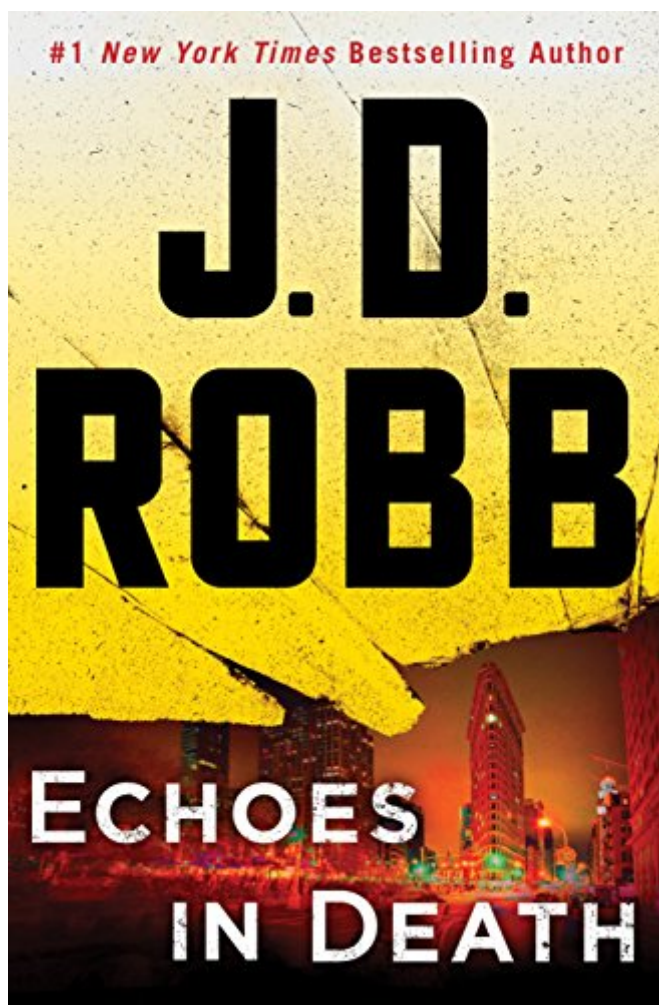


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Echoes In Death: An Eve Dallas Novel (In Death, Book 44)



Synopsis

Echoes in Death, the chilling new suspense novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author J.D. Robb is the perfect entry point into the compelling In Death police procedural series featuring Lieutenant Eve Dallas. As NY Lt. Eve Dallas and her billionaire husband Roarke are driving home, a young woman—dazed, naked, and bloody—suddenly stumbles out in front of their car. Roarke slams on the brakes and Eve springs into action. Daphne Strazza is rushed to the ER, but it's too late for her husband Dr. Anthony Strazza. A brilliant orthopedic surgeon, he now lies dead amid the wreckage of his obsessively organized town house, his three safes opened and emptied. Daphne would be a valuable witness, but in her terror and shock the only description of the perp she can offer is repeatedly calling him “the devil”... While it emerges that Dr. Strazza was cold, controlling, and widely disliked, this is one case where the evidence doesn't point to the spouse. So Eve and her team must get started on the legwork, interviewing everyone from dinner-party guests to professional colleagues to caterers, in a desperate race to answer some crucial questions: What does the devil look like? And where will he show up next?

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Customer Reviews

I will admit I am biased. I am a huge fan of J. D. Robb and the In Death series. I have read and 're-read each book and listened to and 're-listened to each audio book in this series and I'm still not tired or bored. This latest offering doesn't disappoint. The nature of these crimes are for me difficult for me to digest but the overall story is very engaging. I also love seeing Eve and Roarke's relationship evolve, and grow and this book offers that as well. Only negative is no Mavis nor Nadine this time around. Highly recommended!

Echoes in Death by J.D. Robb is the 44th book in her fantastic In Death series. I am an In-Death fanatic, having read every single book and novella in this series. I have never been disappointed, each and everytime; which proves what a great author J.D. Robb (aka Nora Roberts) is that she can keep us anxiously waiting for our next Eve Dallas fix. As I have said before, Eve and Roarke are the best couple in the literary world and Robb/Roberts does this amazingly so well, without all the erotic sexual scenes, which seems to become the norm in romance. The story is always on the forefront, and we still get our romance and deep love from this wonderful couple. Ok, I guess I need to stop gushing. Let's discuss Echoes in Death. Echoes in Death starts at 2am with Eve & Roarke on their way home from attending another gala that Eve so hates and she can't wait to take off her shoes. But fate steps in, as it usually does with Eve, when they see a naked woman walking in front of their car on the icy streets; the woman is in shock, and is bloodied. They rush her to the hospital, and when Eve tries to talk to her, the woman, Daphne Strazza, mutters about being attacked by the devil. The doctors tell Eve that Daphne has been brutally beaten, raped multiple times, and is now totally traumatized. Eve goes to the Strazza home with Roarke to look for Daphne's husband, Doctor Anthony Strazza, whom they find dead. The house was in shambles, with blood everywhere. Once the house is secured, Peabody and McNab are called to help with the investigation at the murder scene. Eve surmises early on that with Daphne's constant muttering of the Devil, it means that someone was dressed to look like that. At the headquarters, the team will investigate any like types of crimes, and discover similarities in recent cases that matched the same type of home invasion crimes of a husband and wife, with various getups such as Dracula or a Ghoul. This was the start of a fantastic story that will also hit close to home for Eve, as further investigation shows that Dr. Strazza abused his wife, bringing forward her own memories from her father's abuse as a

