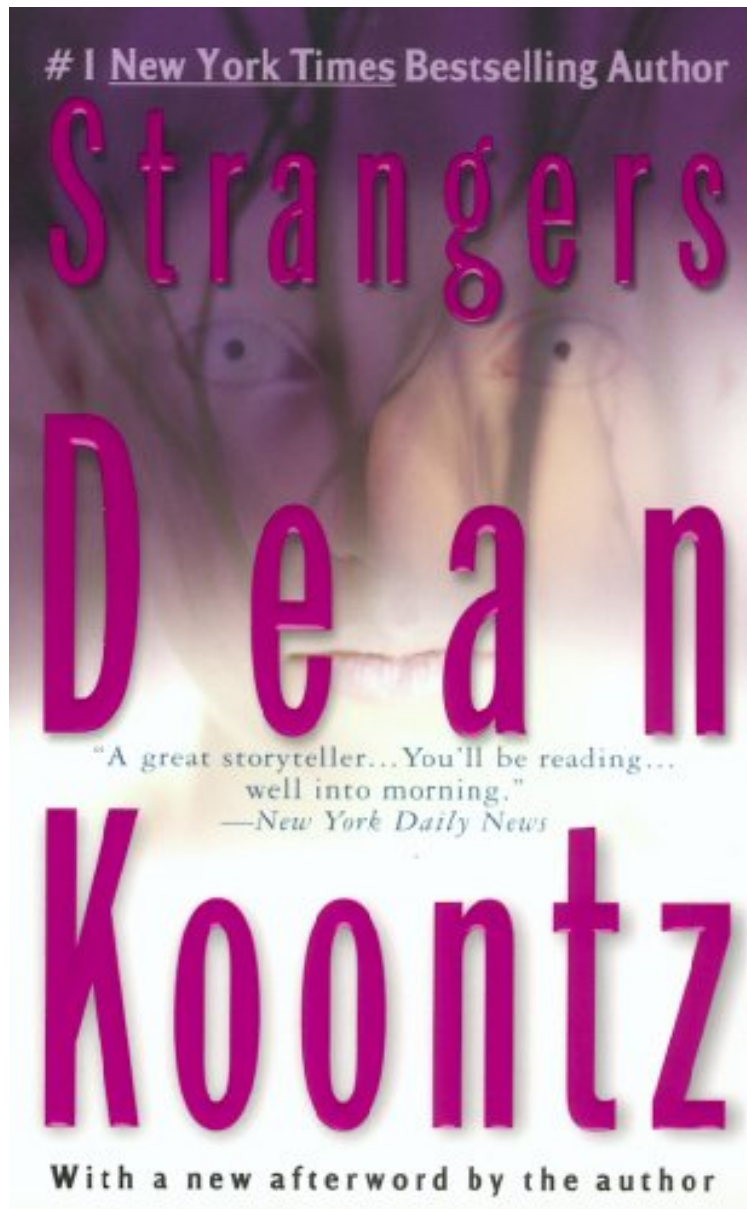


Strangers

Von Dean Koontz

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Von Dean Koontz : Strangers before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Strangers:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Koontz at his absolute bestVon The BasIf you only read 1 D. Koontz, make this the one. I have read over 25 of his books

(dissatisfied in some and loved many others), and must admit this is him at his best (except for Watchers - a tough choice!). It's easy to rip a new one on Dean - I wish he did not feel compelled to put something out every year - why not be like Pink Floyd and do what ya want! So what if you have to wait 3 years - if it is a great book like this one, the wait be worth it. Bottom line - this book is just the best of this genre of writing, and the 700+ pages initially put me off, but I could have gone for more! Hope that DK puts out something of this caliber soon!

