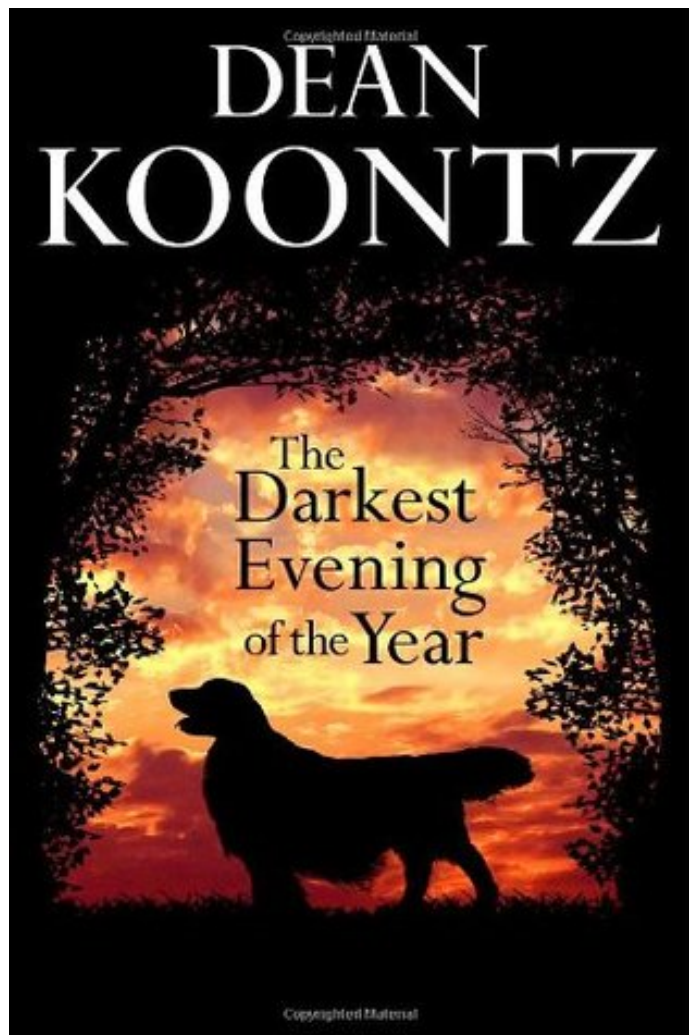

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The Darkest Evening of the Year



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Description

With each of his #1 *New York Times* bestsellers, Dean Koontz has displayed an unparalleled ability to entertain and enlighten readers with novels that capture the essence of our times even as they bring us to the edge of our seats. Now he delivers a heart-gripping tour de force he's been waiting years to write, at once a love story, a thrilling adventure, and a masterwork of suspense that redefines the boundaries of primal fear—and of enduring devotion.

Amy Redwing has dedicated her life to the southern California organization she founded to rescue abandoned and endangered golden retrievers. Among dog lovers, she's a legend for the risks she'll take to save an animal from abuse. Among her friends, Amy's heedless devotion is often cause for concern. To widower Brian McCarthy, whose commitment she can't allow herself to return, Amy's behavior is far more puzzling and hides a shattering secret.

No one is surprised when Amy risks her life to save Nickie, nor when she takes the female golden into her home. The bond between Amy and Nickie is immediate and uncanny. Even her two other goldens, Fred and Ethel, recognize Nickie as special, a natural alpha. But the instant joy Nickie brings is shadowed by a series of eerie incidents. An ominous stranger. A mysterious home invasion.

And the unmistakable sense that someone is watching Amy's every move and that, whoever it is, he's not alone.

Someone has come back to turn Amy into the desperate, hunted creature she's always been there to save. But now there's no one to save Amy and those she loves. From its breathtaking opening scene to its shocking climax, **The Darkest Evening of the Year** Dean Koontz at his finest, a transcendent thriller certain to have readers turning pages until dawn.

Insightful reviews

Shawnee Bowlin: Dean Koontz is my favorite murder mystery writer. He doesn't disappoint in this book. Even if no one else would like the book, dog lovers should find it worth their time. Being an animal lover myself, I was delighted that Koontz chose to include a dog as one of the "good guys" in this story.

Kim: This was a quick read. The author extols the virtues of golden retrievers and a dog's ability to help heal broken people. He also tries to raise awareness of the cruelty of puppy mills. Amy, the main character of the story, has a secret past and spends her days rescuing golden retrievers from unfit homes. Add a love interest, some eeriness, and a few really evil people out to get them and that pretty much sums up the story.

Jennifer Wardrip: I really loved this title, much more so than Mr. Koontz's last two releases, *THE GOOD GUY* and *THE HUSBAND*. Although this title follows in the same vein as regards to time (it only covers roughly 48-hours), it has characters who are easier to relate to and a chilling, supernatural-based storyline.

As the other reviewer mentions, it's a kind of memorial to Mr. Koontz's own Golden Retriever, Trixie, who has passed away. In the book, a dog named Nickie is at the center of the story, along with the humans that she must protect.

This is an emotional thriller with some pretty messed-up bad guys, and if you like that type of story, you'll love this one, too!

Elizabeth: i like all of Dean Koontz's books. yet I in particular love those with canine in them. "Watchers" continues to be my favourite of all his books, and Einstein is the explanation we bought a golden retriever. "The Darkest night of the Year" consists of a lady who rescues goldens and rehabilitates them, then unearths new houses for them. She has a dismal mystery in her prior that she does not are looking to permit into the sunshine of day, no longer even to her closest good friend and lover. He has secrets and techniques of his personal to protect. When they observe they're being followed, their flats searched, the prior comes again to chew them. including 3 noble dogs, they need to clear up the secret of who is after them, and what it has to do with one puppy in particular, Nickie. Dean Koontz has the power to carry you riveted to the page, by no means eager to positioned the e-book down till it really is done. He weaves a gossamer spell along with his words, so tender and silky you do not know you are trapped until eventually you examine the clock and observe it is 3 a.m. For an individual who hasn't but learn a Koontz book--shame on you! this can be a nice one to begin with. And when you learn this one, return and skim "Watchers." I promise you can be pleased you did!

Valerie: strong book! i'm a great deal partial to Dean's works!

Kristenne: this can be that one e-book by means of Dean Koontz, out of the various that i have read, that kind of distracts me via a plethora of metaphors and similes. this isn't his traditional style, and it took me at the very least 1/2 the ebook until eventually I bought used to this new deviated style. Nevertheless, Dean by no means didn't write a page-turner, a booklet the place there's no special development from any of his different books. Dean writes tales so you might by no means anticipate the way it will cross or the way it will end. And this can be whatever that stunned me, but again, with it really is heart-wrenching, poignant ending. This is a narrative of 2 loopy and homicidal exes, looking for revenge after a decade . . . a decade of waiting, of planning, and of rebuilding a lifestyles from an occasion that modified their lives forever. And this can be a tale of a dog, who used to be reincarnated not only as soon as yet twice. this can be a harrowing story (no pun intended) of 2 wounded individuals, who're fleeing from a depressing past, their fates twisted tormentedly through the 2 crazy-ass homicidal exes, as they struggle via a vey darkish night as they face their pasts again. yet now, it really is different. Now, they've got the blessing and relief of an angel within the shape a four-legged golden pooch.

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