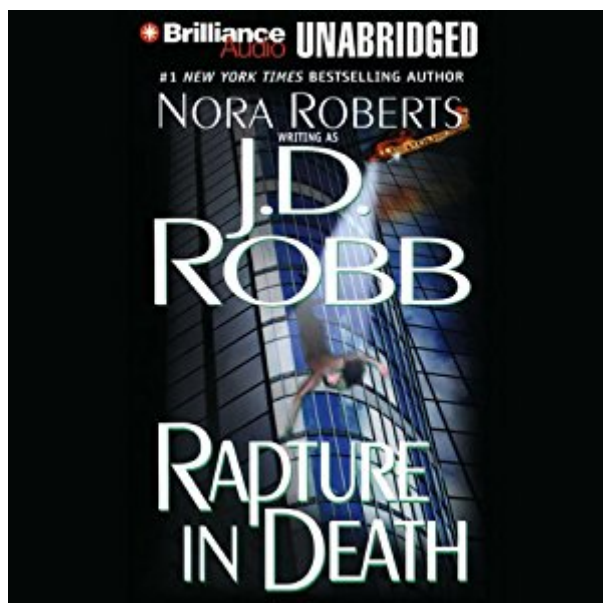


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Synopsis

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 . . . --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

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 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 nevertheless. People are forced to do things such as leaping off of tall buildings or hanging themselves or

And in the case of Eve and Roarke, somewhat change their sexual encounters and 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.

I am reading everything's on my Kindle keyboard before I start using my Paperwhite. Came across a whole bunch of books by J D Robb and I have been binging on them this week. J D Robb, as you probably know, also writes romance as Norah Roberts. Writing as J D Robb, however, her style is darker and grittier. This is a series of mysteries set in the not too far distant future when the earth has colonized a lot of planets, societal norms have changed in some ways, yet law and order remains law and order and the police are there to protect and serve. This series chronicles the cases of Eve Dallas as she investigates murders and believes it is her vocation to stand for the dead, to see that they get justice. In my opinion, a person is going to love these books or hate them, I happen to love them. Well written, strongly developed characters, detailed plots. Someone is doing research and I appreciate that. Of course, there are some love stories woven in because that is part of life, after all, it can't be all grim.

Book 4 of the In Death series. In this one, Eve has a strong hunch that four apparent suicides were not self-terminations at all. When the ME discovers a tiny smudge on the brain scans of three of them, Eve is sure she is right. This one was really good, maybe the best one since Book 1. I knew the murderer since about 35% and guessed that that VR system was the murder mechanism, but that didn't ruin my enjoyment at all. As usual, Eve's circle of friends - Mavis, Peabody, Dr. Mira, Nadine and Feeney - are involved. Also, we see an additional tiny sliver of Summerset's viewpoint. I love how NR has kept him such an opaque character and only gives us glimpses of his vp. 4.25 stars.

Rapture in Death is #4 in J D Robb's unusual crime thriller series. I am slowly coming to terms with the bizarre setting towards the end of the 21st Century when space travel is common, robots do most menial jobs, guns are banned and virtual reality systems are programmed to meet an individual's needs for activity or relaxation. At the end of an action-packed IMMORTAL IN DEATH Lieutenant Eve Dallas beats up a murderer. That just happened to be on her wedding day to mega-rich super-stud, and slightly shady Roarke. Despite this the wedding between the most unusual couple goes off as planned and eventually they get away on their honeymoon, travelling to and enjoying exotic and romantic places, including to a 5 star tourist resort being built on one of Roarke's new satellites. While they are on the satellite a brilliant engineer, with no apparent personal problems, commits suicide. Back home Dallas cannot prevent a suicide of a famous lawyer who is not known for suicidal tendencies and is not taking illegal drugs. While investigating this case Dallas believes that another suicide by a prominent politician may also be connected when she finds that all victims have a microscopic burn in the same part of the brain. How could this happen? Could it be drug related or because they all used one of Roarke's advanced virtual reality systems for their relaxation. The problem is that hundreds of other people use the same systems each day without harm. While Eve is never scared to face up to dangerous criminals she panics at being involved in space travel until Roarke unlocks the thrills of the equivalent of the mile high club - in his private space transport. The series would not be complete without more sexual fireworks between the most unlikely couple - this time the fireworks are super spectacular and may have been manipulated. To balance off these fireworks there is also lots of great, and sometimes tough police work as Eve happily resumes work in earnest. This time she is helped by the very efficient Officer Delia Peabody who is stunned when Eve assigns her to be her permanent aide. This was an entertaining interlude with another episode of a very different kind of crime thriller series - which really shouldn't be taken seriously. 3.5 stars.

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