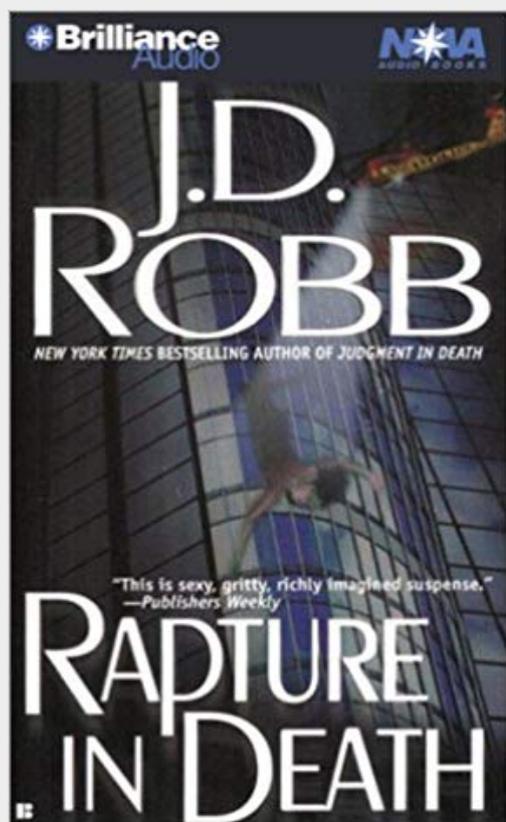


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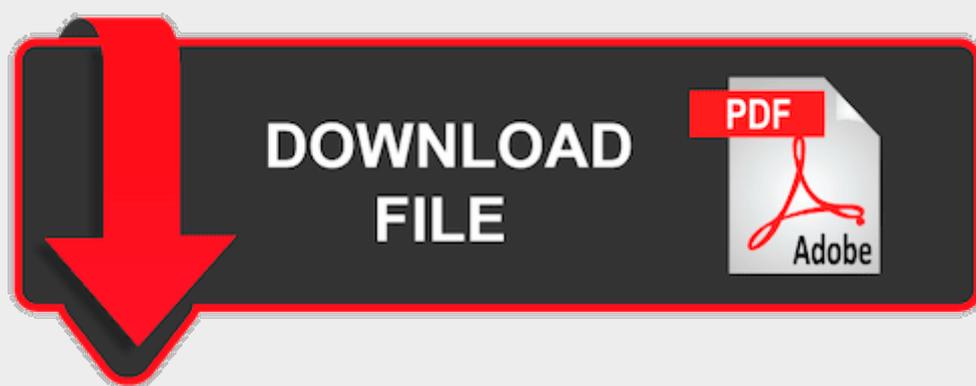
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They died with smiles on their faces. Three apparent suicides: a brilliant engineer, an infamous lawyer, and a controversial politician. Three strangers with nothing in common - and no obvious reasons for killing themselves. Police lieutenant Eve Dallas found the deaths suspicious. And her instincts paid off when autopsies revealed small burns on the brains of the victims. Was it a genetic abnormality or a high-tech method of murder? Eve's investigation turned to the provocative world of virtual reality games - where the same techniques used to create joy and desire could also prompt the mind to become the weapon of its own destruction . . .



Reviews of the **Rapture in Death (In Death Series)** by Susan Ericksen,J. D. Robb



1. Warianys

I've not read all the books in this series yet but am getting pretty close. Having read the reviews written on most of the books in this series by J.D. Robb, aka Nora Roberts, it becomes quite clear quite quickly that people either love or hate these books. And when you think about it that is the way it should be. What a boring reading life we would all have if all of our tastes were the same...ugh!

Now I am one of those that are a big fan of these books where are futuristic (just a bit) detective/police procedural books with a touch of romance thrown in from time to time. This work is not all that different from other J.S. Robb offerings.

