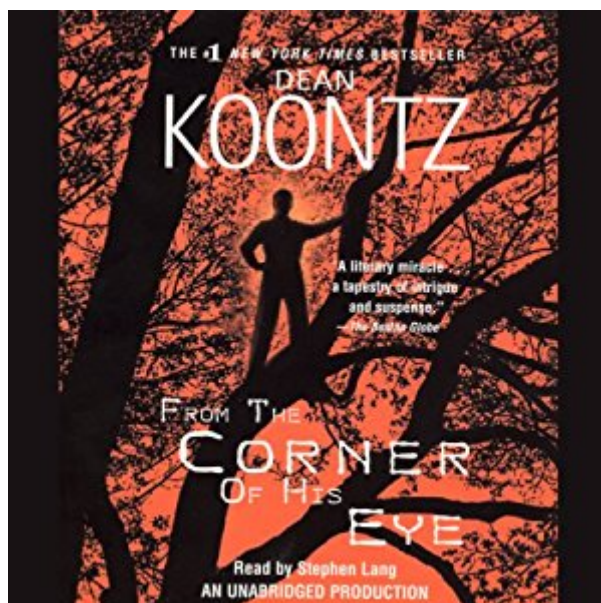


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From The Corner Of His Eye



Synopsis

His birth was marked by wonder and tragedy. He sees beauty and terror beyond our deepest dreams. His story will change the way you see the world. On the heels of his #1 bestseller *False Memory*, Dean Koontz brings together his most compelling themes and an unforgettable cast of characters to create what is perhaps the most thrilling and emotionally powerful work of his critically acclaimed career. Bartholomew Lampion is born on a day of tragedy and terror that will mark his family forever. All agree that his unusual eyes are the most beautiful they have ever seen. On this same day, a thousand miles away, a ruthless man learns that he has a mortal enemy named Bartholomew. He embarks on a relentless search to find this enemy, a search that will consume his life. And a girl is born from a brutal rape, her destiny mysteriously linked to Barty and the man who stalks him. At the age of three, Barty Lampion is blinded when surgeons remove his eyes to save him from a fast-spreading cancer. As he copes with his blindness and proves to be a prodigy, his mother counsels him that all things happen for a reason and that every person's life has an effect on every other person's, in often unknowable ways. At thirteen, Bartholomew regains his sight. How he regains it, why he regains it, and what happens as his amazing life unfolds and entwines with others results in a breathtaking journey of courage, heart-stopping suspense, and high adventure. --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

A book that keeps me nailed down in a chair must get 5 stars! The best aspects first: the characterization is excellent, the story has many twists and turns, you cannot guess at all what will

happen next, and it was easy to differentiate between the characters. This latter aspect is a problem I sometimes have when there are many important characters in a book -- on a Kindle it is not so easy to page back and find out who is "Otto" or "Sarah" -- as an example. (Maybe it's because his characters have such incredibly strange names and surnames in this book!) But as happens sometimes in such tales, Dean Koontz created a villain so nastily clever and devious that in the end his villain outfoxed Mr Koontz himself! :-) So, in order to get rid of him -- which no police officer of any description would have been able to do -- Mr Koontz, in a way of speaking, pulls a rabbit out of a hat ... (Oops, Mr Koontz!) Also, a fault of both King and Koontz, Dean Koontz has a tendency to ramble on and on sometimes, so much so that the author intrudes upon his own story. So yes, I did skip some of these rambles ... They were extraneous to the riveting tale.

NOTE: I am a HUGE Dean Koontz fan, but I'm also objective. Within the horror/suspense genre, Koontz generally writes two types of novels: 'government conspiracies', or 'madman chasing an innocent man/child/woman/dog/couple/ all of the above.' The gov't ones are fine, as a matter of fact, it was "Strangers" that got me hooked on DK. But there's only so much you can do with 'black ops' and 'the government within the government.' While "From the Corner of His Eye" DOES have a madman chasing innocent people (WHAT? no dog?), it's a very different type of Koontz novel. If you read the cover notes, you pretty much have most of the 'life and death suspense' figured out. You've been told, within the first couple of chapters, almost everything (but not quite) about who's going to die and who will live on. But for ME, that was okay, because in THIS novel, the story of the characters--each beautifully written and fleshed out--IS the journey. "From the Corner of His Eye" is far more than suspense (and there IS still plenty of it)...it is a deep, powerful SPIRITUAL book. The characters are some of Koontz's best. The villain is deliciously loathsome, yet such a sociopath that you almost feel...not SORRY for him, but just find yourself saying "what a pathetically deluded creep!"*****When I read customer reviews, I always find it helpful when people list their favorite Koontz novels, so--for reference-- here are mine: Watchers, Life Expectancy, and From the Corner of His Eye. I think that's because Koontz CAN be very formulaic (which is usually very comforting)...and these three have the best CHARACTERS. I'm a Koontz junkie, I've read ALL his books, and I STRONGLY recommend "From the Corner of His Eye".

The buildup to the solution to the issue in this novel did not meet my expectation. I read a lot of Dean Koontz books. They are all interesting and fascinating. I did not expect the youngest child to wish/think the villain away in a moment. And it was so close to the end that all the waiting seemed to

just dissolve in a heart beat. The villain was horribly evil and I expected to enjoy his suffering. The villain was just sent to another world where the characters in this story would never see him again. I was left asking: who would have to deal with him in another world? Why couldn't he just be eliminated so no one would be dealt with such evil intent. I was left disappointed. I haven't read another book by this author since. I will go back to him but I will be more careful in my selection of novels.

As a lover of Dean Koontz, I must say this has been thus far the most difficult book to read. The antagonist is so evil that I find myself too traumatized to finish. It is a great read but I fear my sensitivity prevents me from completing this book in a timely fashion. I will update once I'm able to pull up my breaches and finish this tale.

Even though quantum mechanics says every point is connected, there was so much "encyclopedic filler" between the first and last pages I thought that I'd never get to the end. When MANY good characters die at the hands of the psychotic bad guy, you at least expect his comeuppance to match his dastardly deeds. Nope. Gone in a very unsatisfying blink. Then the blind kid climbs a tree, and we get a prolonged character wrap-up. So why 5 stars? While I skimmed so much of this book (with its MANY disaster stats crammed in with ever diminishing returns) there is a really awesome potential for a sequel. Sadly, we don't get to that possibility until the very last pages. Fortunately, I trust the author not to deliver two yawners in a row, so I'll buy the sequel in a heartbeat.

Mr. Koontz hits it out of the park with this novel. I ate it up with a spoon...I could not put it down. Even though I love a good horror novel, the plot still appealed to me. I became more involved in it the further along I read. Dean Koontz has become an expert in filling the reader with wonder and awe, while at the same time providing an exciting story line. My thanks to him for putting something so beautiful and inspiring out there in the world.

Koontz blends the beautiful and the ugly, the frightful and the fantastic, and the bitter with the sweet, but never leaving a bad taste in your mouth. Faith and the world of Quantum magic blend together to create a story wonderful and woeful, wraithful and amiable.

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