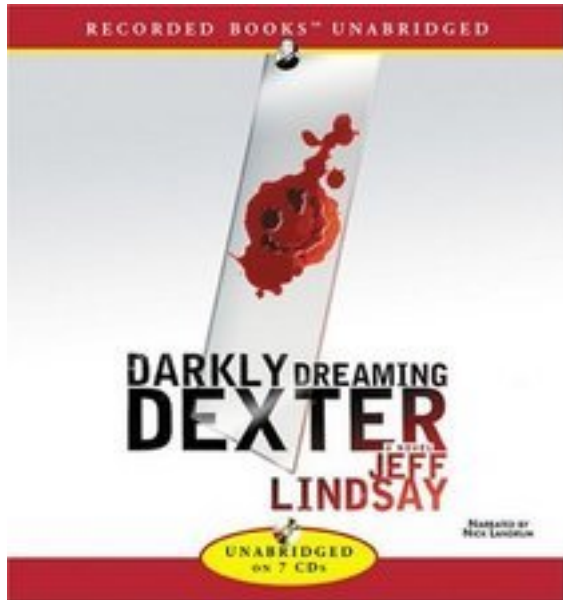

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Description

Meet Dexter, a polite wolf in sheep's clothing...a monster who cringes at the site of blood...a serial killer whose one golden rule makes him immensely likable: "he only kills bad people."

Dexter Morgan isn't exactly the kind of man you'd bring home to Mom. Though he's playful and has a wonderfully ironic sense of humor, Dexter's one character flaw (his proclivity for murder) can be off-putting. But at heart Dexter is the perfect gentleman, supportive of his sister, Deb, a Miami cop, and interested only in doing away with people who really deserve his special visit. Dex is quite good-looking but totally indifferent to (and, frankly, a bit puzzled by) the attentions paid to him by women. Despite the fact that he can't stand the sight of blood, he works as a blood-spatter analyst for the Miami police department, a job that allows him to keep tabs on the latest crimes and keep an eye open for his next quarry.

Dexter's well-organized life is suddenly disrupted when a second, much more visible serial killer appears in Miami. Dex is intrigued, even delighted, by the fact that the other killer appears to have a style reminiscent of his own. Yet he can't help but feel that the mysterious new arrival is not merely invading his turf, but reaching out to him as well. This new killer seems to be doing more than copying Dexter—he seems to be saying, "Come out and play." Dexter's secret life makes for a lonely existence...even a lovable monster can be intrigued by the prospect of finding a friend.

Introducing one of the most witty and original narrators in years, Jeff Lindsay's *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* is a fresh, surprising, and brilliantly executed novel that is sure to receive wide acclaim.

Insightful reviews

Stephen: I'm a **BIG** fan of the Dexter TV show on Showtime. This led to me being a bit hesitant to read the novels because I was worried about a serious case of disappointment. Michael C. Hall's portrayal of the title character is such an integral part of my enjoyment of the series that I approached this book with trepidation, worried I wouldn't relate* as well to the novel's main character.

** a dangerous thought, I know, given Dexter's proclivities.*

Well, turns out that my fears were groundless. The characterization of Dexter was excellent and I found myself engaged by him from the outset. The novel tracks the first series of the show closely and in many ways it was like re-watching the first season with some nice additional details added.

The plot is fast-paced and tightly focused and the characters are well-drawn. In sum, an excellent read.

3.5 stars. Recommended.

P.S. For audio listeners, the audio version of this was well done. The narrator, Nick Landrum, did a good job, most notably with Dexter, and enhanced the story experience.

Lou: **Getting in mind of Dexter is never boring his insight is funny and his technique of killing is masterful. Dexter talks of his beginnings, of his first kill, the day his dark passenger became the rider. Recollections of the past with his father Harry and his deadly advice, its a good fast read in the rambling mind of a sociopath Dexter.**



Bark's Book Nonsense: Version: Unabridged
Publisher: Recorded Books
Narrated by: Author Jeff Lindsay

Darkly Dreaming Dexter introduces Dexter Morgan serial killer of serial killers. To the outside world he is a charming, attractive normal guy with a respectable job with the forensic department. But Dexter (for anyone who hasn't watched the tv show) is constantly battling his "dark passenger" who dreams of death and can only be assuaged by brutal murder and clinical dismemberment. He was adopted as a young boy by a policeman named Harry who saw Dexter's darkness early on and was able to instill in him a strict code of rules to control his impulses and keep him safe. Now that Harry is dead, Dexter still hears Harry's voice in his head and it almost always keeps him on track.

Without boring you with an overlong plot rehash I'll keep it neat and tidy. There's a serial killer on the loose who is chopping up women and leaving their bloodless body parts for Dexter and company to find. Dexter is intrigued by the killer's mastery and finesse and makes it his business to track down the guy. But wait! This killer seems to know Dexter's deepest, darkest secret and begins taunting him. The plot relies heavily on Dexter's ability to sense the other killer and Dexter's "dreams" of the murders. Whether you buy it or not will depend entirely on just how far you are willing to suspend your disbelief. I went with it. I'm easy sometimes and I really like Dexter.

