of great woven strength and beauty with drops of dew shining like diamonds on each and every strand, for all the lives he had changed along the way! My prayer is that at the end of my life someone can step back and look at my web for the SON like Arthur's. A true masterpiece, I will read it over and over so I'm still going to find a "real" copy for my bedside self!! Without a doubt, the best book I read this year! (I read 205)

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