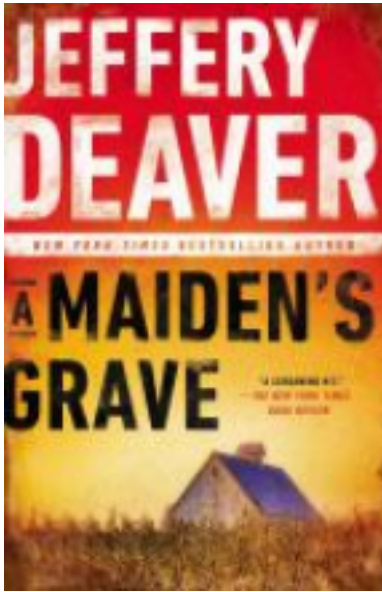




A Maiden's Grave



A bus full of children is taken hostage in this "screaming hit" (The New York Times Book Review) from the author of The Never Game and The Bone Collector . Along a windswept Kansas road, eight vulnerable (deaf) girls and their helpless teachers are forced off a school bus and held hostage in an abandoned slaughterhouse. The madman who has them at gunpoint has a simple plan: One hostage an hour will die unless the demands are met. Called to the scene is Arthur Potter, the FBI's best hostage negotiator. He has a plan. But so does one of the hostages--a beautiful teacher who's willing to do anything to save the lives of her students. Now the clock is ticking as a chilling game of cat and mouse begins.

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