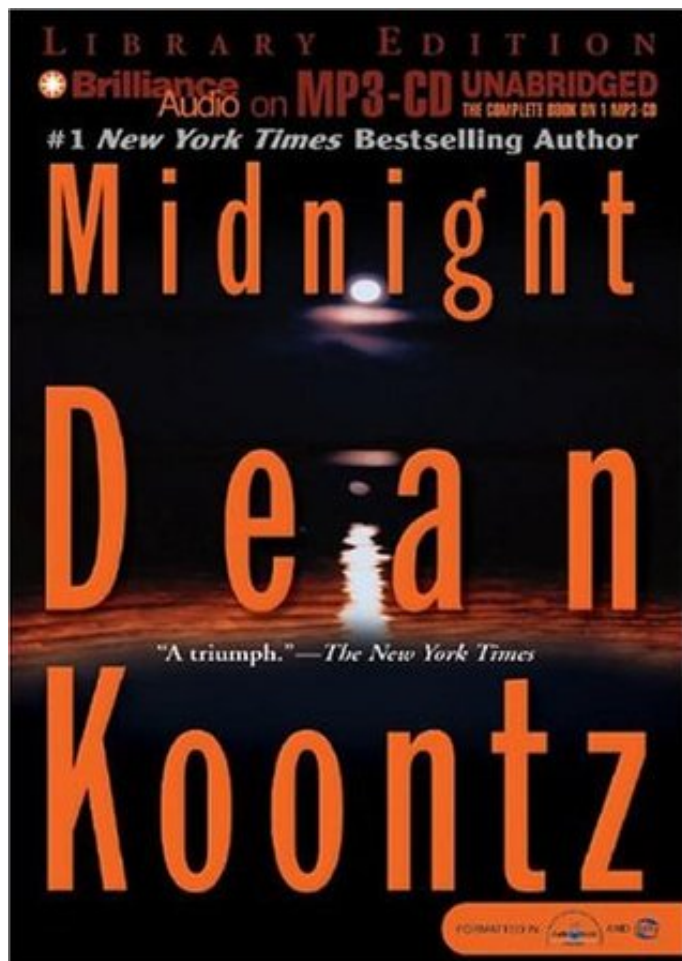

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Midnight



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Description

In picturesque Moonlight Cove, California, inexplicable deaths occur and spine-tingling terror descends to this "edge of paradise." Growing numbers of residents harbor a secret so dark it is sure to cost even more lives.

Tessa Lockland comes to town to probe her sister's seemingly unprompted suicide. Independent and clever, she meets up with Sam Booker, an undercover FBI agent sent to Moonlight Cove to discover the truth behind the mysterious deaths. They meet Harry Talbot, a wheelchair-bound veteran, who has seen things from his window that he was not meant to see. Together they begin to understand the depth of evil in Moonlight Cove. Chrissie Foster, a resourceful eleven-year-old, running from her parents who have suddenly changed and in whom darkness dwells, joins them. Together they make a stand against darkness and terror.

Insightful reviews

Scott Utecht: Starts off slow, but picked up by the middle. One of Dean Koontz's best

Debbie: I remember reading this book when I first got back into reading, I enjoyed it very much, I began getting into the Dean Koontz then took a break, perhaps time to go back now. here is the blurb about the book I took off the website

"The citizens of Moonlight Cove are changing. Some are losing touch with their deepest emotions. Others are surrendering to their wildest urges. And the few who remain unchanged are absolutely terrified—if not brutally murdered in the dead of night. Enter the shocking world of Moonlight Cove, where four unlikely survivors confront the darkest realms of human nature..."

Brett: Review contains spoilers. This novel by Dean Koontz sports a lot of Koontz's usual tropes. Among them are: the good-hearted protagonist that has experienced a loss, the angelic and unrealistically mature child, the unnecessary romance between main characters in the midst of mayhem, the remorseless mad scientist, the cute dog, and the easily predictable horror/sci-fi premise. Reading Koontz is too often like reading a screenplay for a March release Hollywood film--just very little complexity or surprises.

That said, this is far from the worst Koontz book I've read. I give it two stars primarily because of two scenes that I thought employed effective visuals--one is at the opening of the book, the other a curious close-call with one of the book's creatures.

But there are way too many gaffes to give *Midnight* any sort of recommendation. From page 104: "Harry stared at the apelike countenance, thought it was leaner and uglier and more fierce and infinitely stranger than the face of an ape." This sort of writing makes me crazy. Infinitely stranger than the face of an ape? That phrase has exactly zero meaning. Or from page 108, when a cry in the distance is described as "shrill yet guttural." Koontz does this kind of thing all the time--he was tall yet short, the sound was loud yet quiet. A good writer can give a description of the uncanny without resorting to nonsense.

