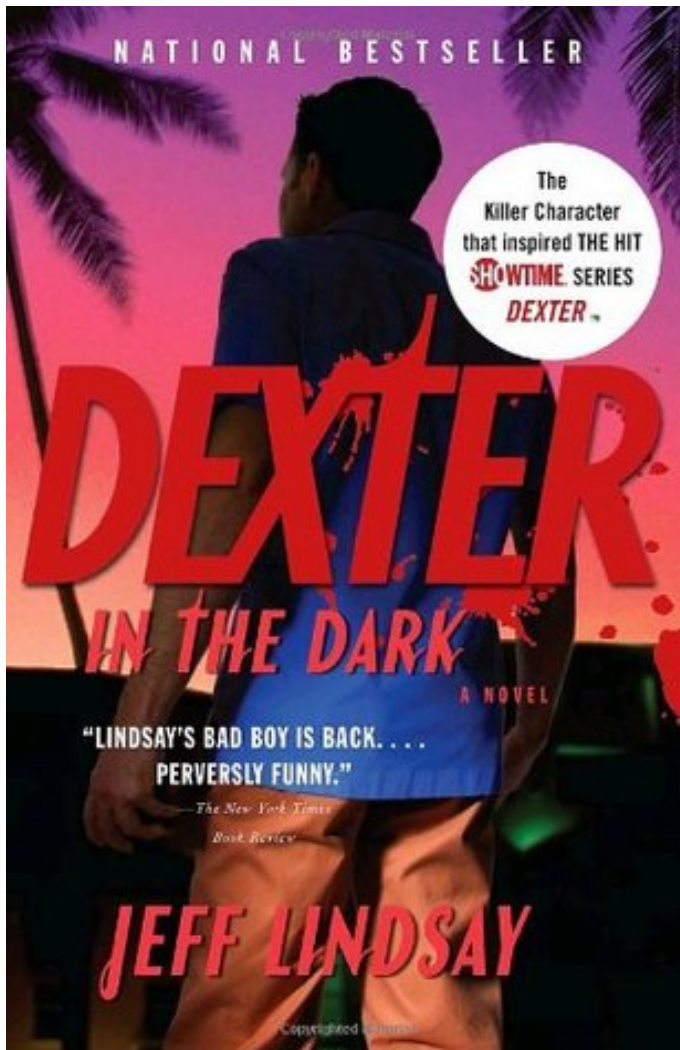

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Description

In his work as a Miami crime scene investigator, Dexter Morgan is accustomed to seeing evil deeds. . . particularly because, on occasion, he commits them himself. But Dexter's happy existence is turned upside down when he is called to an unusually disturbing crime scene at the university campus. Dexter's Dark Passenger – mastermind of his homicidal prowess – immediately senses something chillingly recognizable and goes into hiding. Dexter is alone for the first time in his life, and he realizes he's being hunted by a truly sinister adversary. Meanwhile he's planning a wedding and trying to learn how to be a stepfather to his fiancé's two kids – who might just have dark tendencies themselves. Macabre, ironic, and wonderfully entertaining, *Dexter in the Dark* goes deeper into the psyche of one of the freshest protagonists in recent fiction.

Insightful reviews

Richard Lu: Dexter in the Dark review

By: Richard Lu

If you've ever seen Dexter on T.V then you'll probably know that the plot of the show is about a man with dark desires who wishes to kill people. Instead of using these desires to kill innocent people, Dexter only bears his fangs on other predators that have escaped the judgement of the courts. The plot is absolutely gorgeous and it keeps viewers coming back week after week. Thankfully the book version of Dexter has follows the same format, Dexter expresses his dark passenger by killing other criminals, just like in the show. If that's the case than the book "Dexter in the Dark" must be as much of a masterpiece as its television counterpart right? Well no, not really.

Dexter in the Dark is about Dexter losing the voice of the Dark Passenger that drives him to become the murderer that he is. Without it Dexter feels naked and vulnerable to other predators. Dexter then begins his search on why his inner voice left him. While I'll gladly admit that the first half of the novel was written well enough to keep my interest high, it doesn't go anywhere but downhill from there.

The second half of Dexter in the Dark is an absolute train wreck, detouring dimensions far away from reality. Apparently the book Dexter's Dark Passenger is caused by an ancient god named Moloch whom has the ability to multiply itself within the minds of many. These possessed people will then crave blood and become predators. Furthermore, people possessed by Moloch will hear music inside their heads that will put them in trance like states, which I found as being pretty out there. As Desiree had said somewhere below me, the T.V version of Dexter was great because it didn't feel the need to dive into the origins of the Dark Passenger, keeping the plot feeling realistic.

If you're like me and you decided to pick up this book because you couldn't get enough of the television Dexter then do yourself a favour, don't. Like many of the reviewers below me I found that the addition of the mystical gods crap was both unnecessary and stupid. The Dexter of the

book just isn't the same Dexter that we've all come to know and love. Jeff Lindsay's Dexter in the Dark could have been a great way for fans of Dexter to enjoy more Dexter, as it stands now however, it's just a big disappointment. Hopefully future Dexter novels will mend the wound inflicted upon Dexter's good name, though I doubt it, since mystic gods have already been introduced in the world of novel Dex.

