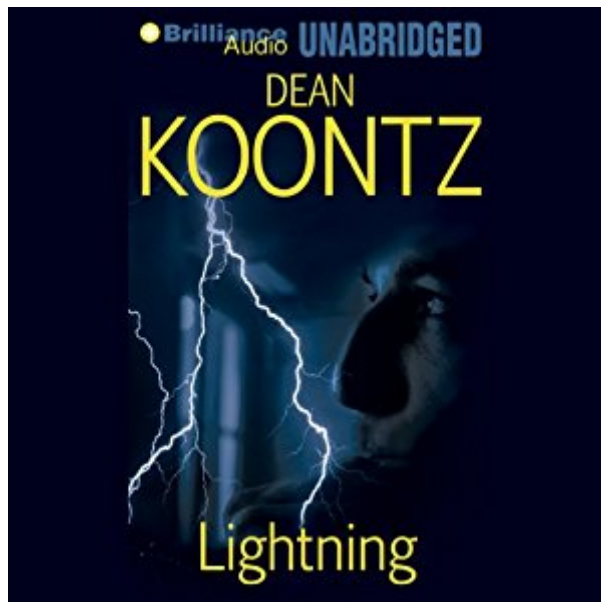


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# Lightning



## Synopsis

Aided through many crises by the near miraculous intervention of a stranger, Laura Shane finally learns the nature of her incredible destiny when, on her thirtieth birthday, the stranger requests her help. Reissue. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Well, Watchers is still my favorite of Mr. Koontz' books but Lightning is #2, with Strangers coming in third. I won't go thru all of his books that I have read, and try to rank them. But I can't believe it took me so long to get to Lightning! I think that I thought it was one I had already read. I was delighted to discover that I hadn't (read it previously). I would recommend Lightning to anyone who likes fast-paced, exciting books that keep u on the edge of your chair, with a large portion of science fiction added for good measure. Now on to my next choice!

Why is Laura Shane so special? It seems when Laura Shane is in trouble a mysterious stranger arrives to save her even from her delivery. She has a rough childhood, but for some reason her "guardian" keeps showing up. Is he an angel? And why is there lightning in the sky whenever he shows up? Dean Koontz again shows his mastery of his unique category of fiction. This time the protagonist is a woman and there is no dog in this one. His perspective is always fresh and exciting. Suspenseful and exciting this book is recommended for Koontz fans and those who want to give his work a try.

I've read lots of Koontz's books, but somehow missed out on this earlier one. The "bad" news first: you need to suspend a LOT of disbelief for this one! I won't spoil it, I'll just mention time travel and an impossibly precocious 8 year old with an impossibly strong-willed and courageous mother ... and oh yeah, a few other things which are hard to get your mind around. The good news is that even at my advanced age I could not put the \$#@ book down!! One of the reasons is this: in the hands of a less talented writer, with a less fluent style, I might have said, this is a lot of rubbish. But Koontz draws you easily into the tale, and his characters are so well drawn. The suspense starts killing you ... So, I'd say, if you haven't read it and you're a fan of chillers/thrillers/science-fiction -- and a genre which mixes these up into a well-written yarn, read the book. But you must be a King-and-Koontz fan. So suspend that disbelief and enjoy this (fairly dark) page-turner!

Years ago I read this book but didn't remember very much of it. I am so glad I read it again. It is the "old Dean Koontz" that we all knew & loved. He is still one of my favorites but the newer books aren't quite as good as the old ones. Of course it really isn't fair to expect all books to be the same or to expect that level of writing to be endless. Even the best authors run out sometimes. Out of what???? Ideas, characters, etc. He still does an amazing job & he has matured into a very decent, world conscious man. Besides, he loves animals!

This book has to be a new favorite of mine. I never thought I would read any Dean Koontz books, but after this one encounter with this man's work, I am inclined to disagree with my prior judgement of him as an author. This book was so completely NOT what I was expecting. I don't know WHAT I was expecting but, I was pleasantly surprised. I am sold on Dean Koontz. I will be reading more of this author's work. Very good story line. Excellent and believable characters...I thought at one point I was going to be disappointed in the book, but then he turned it around and made it good.....highly recommend if you have never read one of his books, this is a great way to check this author out.

I tend to jump from author to author in my reading habits, as I'm easily bored with the same formula over and over. I've read a few of Dean Koontz' books over the years, and aside from being well written and compelling, they are all very original. I enjoyed the fact that his afterward speaks to this. I for one am grateful that he fights against the box publishers would put him in. Anyway this is a great story that mashes up so many elements; time travel, love, enduring friendship, historical events, action and suspense are among them. I couldn't put it down. A great read!

Lightning has to be one of my favorite Koontz works (other than Phantoms, Watchers, and the Frankenstein series). Again, in the mid to late eighties, Koontz began to use other genres in his thrillers, and this one has romance as the secondary genre. I have to be honest, I'm not a huge fan of romance novels, but after reading *Servants of Twilight*, I figured I'll give *Lightning* a try. The story deals a lot of darkness of humans, as you will know Stefan, Laura's angel really is! And also is the book about the dark forces of nature and time, and what Stefan must prevent these dark humans are about to do with some kind of dark power. The book really has good characters. But I do agree that Koontz makes his children talk more like adults, but I've read worse dialogue. Koontz really does give you some surprises, really at the climax. *Lightning* is a must read of any Koontz fans who haven't or thinking about picking this book up and read (or upload it through your Kindle).

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