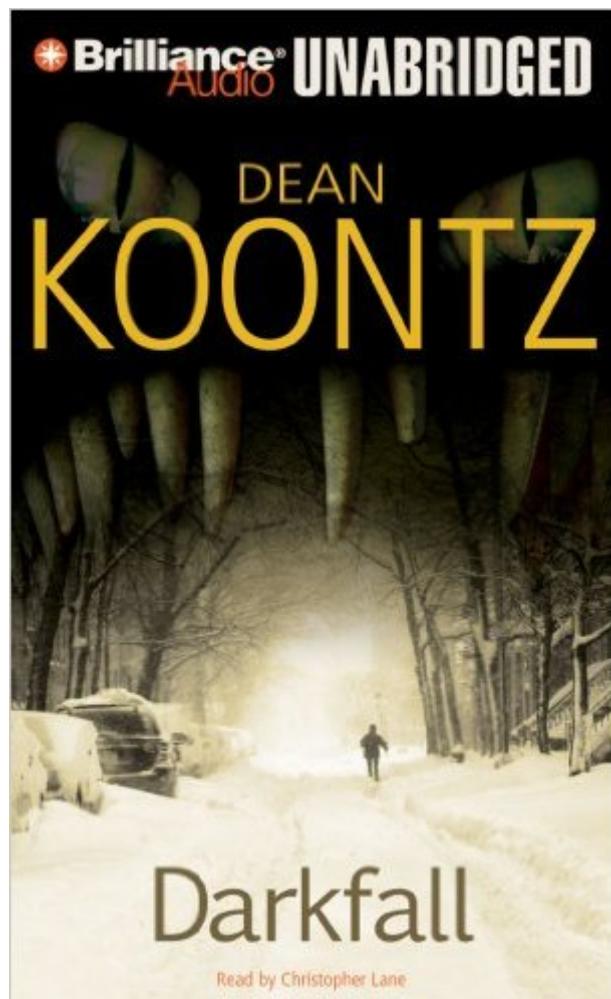


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# Darkfall



## **Synopsis**

Winter gripped the city. Terror gripped it, too. They found four corpses in four days, each more hideous than the last. At first the cops thought they were dealing with a psychopath. But soon they heard eerie sounds in the ventilation system and saw unearthly silver eyes in the snow-slasher night. In a city paralyzed by a blizzard, something watches, something stalks. |

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## **Customer Reviews**

Dark Fall focuses on two main characters. The first is a man from Jamaica named Baba Lavelle. Lavelle has come to New York City to get revenge on a Mafia family who was responsible for the death of his brother. Lavelle is a bocor, which means that he specializes in voodoo involving the black arts. Four corpses have been found and they are all high ranking officials in the Mafia family. This is where the second character of the story comes in. Jack Dawson is a cop who has been working the case. All four bodies appear to have been bitten to death, and they were all behind locked doors and most of the time under security. Jack and his partner Rebecca cannot figure out what is killing these men, or how it is being done. A lot of people that have read Dark Fall have called it one of Koontz's weaker books. In my opinion, this book has gotten a bad rep and is extremely underrated. The book drags you in from the first page and keeps you there until the very end. The amount of terror and suspense this book brings is amazing. Jack Dawson is a very likeable hero, and you will find yourself rooting for him from the very beginning. He not only has to deal with Lavelle, but also for growing feelings for his partner. Koontz does a great job developing the romance between Rebecca and Jack. Over all this is one of the best books that Dena Koontz

has written. Few of these books have brought the kind of terror and suspense that Dark Fall does. After I finished reading Dark Fall, I kept asking myself why people do not like this book. It packs a scary and suspenseful story with outstanding characters. Ignore this book's reputation and give it a shot.

I read this shortly after *Phantoms*, *The Funhouse*, and *The House of Thunder*. This book is so scary, I'm afraid to go in my own basement now! I was somewhat disappointed with the explanation for the silvery eyes and noises in the ventilation system, but then again, this was only the fault of whoever wrote the synopsis for it on the inside cover of the book. Otherwise, I absolutely loved this book. DO NOT TRUST ANY OF THE REVIEWERS BELOW ME WHO SAID IT WAS NOT GOOD--IT \*was\* DAMN GOOD! By the way, don't read it if you have a weak stomach, if you are afraid of the dark, and if you don't believe in the unknown. If you do, you'll probably begin seeing all these silvery eyes surrounding you when you're in your bedroom... Just staring, staring, staring...

After picking this book up, I couldn't put it down. I have never been so scared in all my life. I didn't sleep for two days and had nightmares for a week. If you have a weak constitution or don't like horror at its best, don't read this. On the other hand, if you're like me and enjoy sleepless nights, you simply must read this novel. I had read several Koontz novels before, but this one is the best I have ever read from him or anybody else. The writing makes your blood run wild. Do not read this book if you live alone. It will scare the daylights (and other things) out of you.

If I were only allowed to use one word to describe Darkfall ... well it simply could not be done. This has to be one of the best books I've read in a very long time. Dean Koontz not only keeps you captive while reading but he also writes a great chase scene at the end that has you going wild. The setting is just right, as the story takes place in the almost DEAD of winter. Four corpses found scattered around the town. The way Dean writes the murders is so realistic; you could almost feel when the victim breathes his final breath. The two cops in the story (a male and female just like in every other Dean Koontz book) can't figure it out. They have no idea who (or exactly what) is behind the murders. One thing I really enjoy about Dean Koontz' writing is the way he tells a few stories that all come together in the end. Another interesting twist I greatly enjoyed is how the male cop's daughter gets involved. Does she become a victim? I really can't tell you. To tell you the truth, I can not make the book as suspenseful as Dean Koontz writes it, so I'll leave it up to you to read and enjoy. If you like voodoo-related, psychopathic, weird and twisted novels, this one is your calling.

I wasn't expecting much from Darkfall, seeing as nobody every talks about it. While it certainly isn't very well known, it can definitely hang with Koontz's best. Believe me, if this book is unpopular, it certainly has nothing to do with a lack of quality. Darkfall was my 13th Dean Koontz book (I've reviewed every single one I've finished), and like I said, I wasn't expecting much. It's about a pair of police officers, Jack and Rebecca, (naturally, one is tough as nails with a difficult past, the other is gentle, and both are sexually attracted to each other) who are trying to stop a man named Baba Lavelle who uses voodoo to send demons after his victims. Baba's motive is to slaughter an entire mafia family responsible for the death of his brother. He didn't particularly like his brother, but he must avenge his death in order to keep the respect of his dark voodoo gods. When Jack gets in the way, Lavelle targets his two young children, Penny and Davey. But what is so special about Jack Dawson that Lavelle's evil magic can't touch him? Why must he go after his kids? The front cover credits Darkfall as having "one of the scariest chase scenes ever", and rightfully so. The scenes where the characters are hideing and running from the demons squeezing through the air ducts and clinging to their cars are fantastic. My only question is: what will stop another guy like Lavelle, experienced in voodoo, from wreaking the same sort of havoc on the earth? Koontz doesn't say. Anyway, Darkfall is disgustingly underrated. I enjoyed it more than the popular Lightning, which I gave four stars. If you liked Dragon Tears and Phantoms, you should definitely check out Darkfall.

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