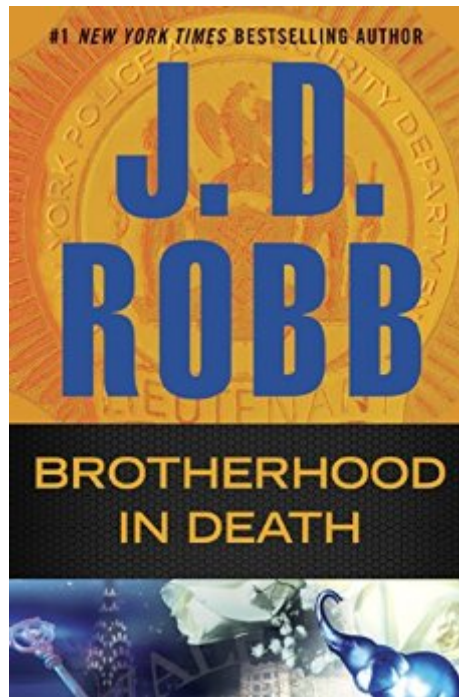


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Brotherhood In Death



Synopsis

The new novel featuring homicide detective Eve Dallas from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Devoted in Death*. Sometimes brotherhood can be another word for conspiracy. . . . Dennis Mira just had two unpleasant surprises. First he learned that his cousin Edward was secretly meeting with a real estate agent about their late grandfather's magnificent West Village brownstone, despite the promise they both made to keep it in the family. Then, when he went to the house to confront Edward about it, he got a blunt object to the back of the head. Luckily Dennis is married to Charlotte Mira, the NYPD's top profiler and a good friend of Lieutenant Eve Dallas. When the two arrive on the scene, he explains that the last thing he saw was Edward in a chair, bruised and bloody. When he came to, his cousin was gone. With the mess cleaned up and the security disks removed, there's nothing left behind but a few traces for forensics to analyze. As a former lawyer, judge, and senator, Edward Mira mingled with the elite and crossed paths with criminals, making enemies on a regular basis. Like so many politicians, he also made some very close friends behind closed and locked doors. But a badge and a billionaire husband can get you into places others can't go, and Eve intends to shine some light on the dirty deals and dark motives behind the disappearance of a powerful man, the family discord over a multimillion-dollar piece of real estate . . . and a new case that no one saw coming.

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Customer Reviews

An attack that wounds one of her loved ones is only the beginning of what turns into a monstrous case for Lieutenant Eve Dallas. *Brotherhood in Death* features an intense, layered case where every victim and suspect is hiding valuable secrets and Eve must race the clock before the bodies pile up. Conspiracies abound and every twist the case takes makes this latest *In Death* novel even more difficult to put down. My favorite books in the series are the ones where we have an exciting mystery and personal growth for our beloved characters and *Brotherhood in Death* has both. I don't want to say too much about the case because it would spoil the book. I will say that this is the rare instance where Eve is on the job before there is even a body. Eve comes to the aid of Dennis Mira when he's bashed on the head right after he sees his cousin wounded in their grandparents' home. His cousin is missing and Eve has a feeling that if she doesn't find him soon, this will turn into her next homicide case. Of course she's right, and once Edward is found as the victim of an exceptionally violent and angry murder things get dark fast and Eve has to unravel a host of mysteries to discover what is going on and why. Power, politics, sex, lies, and brotherhood all go together in this case and it's rough on Eve and her loved ones. That the case affects Eve makes the story more powerful, upping the stakes for readers because we are connected to the story through her. Murders and conspiracies aside, the moments that shined in the story were, for me, the more personal ones. Eve and Roarke have been married for a couple of years and though their love is as strong as ever, a disagreement between them truly shines a light on how far Eve has come over the course of the series.

* This review was originally published on my book blog, Will Read for Feels. OMG, OMG, OMG! I will warn you now I am going to gush from now until the last line of this post, because ladies and gentlemen, J.D. Robb is back in business! Now, I've been a fan of Eve Dallas and Roarke for over half my life now, and I don't think there's ever been a book in this series I've disliked, but outside of the gut-wrenching *New York to Dallas*, I'd probably say that the past 10 books or so have not had the magic of the first books. I remember thinking to myself, not long after rereading the previous book, *Devoted in Death*, "Maybe it's just that this series has lost its shine for people who've been following it for as long as I have." And there may be some truth to that; there are only so many times you can tell a joke to the same person and still have them

laugh, only so many times you can gut a character and show us whatâ€™s inside them before we feel like weâ€™ve seen it before. But then comes Brotherhood in Death and all those doubts get thrown out the window. First of all, those jokes? Like, for example, Eve Dallasâ€™ perpetual mangling and/or sideways analysis of common English idioms? Theyâ€™re one of the things that I just found totally endearing about the character, but in recent books, Iâ€™ve had to wonder how much she was putting on. Well, in Brotherhood in Death, you see it clearly, almost as if the author had been aware of this growing skepticism. While Dallas may not have been putting it on in the beginning, some of it she does on purpose now. Not to be sly or to make the joke flat, but because she knows that sharing these thoughts that she might otherwise have kept to herself makes the people she loves laugh or helps ease tension, she lets the silliness loose.

Thereâ€™s obviously a bit of a formula to the â€˜in deathâ€™ books. Eve and/or Roarke is almost always tied to the crime or criminal(s) in at least some small way. Eve is her curmudgeonly self, but her friends help to bring her out of herself. She and Roarke have dark pasts that get brought up. Thereâ€™s a murder to solve, and some difficult police work to be done. Usually thereâ€™s also a lot of zingy dialogue thatâ€™s too fun not to share with others. Iâ€™m not using the â€˜formulaâ€™ bit as an insultâ€”Robb uses this formula because it works. We know roughly what to expect from the books, but that still leaves plenty of room for different types of crime and different routes to it. Sometimes the whodunit is the issue, sometimes the how or why. Sometimes they have all those details and are focused on proving guilt or catching the obvious guilty party. Itâ€™s enough to keep me interested. There are also plenty of side plots going on regarding Eveâ€™s expanding circle of friends, and we get to watch them and their relationships evolve over the period of the series. In this case Eve and Roarke are tied in through their friendship with Dennis Mira as well as Eveâ€™s connection to his wife (also a dear friend) through work. It doesnâ€™t feel shoehorned in the way it occasionally does. The victims are high-profile, and Eve and Roarke live in that world now. The dialogue is somewhat zingy and quotableâ€”not Robbâ€™s best, but it definitely includes some fun bits! Eve ends up exploring her friendship with both of the Miras and particularly Dennis. Itâ€™s a nice way to see deeper into Dennisâ€™ affable demeanor. It isnâ€™t surprising that, in fact, Eve ends up having to solve Edwardâ€™s murder.

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