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Cold Fire



Synopsis

Reporter Holly Thorne is intrigued by Jim Ironheart, who has saved 12 lives in the past three months. Holly wants to know what kind of power drives him, why terrifying visions of a churning windmill haunt his dreams, and just what he means when he whispers in his sleep that an enemy who will kill everyone is coming. “A master storyteller, sometimes humorous, sometimes shocking, but always riveting. His characters sparkle with life. And his fast-paced plots are wonderfully fiendish, taking unexpected twists and turns.” The San Diego Union-Tribune

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Customer Reviews

Teacher Jim Ironheart, aptly named, is sent by forces unknown to save chosen people in life-threatening situations. By chance, a young but jaded reporter stumbles onto his missions, and joins him to investigate who is controlling him and why. Shared nightmares begin to point to an extraterrestrial influence, and the pair are forced to confront Ironheart's forgotten past for answers. Koontz (*The Bad Place* , LJ 12/89), a master at maintaining mystery and suspense, weaves themes from earlier novels into this latest thriller. Even if the ending calls to mind DuMaurier and Hitchcock, *Cold Fire* contains all the ingredients--likable characters, nail-biting suspense, and above all, unlimited imagination--that will please Koontz's fans. For all popular collections. Literary Guild and Doubleday Book Club main selection; Mystery Guild featured alternate; previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 9/1/90.-Eric W. Johnson, Teikyo Post Univ. Lib., Waterbury, Ct. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

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Koontz is a prolific writer with endless plot ideas. It is impossible to hit a home run every time. It starts out with a mystical undercurrent that drives the story. Almost like a fatalism that cannot be controlled. When they get to the mill there are long periods of redundancy. Koontz puts words together beautifully, always. But this one didn't have the page by page appeal that a masterpiece like "Innocence" had for me.

I like the new Koontz. Some will say the story is not good because this is a new and gentler Koontz but I like him!. This story is about a man who is driven to save some people through an inexplicable psychic communication. He gives up everything to follow what he thinks might be his Godly communications. A reporter is at the scene of one of his rescues and is intrigued. She tries to interview him but gets nothing substantial. She takes vacation time to investigate him and how he

knows where to go and who to save. Their lives intertwine and she pushes him to investigate the psychic communications and why they pick certain people over certain others. The answer is a surprise to both of them.

Captivating tale. Colorful characters, and a very intricate plot. I couldn't put this down. I believe this would make a great motion picture, without any change in story.

I'm a sucker for reluctant heroes and this one fits the bill, at least for the first half of the book. It slips a little bit. I loved Jim Ironheart and would enjoy a sequel to this as he and Holly become a dynamic duo, so to speak. ****Spoiler Alert!!!****What I didn't believe was Holly's instant and complete love for Jim. It was just too quick and felt forced. I would have liked a slower build up to the love. The premise itself was very cool and I love the idea that Jim could do all that with his mind. Overall, it was an enjoyable read.

I have never read a Dean Koontz book that I didn't like

Lots of haunting realities that take you on a spin

It was Koontz as to be expected

The story really moves along and keeps you guessing about what will happen next. A great read. I will definitely read more books by this author.

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