I need to add something about a serious plot hole as well. The plot of this book has most of the citizens of a small town being changed to so-called "New People" in an experiment of which they are unwilling members. These New People are animalistic in that they live for essentially food and sexual pleasure only. Some of the New People embrace their wildness and go nuts. Others are worried and perplexed about losing their emotions. But none of those that loses their emotions ever ventures outside the community to seek help. Instead, the whole town gets turned over the course of a couple weeks with no one ever saying anything. If I thought my humanity had been stolen by a local mad scientist, I would hope some equally enterprising scientist elsewhere might be able to give it back to me. But what do I know?

Finally, one last thing I must bring up. The maudlin concluding scene of the novel is unbearable. The protagonist Sam is bitter at the beginning of the novel because he has had a near death experience and didn't like what he saw on the other side. What horrible thing comes after death that Sam saw, we wonder. Tessa, his love interest, brings Sam around to the life-affirming viewpoint that all Koontz characters are required to hold by the novel's end. The big reveal is that Sam was upset to see that there is an afterlife of some kind--you see, he hated living so much that he was mad that he would keep living. If that isn't the lamest plot point you've across, then God help you. Anyway, now Sam is on-board again with loving being alive, and he and Tessa return to his home where Sam hopes to make amends with his estranged teenage son. How does he do this? In the "touching" final scene, Sam destroys his son's rock n' roll albums. One of the strangest scenes of unintentional satire I have come across.

Annette: I acquired a foul first impact of this book. Nasty, scary, creepy issues assault directly out of the gate earlier than the reader even has an opportunity to get her toes wet, and as I learn Koontz for his plots, characters, and philosophical meanderings instead of his horror I nearly determined to place it down. yet i used to be joyful I caught with it finally since it did include a few attention-grabbing insights at the human condition. Plot-wise this is often Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde up to date and writ large, or even extra competently The Island of Dr. Moreau introduced ahead a hundred years. loopy monomaniacal software program magnate begins messing round with what we would now name nano-bots and utilizing them to create the "New Man," a creature not just stronger, healthier, and customarily cooler than mere males but additionally loose from all feelings store fear, which the inventor thought of an important survival instinct. Oh, and so they may also shape-shift at will - way more quickly and successfully than their author had planned. issues begin to get it wrong whilst it seems major percent of his sufferers could otherwise be animals free of all accountability than impassive "higher order" humans. acknowledged creatures continue to head on a rampage through the little city of Moonlight Cove. upload emotionally scarred mystery FBI agent, a perky unintended sidekick, an unreasonably positive disabled vet, and a hugely literate eleven 12 months outdated and watch the thrill unfold! alongside the best way we additionally study that it's his experience of accountability that separates guy from the animals. yet human nature is often attempting to ward off acknowledged responsibility, and with no robust set of emotional tests and balances, he'll locate his scenario insupportable and do no matter what is important to unfastened himself from all accountability - whether that implies "degenerating" right into a big-screen monster and terrorizing the countryside. This novel is from '89 and as a result the tech already feels heavily dated. but when you will get earlier this and the occasional cheesiness, the motion and suspense is lovely good, and the most characters really likable. And the philosophy is unusually

"chewy" for a bit escapist horror novel.

Thomas Strömquist: one among my favourite of Koontz's. back basically for the start and primary a part of the story. Here, he back manages to inform an exceptional sci-fi/horror combine with out an excessive amount of specialise in tooth-achingly strong protagonists and cliched undesirable guys. This one is particularly recommended.

Walter Foddis: i'm going to name this ebook a version on Koontzian themes. Namely, Koontz has written approximately comparable characters, motivations (e.g., accountability = good; power-lust = bad), ethical conundrums, and eventualities (i.e., remoted city during which the seeds of a brand new order of humanity are being grown). He additionally repeated his "love heals" theme, specifically in individuals with disordered psychologies and dysfunctional relational patterns. I stay skeptical that love might be this therapeutic. In any case, i used to be reminded so much strongly of his Frankenstein series, which I loved up until eventually the final publication or two. In a few ways, I observed this a hot as much as that series. If I have been to visualize Koontz's thinking, it could pass whatever like this: "OK, middle of the night has a few fascinating ideas, however it feels unfinished. What if I built it extra and tied it right into a retelling of the Frankenstein story?" (I doubt this can be the way it went about, yet a man can imagine, right?) personality improvement was once good. I cared in regards to the protagonists. In short, there has been not anything new the following if you may have learn loads of Koontz. that is too undesirable simply because it has been awhile considering the fact that i have quite loved a Koontz novel.

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