I borrowed this audiobook from Overdrive and it was narrated by the author. While he does a decent job voicing Dexter's calm, cool charm and wry sense of humor, he stumbles in a big

way with Debra, Dexter's put-upon stepsister who is desperately trying to get promoted and get off undercover "hooker duty" so she can do some actual police work. This Debra unpleasantly barks out every line with ear shattering impatience. As much as I enjoy her character because she is cranky and impatient, I cringed whenever she had something to say here. It wouldn't have surprised me if she bit Dexter what with the way she was so overly snarly (she didn't). However, it's not a guy reading a girl thing that I have a problem with here (for once) because Lindsay does LaGuerta's voice in a smarmy, man-hungry and perfectly fitting way for the power hungry nitwit.

Though a story filled with murder and mayhem it surprisingly doesn't dwell on the gory details. Instead it gets into Dexter's head, explaining how he feels when he gives in to his dark passenger (really freaking good). This is something the show is just unable to do and it helps one understand how his mind works. I enjoyed this story and this intimate look into Dexter's head and will continue the series. My only nitpick was Dexter's bad habit of repeating himself. Yeah, yeah so he's unemotional, not human, follows a strict code and is always in control. I get it. I don't need to be continually banged over the noggin with those facts. It got tiresome and I felt like the only one he was trying to convince was himself because he was so often NOT in control for most of this book. But other than that complaint, the characters are great and the story zips along at a pace that never loses or bores the crap out of me.

Edward Lorn: this can be going to be a quick review. I've heard humans say that the books are greater than the series, yet I do not agree. I feel they're both enjoyable, and given how a lot they department clear of one another come season two/book two, it is easy to name them totally different monsters. The convey is going off the rails round season four, and the books develop into illogical after booklet two, yet either the sequence are fun, to a point. the ultimate season of the Showtime sequence was once this type of unhappiness that it truly is offensive to such a lot lovers of the show. I wish to think a global with no Dexter Season 8, so I am rereading the novels. I have never learn the 2 most up-to-date books, Double Dexter and Dexter's ultimate Cut, and that I have not listened to the audio books at all. permit the adventure begin! Note at the narration: I like books narrated by means of their authors. This one is not any different. Jeff Lindsay does a beautiful job. In fact, the e-book (story) itself will get 3 stars, whereas the narration will get five. hence now we have the 4 stars you spot above. In summation: enthusiasts of the exhibit will discover a hell of a shock on the finish of this book, as I used to be stunned to determine convinced characters residing earlier season one of many Showtime series. I say this simply because there are various humans available in the market who say, "I've obvious the movie/television show. Why may still I learn the book?" Well, this time around, they're very different. no less than on the finish they are. to assert the rest will be to renounce monstrous spoilers. ultimate Judgment: diverse is as diverse does.

Amanda: For the main part, the elemental plot of the booklet is stereotypical crime thriller: there is a serial killer at the free who needs to be stopped ahead of he can strike back (and, of course, each one crime scene is extra artistic than the last). However, what makes the publication so stress-free is that Dexter, the blood splatter specialist attempting to seize the killer, can also be a serial killer--albeit, a kinder, gentler killer. simply because Dexter's foster father (a former policeman) noticed the symptoms of Dexter's sociopathic habit early on, he

used to be capable of mildew Dexter right into a vigilante who presents a provider to society via offering the undesirable men whereas at the same time indulging his personal have to kill. This artistic twist makes for fascinating analyzing as Dexter does not think emotion and feigns being a standard man or woman simply to remain less than the legislations enforcement radar. for this reason Dexter's observations on human nature are frequently hilarious and it is attention-grabbing to determine how his brain works. in case you are trying to find whatever a bit different, a couple of laughs, and are prepared to miss a few plot/character weaknesses, Dexter is easily well worth the time.

Shaun: it is a unusual publication with an odd premise (a serial killer/cop who kills undesirable men in an effort to feed his ugly desires).On that individual front, I had excessive expectations. After all, stepping into the top of a serial killer has such a lot of possibilities.I did not even brain the funny undercurrents, notwithstanding now and then the narrative bordered on silly. And, i assume it really is not easy to make cold-blooded homicide funny.But what i could not recover from was once the inability of mind's eye here. past the preliminary premise, there has been nothing. it truly is as though Lindsay used to be too lazy to truly discover the depths of the darkish gap he dug by means of introducing this character. might be i have simply learn too many real crime books to believe as though Lindsay does a serial killer or a sociopath justice. In fact, the complete situation (view spoiler)[I'm a sociopath who kills humans for enjoyable simply because I witnessed unthinkable violence as a baby (hide spoiler)] is so simplistic and so cliché as to be demanding to someone who is even remotely attracted to why humans do undesirable things.There have been additionally different features of the tale so absurd, I actually cringed examining them. I mean, i am prepared to move anywhere you're taking me so long as you retain it attention-grabbing and installed the effort and time to make it work...but too a number of the story's info appeared to lack any notion or attention at the author's part.Oh, and the finishing is simply undeniable stupid.This sequence used to be really dramatized via Showtime in a really renowned television sequence by means of a similar name. I watched the 1st episode final evening and whereas the convey stocks the various similar shortcomings because the book, i really felt it was once better, although basically marginally so. The darkish humor turns out to paintings higher on screen.I'm tempted to learn the following one, if simply simply because this and the television sequence were/are so popular. i have a sense this you may develop on me. yet for now, majorly disappointed.

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