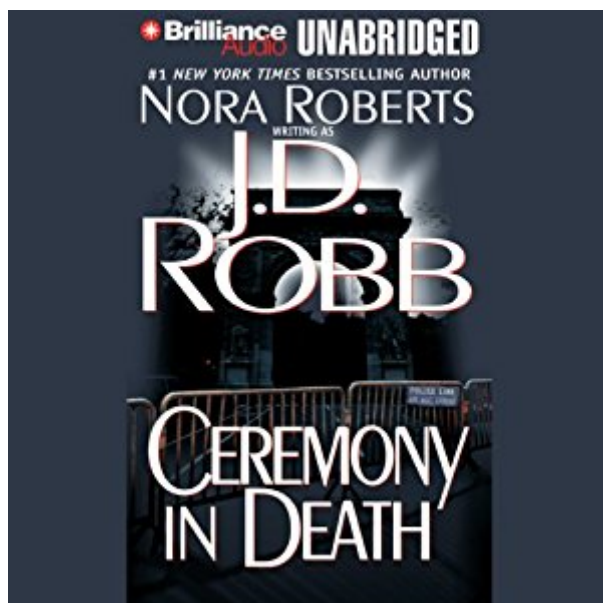


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Conducting a top secret investigation into the death of a fellow police officer has Lieutenant Eve Dallas treading on dangerous ground. She must put professional ethics before personal loyalties. But when a dead body is placed outside her home, Eve takes the warning personally. With her husband, Roarke, watching her every move, Eve is drawn into the most dangerous case of her career. Every step she takes makes her question her own sense of right and wrong - and brings her closer to a confrontation with humanity's most seductive form of evil... --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Okay, this book was just a little too over the top. Eve gets caught up in occult murders, disappearances, and is directed to not tell Feeny about any of it but to investigate on her own. Then, as the story goes along she gets meaner and meaner and it sounds like she actually enjoys being so over the top with her anger and attitude. Of course, by the end of the story she is nearly killed and determines that her suspect isn't guilty. Before she even washes off the blood, she and Roark go home in a blanket to face another murder. I like these books and have read everyone one of the 43 books BUT this one just hit me wrong with the way Eve lost it. That means that the author wrote a perfectly awful murder and that is what these in death books are all about. Hooray for more Eve and Roark stories.

Eve Dallas has her hands full when a tech savvy religious madman starts killing people in a slow torturous manner. When it becomes clear that the victims have a link to Roarke and Summerset's past she knows she must hunt down the killer before he can kill again. This series is developing really well. Eve and Roarke have been married for a few months now and their relationship is still evolving. Eve still finds it hard to accept that this sexy, handsome man can love her and Roarke is frustrated that Eve has trouble opening up to him and expressing her feelings. She finds the role of tough cop a lot easier to carry off than sensitive lover, but with Roarke's help she's learning to let her emotions and love for him show. Eve's relationship with Summerset is just as prickly as ever but she finds out a lot more about him in this novel and starts to get an understanding of what's made him the way he is. Peabody is also emerging as a delightful character, tough but fun and feisty with a love of luxury despite her free age upbringing. She also finds herself competing with a new character, McNabb on loan to Eve from the tech unit, fashion conscious and trendy, he likes to annoy Peabody while at the same time admiring her physical attributes. Another excellent episode in this excellent series!

I am reading everything's on my Kindle keyboard before I start using my Paperwhite. Came across a whole bunch of books by J D Robb and I have been binging on them this week. J D Robb, as you probably know, also writes romance as Norah Roberts. Writing as J D Robb, however, her style is darker and grittier. This is a series of mysteries set in the not too far distant future when the earth has colonized a lot of planets, societal norms have changed in some ways, yet law and order remains law and order and the police are there to protect and serve. This series chronicles the cases of Eve Dallas as she investigates murders and believes it is her vocation to stand for the dead, to see that they get justice. In my opinion, a person is going to love these books or hate them, I happen to love them. Well written, strongly developed characters, detailed plots. Someone is doing research and I appreciate that. Of course, there are some love stories woven in because that is part of life, after all, it can't be all grim.

Book 5 and perhaps the best one yet. Roarke's and Summerset's shady pasts come back to haunt them. Once upon a time, Summerset had a lovely young daughter. Six men brutalized, raped, tortured and murdered her. The police barely investigated, and no one was ever punished. Roarke killed each one of the six men, each in a different location and different method. Since all six men were violent criminals, it was assumed they were killed by different people. Now, associates of Roarke from that time are turning up dead, tortured and murdered in various ways. Evidence is

pointing at Summerset being the killer. Eve knows Roarke is the ultimate target. She must prove Summerset is NOT guilty even though she dislikes him intently. And most importantly, she must catch the killer before he gets to Roarke. I just love how Ms. Roberts has gradually uncovered Roarke's and Summerset's past and characters. So skillfully, so masterfully. 4.25 stars!

I have been reading this series in chronological order and this is the best book so far. I don't want to recount the whole book as some do, but I was initially drawn into this series because the relationship between Roarke and Eve is great and complicated but it's always moving. Roarke, of course, is a mysterious white hot dreamboat rich and powerful Irishman, so that doesn't hurt. This book has a great crime mystery in it, and we get to find out so much more about our mysterious lover Roarke. I really was baffled until near the end about who was doing the killing, even though you know it's someone who has been mentioned fairly early on in the book somewhere. This story had a great hook, and the additional back story and development of the relationship between the ever-difficult Eve Dallas and her icy-hot savior Roarke kept me turning pages with a fury. I may have been close to quitting the series for awhile but I'm now definitely roped in for another go around with *Holiday in Death*, Book 7.

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