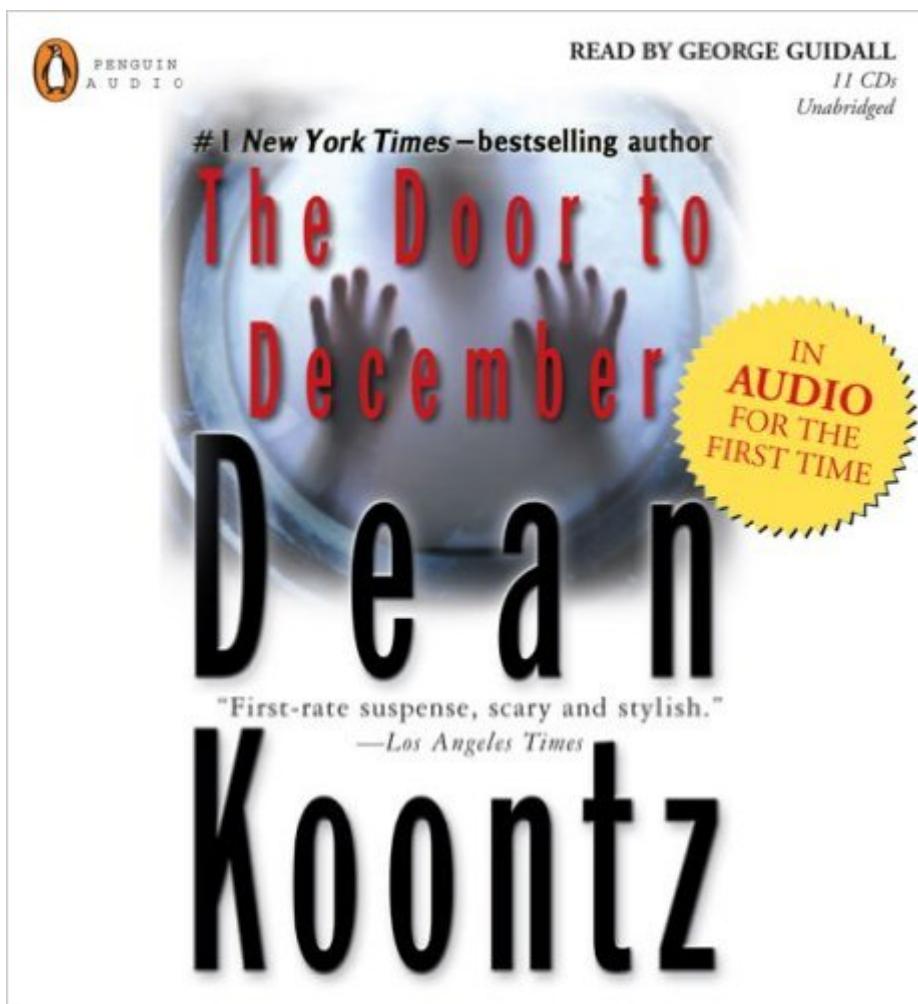


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The Door To December



Synopsis

One of Koontz's best-loved novels of psychological suspense, The Door to December takes readers into the darkest recesses of the human mind-and into the tempest of a father's obsession. --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

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While a moderately forgotten tale of Dean Koontz in the middle 1980's, "The Door to December" is a more than formidable addition to some of the excellent works that he produced around that time ("Watchers", "Phantoms", "Strangers"). As with many of his novels, Koontz takes an ordinary, yet devastating fear (the kidnapping and horrifying dark confinement of a small child that induces only partial development and poor social interaction) and expands on it using a cat-and-mouse tale that is a quick, enjoyable read. Laura McCaffrey is the mother of a missing nine-year old child who suspects that her daughter was kidnapped by her deranged scientist ex-husband. When her former lover is found dead with many of his associates, Laura is worried to her beautiful Melanie is dead and lost forever. Melanie is miraculously discovered wandering the streets by the police, but the effects of the awful abuse and neglect she received from six-years of inflicted horror has left her with speech impediments and almost no response to touch, voice, and love--and an incredible power. As the secrets of Melanie's abilities and her captors are revealed, Laura realizes that her husband was part of a top-secret research program--a program that some will kill for if they get their hands on Melanie. Dan Haldane is the cop assigned to the case and will stop at nothing to ensure the safety of Laura and her daughter, but his attachment to the family causes him to become obsessed with

the case. An evocative story that creates deep, believable characters is draped with superb chase sequences and good dialogue that keeps the tale fresh and enjoyable.

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