child. When the team begins to put pieces together to find a pattern, another murder of a husband and wife occurs, showing that the murderer is upping his game. What follows is an exciting, tense race to find the killer before he strikes again. Make no mistake, when you read an In-Death book the murders and murderer (Jefferson) are very violent. Our Eve is as hard as nails, tough murder cop, who will do anything it takes to bring the murderer to justice. In between the tension of the case, there are always so many things that release the tension and make you love this series even more. The secondary characters in this series are the best anywhere; such as Peabody, Mira, McNab, Summerset, Galahad, Baxter, Trueheart, and the entire police team that have become part of each new book. Of course, Eve and Roarke are the main characters, but the others working with them make this a joy to read each and every time. I love the banter between them, especially Peabody or Roarke with Eve. I also adore her cat Galahad. Over the years, this has become a wonderful ensemble to support Eve, and we didn't even see Nadine or Mavis in this book. To tell too much more would be spoilers. J.D. Robb once again gives us another fantastic edge of your seat thriller that was non-stop action, from start to finish. The last quarter of the book, as Eve sets a trap for the murderer was sensational, and there were also some surprises. I tried to read this book a little slower so that I can savor every moment, but I find it hard to do, since I want to know what happens. So I end up the next day, going back and rereading a large majority of it. I will never have enough of this series; Eve and Roarke; and the entire In-Death team.

To me there was a very different approach in this book. The story presents many parallels between the lives of Dallas and the victim and then shows that a lot of Eve's feelings and attitudes are still strongly attached to the events that she was forced to suffer as a child. It was VERY interesting to me to read how Ms. Roberts created and used the emotions of both Dallas and the victim in the telling of this story. Personally, her descriptions of both women and how they dealt with the same horrendous experiences was a reflection of my own life many years ago. I hope that anyone who has experienced similar situations, when reading this book, will apply the message of hope and perseverance that is displayed to their own lives. One may not be able to avoid horrible experiences, but that does not mean that they have to ruin your life!!!

It never ceases to amaze me how after all these books, they are all so different, but alike. So funny, sad, loving, and tender but so detailed and intriguing. You could read them as a stand alone I think, but if you did you would miss it all. The beginning of Eve and Roarke. Two messed up children who found peace with themselves and with each other. An amazing relationship every person would love to

have. Where do these stories come from and the thread that unravels makes me so impatient for the next book, but dread starting to read because I don't want it to end. I will dream of the glass dome and the snow and the love. Peabody makes me laugh and would love to have her, Eve and the entire crew as friends. How long till the next one?

Really good book full of character growth, Eves character is growing and becoming comfortable with her life easily admiring her love for Rourke, that she didn't do anything wrong when she killed her assist rather and excepting her life with Rourke, she's becoming ok with the soft spots in her life. Peabody is getting to show her tough side to more than her friends and unfortunately Trueheart is losing his innocence.

An excellent entry in the series, and a return to form. The crime is horrific and there is a good measure of suspense until the mystery has been solved. Nice to see an entry not overloaded with unnecessary visits from the "supporting" cast (i.e., Mavis, Nadine, etc). There is a time and place for everyone and this wasn't the time or the place. It was, first and foremost, a tightly focused procedural that didn't waste time with unnecessary lifestyle events (a party at Casa Roarke, Eve shopping for presents, blah, blah, blah). I'm glad I bought and read this one. Will stay on my Kindle and be a regular re-read.

Excellent detective futuristic crime, set in New York, mid 21st Century. Detective Eve Dallas is on the hunt again, after a serial killer targeting young rich couples. A surprise twist at the end of the book. This one can be read alone, but I recommend reading the series in order to fill in the back story and help progression of characters. @-->---If this review was helpful to you, please click YES below. Thank you.

Every time.... I cant EVER put Dallas down. I read till it feels like my eyes are bleeding. This book was another great story with gruesome plot. It twists and at the end Eve with her usual cast of players solves another horrible crime and does it perfectly.

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