This one deals with mind control via music/computer games. It is not as grizzly as other books in the series but murder there is never-the less. People are forced to do things such as leaping off of tall buildings or hanging themselves or - in the case of Eve and Roarke, somewhat change their sexual encounters - an not all for the good.

Even though this is only about the third or fourth book in this series we have all my favorite characters playing their usual role; Eve, Peabody, McNab, Roarke Mavis, Leonardo and yes, one of my favorites, Galahad, and a host of others readers who follow these stories will be quite familiar with. There is of course some new characters introduced cause hey; you have to have a bad guy or girls - right?

The book begins with Eve and Roarke returning from the honeymoon where on their return visit at a space station they encounter the first victim - an apparent suicide.

While this story does not move as fast as some of the others I have read in this series it is never-the-less still a stellar read and one that I more or less read non-stop from cover to cover - Being retired I can do stuff like that because the dogs in my lap could care less if I am sleeping or reading or just staring into space.

2. Direbringer

Rating R

Genre: Police Procedural
Sub Genre Futuristic
Sub Genre Romance of established married characters
Triggers: Rape
Violence Murder
Language Adult
Sexuality M/F

Plot centers around mysterious suicides where everyone of the people are overjoyed to end their own lives. This is the forth In Death book centering around Eve Dallas NYPSD Homicide Lieutenant. The book starts with both Eve and Roarke on their honeymoon. The sex and romance between the two always sizzle, and this is because the characters that Robb write have passion. Passion is the corner stone of these books not just passion of a sexual nature, but passion to find the perpetrators of the crimes. The character of Eve is like a very tight flower blossom that has never opened for anything but her job. The blossom that is Eve opened for one thing, her job, being a great cop. Then would close up tight again, she was standoffish even to the two people closest to her, her former partner Feeney and Mavis. Eve, since meeting her now husband Roarke, is learning to be a full bloom of a flower not closing up when not on the job, not being standoffish with people. The character Roarke won't accept anything less and because of this Eve blooms.

In this book Peabody, Officer Delilah, is attached full time the Dallas. Which opens Eve up further.

Mavis again in given a lot of book time and I personally adore her. I adore all the characters in this book.

Also Dr. Mira is given more book time too.

The book's plot centers around mind control and it is a very wickedly good read.

3. DART-SKRIMER

FINAL DECISION: An enjoyable combination of relationship and crime mystery, RAPTURE IN DEATH deals with the early days of Eve and Roarke's marriage along with a series of "suicides" among people who seem to have no reason to want to die.

THE STORY: A series of suicides where each person dies with a mocking smile on his or her face doesn't sit well with Eve. She seems to find some brain abnormalities but no one can find a cause or whether or not someone is orchestrating these deaths. Just back from her honeymoon, Eve and Roarke settle down into their marriage while Eve (with Roarke's help) tries to figure out who is targeting high profile New Yorkers.

OPINION: This is one of the early books in the series that made this a superlative series. I believe that the best books in the series (and this is one of them) have a great balance between the personal issues of Eve (here she is adjusting to her new marriage) and a rousing crime that Eve solves (and the best books have her working directly with Roarke as much as possible).

This book still feels fresh after I've read it at least a dozen times over the years. Eve and Roarke are vibrant characters and the crime had a double twisty resolution. There are a lot of things going on, plenty of significant appearances by the secondary characters and just a great centering on Eve and Roarke.

I don't read these books as crime dramas or mysteries because I think that overall they are only just above average on those aspects because there is no real way to solve these mysteries on the clues given. I read them as character driven stories about Eve and her life. This book does a great job of expanding on the characters in the series and thus is one of the better books in the series.

WORTH MENTIONING: Hubba Hubba!

CONNECTED BOOKS: RAPTURE IN DEATH is the fourth book in the In Death series. While the mystery in the book is self-contained, there are continuing relationship and personal journey stories that span the series and thus I recommend reading the books in order.

STAR RATING: I give this book 5 stars.

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