Karen: Well, it started out nice and sick, as any Dexter book should. There's also a very funny exchange that involves the victim of a tongue extraction, the sound "Goy," and the response "Yes. Methodist, actually." Oh, I laughed so hard I was crying.

But then there's a lot of silliness. And, yes, that is the best word for it -- though dumb is challenging it.

SPOILER ALERT

First of all, Aramaic is written right to left and does not look like the Latin alphabet enough for plebs to decipher it. Second, I don't care how rich you are, you can't hypnotize people just by playing music alone. Third, there's the issue of Rita's "engagement ring" from *Dearly Devoted* that is never resolved in that book, and is never addressed here. Ugh. Continuity, people. Please!

Still, when you're all doped up on muscle relaxers, this is a good read.

Rob: I'm not sure if it's because the final season of *Dexter* (the TV series) was such a disappointing shitshow or just that author Jeff Lindsay finally hit his stride with the third book in his series, but *Dexter in the Dark* was an immensely satisfying read. This time around, Dexter is fighting a battle on two fronts: tracking down a murderer who takes a page from ancient Biblical texts, and, closer to home, figuring out how to handle the growing propensity for violence in his two soon-to-be stepchildren. This book also introduces the intriguing possibility that Dexter's Dark Passenger – which, in the TV series, is just a euphemism for his compulsion to kill – is actually a sorta-kind of sentient spirit possessing him.

Lindsay is firing on all cylinders here. The book is as gruesome and suspenseful as we'd expect from a series about a killer hunting killers, but most impressive is the humor. I don't remember laughing out loud as frequently in the previous two books as I did in this one – either the situation naturally lent itself to pitch-black chuckles, or Lindsay found himself in full control of precisely what makes Dexter (the character and the series) tick.

Edward Lorn: Day 3 of my Dexter Morgan marathon, and publication 3 is done. I'd truly do that Seven Books in Seven Days Challenge. Yay me. *cue crickets and awkward glances* I imagine I am within the minority while I say that I loved this one very much, yet I do know why such a lot of readers (or, for those who prefer, enthusiasts of this series) didn't like it. Humans get pleasure from their convenience zones. Dexter in the dead of night takes fanatics of the sequence out of a longtime real-looking environment through alluding to a potential supernatural foundation to the darkish Passenger. I mean, how dare Lindsay without warning are looking to do anything

diverse mid-series? The sheer audacity of a circulation like that! think if Alex go by surprise stumbled on himself up opposed to demons, and Columbo started slaying werewolves with a solid of his lazy eye. Ludicrous! (Oh, lookee there, I spelled "ludicrous" correct this time! Take that, Ludacris!)I comprehend you want to persist with yes principles for those who tackle a series. yet I additionally know the way soul crushing repetition can be. not anything dampens a fiery mind's eye like a bucket choked with monotony. Lindsay attempted whatever new, and fanatics balked. Yet, in my opinion, he was once vaguely profitable in branching out. I dug the concept. i don't believe i might have went complete on evil-older-than-man to provide an explanation for Dexter's internal undesirable boy, however it is what it is. I provide him an A for effort. Once again, simply because I listened to this one, we've a break up selection on our hands. 3 stars for the story, and 5 for the performance. So, you guessed it, 4 stars. In summation: Lindsay swings for the fences and connects. a few fanatics see this ebook as a nasty ball, yet I wish to think about it as an on-base. it truly is certainly now not a house run, and i've no proposal the place those fucking baseball metaphors are coming from. I hate baseball. Goddamn it...Final Judgment: Cody ex Machina.

Kemper: Ugh. What occurred to this series? i don't believe i have ever learn a chain that was once rooted in fact introduce a supernatural flip in a later book. and that i desire I by no means learn another.

Jenn Thorson: pricey Dexter is... Disappointing. It's humorous whilst I replicate that I loved this booklet and but felt very permit down through it on the similar time. See, whereas the Dexter personality is as enticing as within the different Dexter books i have read, and the final plot twists saved my interest, the author-- with out my stepping into the Diabolical Dexter Details-- has brought this unforeseen supernatural point that by surprise deeply impacts every thing I ever considered Demented Dexter. And for me, it completely jumps the shark. And whilst I say "jumps the shark," I suggest in a "Olympic athlete Bruce Jenner pole-vaulting on a morning he had his Wheaties over the robot shark (also coincidentally named Bruce) from 'Jaws'" type of shark-jumping. I purposefully have not checked out the opposite stories of this e-book simply because i did not are looking to be prompted by means of them, yet i will be prepared to work out what people say. Interestingly, I had listened to "Dexter is Delicious"-- a later book-- sooner than this, and whereas there has been a few point out of this oddly inserted supernatural element, it did not dominate or elevate the pink flags for me that it did during this book. Hey, probably the writer needs he hadn't extra it either. So, in summary-- comparable type of plot twists and humor often present in a Dexter novel. yet there is this elephant within the room. Or, well, shark. Or, well, anthropomorphic bull. I know, I know: yet it is a lengthy tale and that i don't desire to ruin it for you.

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