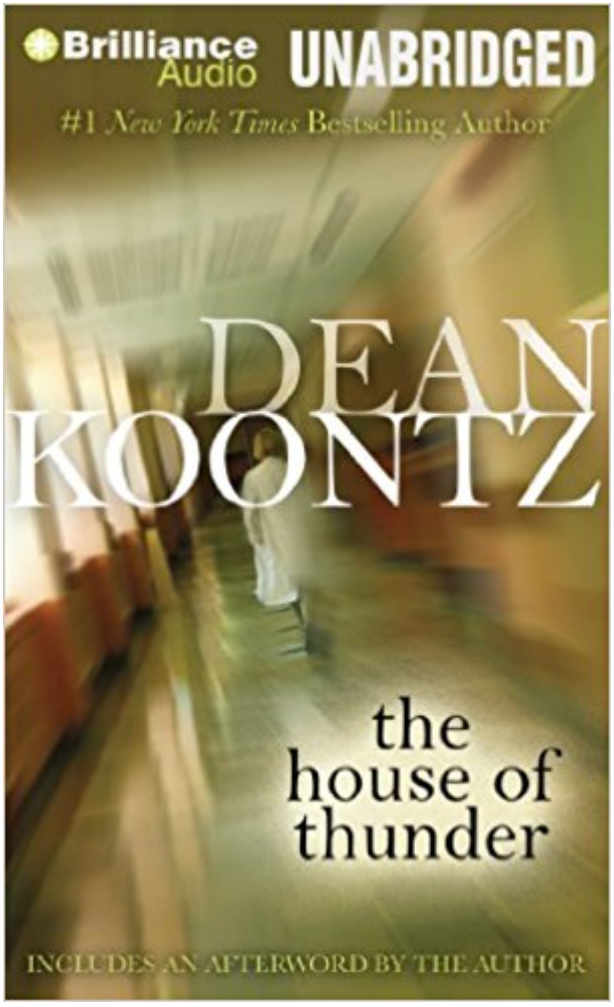
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Synopsis

She woke up in a hospital room, barely able to remember her own name. What secrets are hidden within Susan ThortonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s mind? What terrible accident brought her here? And who are the four shadowy strangersÃ¢â ¬â •waiting, like deathÃ¢â ¬â •in the darkened corridors? One by one, Susan unlocks these mysteries. And step by step, she approaches the torment of her pastÃ¢â ¬â •a single night of violence, waged by four young menÃ¢â ¬Â¦Ã¢â ¬Å“Koontz is a terrific what-if storyteller." Ã¢â ¬â •PeopleÃ¢â ¬Å“His perennial bestsellers areÃ¢â ¬Â¦engrossing entertainments.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •The Washington Post Book World

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Koontz (Watchers , The Servants of Twilight) has come up with an intriguing premise: Susan Thornton wakes up in a hospital after a serious car accident with an odd, selective amnesia. She can remember nothing of her job, yet she is stricken with fear when the company she works for is named. And that’s not all. Thirteen years earlier, Susan had witnessed the murder of her boyfriend during a brutal fraternity hazing; her testimony sent one of the four men responsible to prison. Now she sees the same men, looking not a day older, walking the corridors of the hospital. Even worse, she has recurrent macabre hallucinations involving them and the decomposing corpse of her boyfriend. Susan doubts her sanity until she stumbles upon a bit of hard evidence right out of one of the "hallucinations." Koontz’s resolution, involving a complex Soviet plot, transforms the story from a cozy chiller to political thriller and may not please readers tired of cold war paranoia and propaganda. Others, however, should find this tale satisfying from start to finish. Copyright 1988

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Praise for Dean KoontzÃ¢â ¬Å“Dean Koontz is a prose stylist whose lyricism heightens malevolence and tension. [He creates] characters of unusual richness and depth.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •The Seattle TimesÃ¢â ¬Å“Tumbling, hallucinogenic prose....Ã¢â ¬ËœSeriousÃ¢â ¬â„¢ writers...might do well to examine his technique.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •The New York Times Book ReviewÃ¢â ¬Å“Lyrical writing and compelling characters...Koontz stands alone.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Associated PressÃ¢â ¬Å“In every industry there exist Ã¢â ¬ËœartistsÃ¢â ¬â„¢ that are not only unforgettable, but know their craft better than the rest. Dean Koontz...is among these artisans.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Suspense MagazineÃ¢â ¬Å“[Koontz] has always had near-Dickensian powers of description, and an ability to yank us from one page to the next that few novelists can match.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Los Angeles TimesÃ¢â ¬Å“Perhaps more than any other author, Koontz writes fiction perfectly suited to the mood of America...novels that acknowledge the reality and tenacity of evil but also the power of good...[and that] entertain vastly as they uplift.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â •Publishers Weekly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I read this book when I was about 8 years old and was traumatized by it. So of course I wanted to read it again and see if it was as creepy as I remembered! It kind of was... The ending REALLY didn’t make sense to me as a child, and as an adult it’s not much better. Though I at least understood the ending this time around, it just seemed like an afterthought. And a bad one at that. It seems like the author had an idea for a book about a woman haunted by her past but just didn’t have a good reason or villain so he just slapped some completely absurd ending on the book and called it good. I enjoyed reading it just for the nostalgia, but I don’t recommend it as a good book or anything. It’s pretty awful.

Great story. Cheesy last few paragraphs he used to finish the story but still good overall. Always a favorite book of mine.

It’s Koontz, Just what you would expect.

This story started out well enough, being early Koontz, there was a lot of wasted dialogue - yah, yah, got it, move on - but there was a lot of suspense. Sadly the story ended abruptly with no

crescendo, no big finish, nada. It's like he just quit. Total let down.

This effort on Koontz's part is just not up to his usual level of entertainment. One of the reasons that he's so good is that you attach to the main characters and progress through the book like a tail hooked on a cat. You feel what the character feels and empathize as if you are the object of the story. This, however, enticed me only as an observer into the life of a character I really didn't care that much about. The book had the possibility of being one of Koontz's better novels but these prospects were never realized. We have a lady hospitalized after a car accident, a fraternity hazing, a sinister corporation, a hospital with secret doors, people who aren't who they say they are - wow - what a set up! Unfortunately, it just didn't come together. Love Dean - I'll patently wait for his next installment of the Frankenstein series. bg

A riveting tale with many twists and turns. When the ultimate plot becomes known it is far from that which one expected. So as not to give the story away suffice it to say the end is quite a shock. Again, Dean Koontz at his best and the reason he is a master story teller.

I was very disappointed in this. The Susan and McGee connection was a bit far fetched. The characters were not likeable they were what I would expect to find in a B-Movie. This is the first Koontz book I would not recommend.

I like this book. Took a while to get the book going and it does seem like Koontz had a page limit or something on this one because he ended it so fast. I won't spoil anything for anyone, but if you have read Key to Midnight by Koontz then you will see many similarities to this novel.I enjoyed it and would recommend it to Koontz fans. I liked this one because it's a story that could really happen.

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