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dean Koontz erfindet sich immer wieder neu Von Michaela Anderl Ein angehender Bestsellerautor, der von Alptrumen heimgesucht wird und mysteriöse anonyme Botschaften erhält, eine erfolgreiche Chirurgin, die an Panikattacken leidet, ein Marineveteran und jetziger Motelbesitzer, der plötzlich eine Nachtphobie entwickelt, ein Priester, der seinen Glauben verliert sowie einige andere Personen in verschiedenen Teilen der Vereinigten Staaten müssen feststellen, dass sie eine Gemeinsamkeit haben: sie alle wurden im vorvorigen Sommer unfreiwillige Zeugen eines Ereignisses von derart fundamentaler Bedeutung, dass sie einer Gehirnwäsche unterzogen wurden, um nichts verraten zu können. Da diese unter enormem Zeitdruck erfolgen musste, beginnen nun die Gedächtnisblockaden zu bröckeln und die betreffenden Personen begeben sich nach Nevada, um den Geschehnissen von damals die Spur zu kommen. An sich eine interessante Story und größtenteils gut erzählt. Die Handlung ist relativ einfach und man kann ihr auch dann folgen wenn man keine Möglichkeit hat, das doch eher umfangreiche Werk in einem Zug durchzulesen. Die Erlebnisse der handelnden Personen werden sehr ausführlich beschrieben, aber dadurch, dass immer wieder ein Szenenwechsel stattfindet, wird das Buch selten langweilig, nur der Schluss ist etwas "zusammengeschustert" und irgendwie vorhersehbar. Jedenfalls holt sich der Überraschungseffekt in Grenzen. Die Figuren in dem Roman wirken nicht immer glaubwürdig, aber wer die Bücher von Dean Koontz mag wird auch mit diesem auf seine Kosten kommen und das Nachwort des Autors sollte man auf keinen Fall verpassen.

0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Way too long. Don't waste your time reading this 681 flop. Von Ein Kunde I agree with Dave from Arlington, TX. I read at least 250-300 pages before the book started to make any sense. The cover claims that it is a "spellbinding story." Yeah, right. I plodded through to the foolish ending. Don't waste your time. Stephen King said that this was "...the best book he has written so far..." Then again, Stephen King wrote Tommyknockers. If you thought Tommyknockers was way too long and had a stupid ending wait until you read Strangers.

Kurzbeschreibung The plot twists ingeniously...an engaging, often chilling book. The New York Times Book A writer in California. A doctor in Boston. A motel owner and his employee in Nevada. A priest in Chicago. A robber in New York. A little girl in Las Vegas. They're a handful of people from across the country, living through eerie variations of the same nightmare. A dark memory is calling out to them. And soon they will be drawn together, deep in the heart of a sprawling desert, where the terrifying truth awaits...From Publishers Weekly The author of Phantoms, Whispers and other thrillers takes an unconscionable time to tell his latest story. The "strangers" are thousands of miles apart when they begin to suffer inexplicable terrors. In California, Dom Corvaisis sleepwalks, fleeing from an unseen menace. In Massachusetts, gifted young Dr. Ginger Weiss's panic attacks threaten her career. A priest in the Midwest loses his faith suddenly, then finds he can heal fatally injured people. And, in Elko, Nevada, the owner of a motels tough ex-Marine becomes paralyzed by fears of the dark. Mysterious clues bring these characters and others, similarly afflicted, to the motel, where apparently they had met long before. As they compare experiences, the victims realize they've been brainwashed and determine to find out why. That means facing death at the hands of a maniac in a scene that finally induces frissons of terror in the reader. But it's too late; Koontz has vitiated suspense throughout the narrative with numbing repetitions and long explanations of such matters as Jewish cooking, the baldachin over the altar at St. Patrick's Cathedral, a weaver's tools, etc. 75,000 first printing; \$75,000 ad/promo; Literary Guild dual selection. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Six strangers are unaccountably seized by nightmares, attacks of fear, and bouts of uncharacteristic behavior. The six begin to seek each other out as puzzling photographs and messages arrive, indicating that the cause may lie in a forgotten weekend stay at an isolated Nevada motel. Koontz has topped a fine roster of horror and suspense novels with an almost unbearably suspenseful page-turner. His ability to maintain the mystery through several plot twists is impressive, as is his array of believable and sympathetic characters. With its masterful blend of elements of espionage, terror, and even some science fiction, Strangers may be the suspense novel of the year. Recommended for popular collections. Literary Guild dual main selection. Eric W. Johnson, Univ. of Bridgeport Lib., Conn. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.