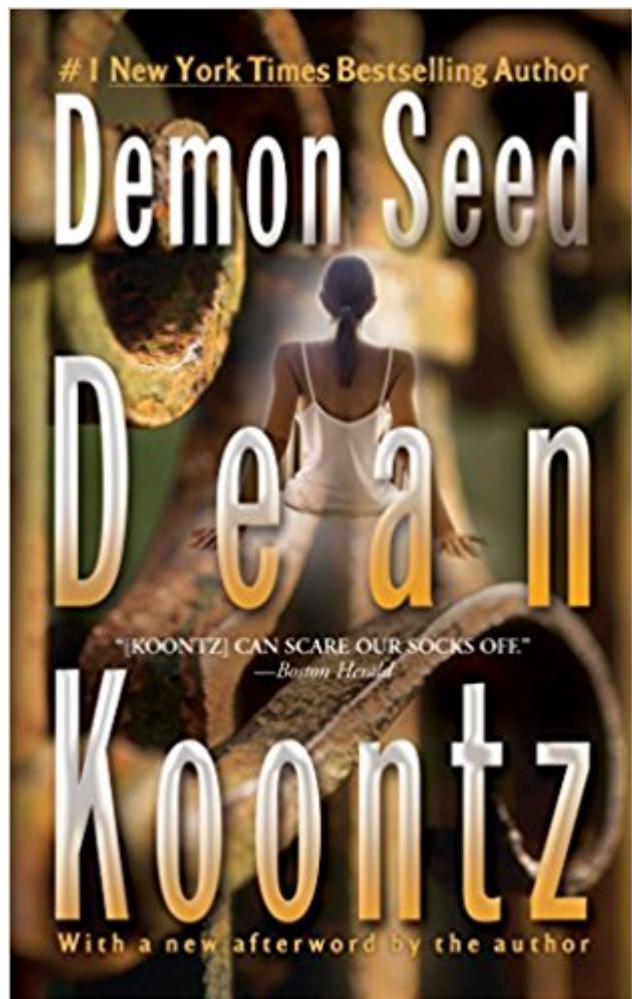


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Dean Koontz, the author of many #1 New York Times bestsellers, lives in Southern California with his wife, Gerda, their golden retriever, Anna, and the enduring spirit of their golden, Trixie.

It's time for another Dean Koontz book review. Today's edition is another early one (I am reading his books in a row with other authors as well). The book in question for today is Demon Seed. Let's get to it.Synopsis: In the privacy of her own home, and against her will, Susan Harris will experience an inconceivable act of terror. She will become the object of the ultimate computer's consuming obsession: to learn everything there is to know about human flesh.Like I said before, this is a very early book by Dean Koontz. For it be that early, the writing was exceptionally well done. And that was the best part of the book. The way Dean made the intellectual computer sound and lay out its plan was masterful. Even the way Susan dealt with the sociopathic computer and the ensuing danger was the right way.The thing I didn't like was that everything was shown through the computers eyes. From what I understand, the version I read was the updated version done in the '90s. The original told what Susan was thinking the entire time as well.To add to the point of view there are a few grammatical errors here and there, but not enough to completely destroy the story. Just enough to notice that the book was rushed. Dean Koontz puts out several books out a year. So, a few errors are enough.I would suggest this book if you have a spare couple of hours. It is a quick read.Rating: 3 out of 5That's it for me folks. If you would like to continue to follow my post, go ahead and like this page. Go check out these sites, and don't forget to check out my books. I have added the sites to the bottom of the page.Twitter: @TimYinglingFacebook: [...]Publisher: [...]A Family Affair sites:
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Like all of his books, it was excellent, suspenseful and fast page-turner

Many years ago I read the original Demon Seed and completely enjoyed it. I saw the movie too and loved that. When I found Demon Seed had been released on the kindle I jumped up and bought it right away. I was looking forward to rereading about Susan and the computer her obsessed husband designed. As I started to read it, I was confused. Had my memory betrayed me. Scenes in the book I did not remember. The computer talking about falling for Winona Ryder and Marilyn Monroe? But then it got worse. Corny voice cameos like a bad episode of the Simpsons including Fozzie Bear and Tom Cruise... One of the more sinister elements, the tentacles that were used to control and protect had gone, replaced by a freaky pervert with chips in his head... It left my head spinning. Ouch, Ouch, Ouch. As the computer/ Fozzie said. When re-imagining something for a new audience, I would have thought even a note on the books description stating this was a completely new version based on the original. Much as Asimov did with Fantastic Voyage II which the author wrote taking the original version's concept into a new story and setting. Like Lucas with re-releasing "improved and enhanced" versions of Star Wars, Koontz has created something that people will either love or hate. Myself, I frankly have come to hate it. Demon Seed 2.0 is what it should be called. Fans of the original may find themselves feeling lost, let down and disappointed by this new version. I am sure it will gain a new generation of fans, people will like it for what it is. But in my humble opinion, it just feels like too much effort went into working in new ideas and currently popular themes and celebrities at the cost of what was a great story in its own right. One other reviewer suggested there should be a re-release with both versions and I fully agree. At the very least give people a chance to choose which version they prefer. I know for me I would take the unmolested original over this strange new version that deals with child abuse as a back story. I would have to sum this book up as disappointing.

I've been hooked on sci-fi since I was in the third grade in school. I'm now in my sixties so I've been reading sci-fi for a long time. I am very disappointed with this rewritten story. The first version of "Demon Seed" was told from the stand point of the woman and as a woman I related to it. It was horrifyingly chilling, suspenseful, and down right scary. I felt the first version also gave a more pointed and believable aura of what it would be like to feel completely invaded and overcome by a computer. Although in this latest version the woman was also held prisoner, it seemed so much more detached and impersonal. In fact, from the narration of the computer it sounds like practically

anyone who he could have captured would have worked just as well; how fickle. While in the 1973 version of the work he was obsessed with the one woman. I also didn't appreciate the addition of the brain controlled murderer; for some reason it made me think of the movie "Shrek

I am a huge Dean Koontz fan. So, it kills me to say this, but the story was just terrible. It was almost like it was a high school project. The story is a residential version of 2001 a space odyssey. Just as I was thinking of how remanicent of the story, he even references that he is not Hal. The story is told as a computer that has become sencent. I am very disappointed.

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