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Synopsis

Bestselling novelist Cullen Åçâ –Å“CubbyÅçâ –Â• Greenwich is a lucky man and he knows it. He makes a handsome living doing what he enjoys. His wife, Penny, a childrenÅçâ –â„çs book author and illustrator, is the love of his life. Together they have a brilliant six-year-old, Milo, affectionately dubbed Åçâ –Å“Spooky,Åçâ –Â• and a non-collie named Lassie, whoÅçâ –â„çs all but part of the family. So Cubby knows he shouldnÅçâ –â„çt let one bad review of his otherwise triumphant new book get to himÅçâ –â •even if it does appear in the nationÅçâ –â„çs premier newspaper and is penned by the much-feared, seldom-seen critic Shearman Waxx. Cubby knows that the best thing to do is ignore the gratuitously vicious, insulting, and inaccurate comments. Penny knows it; even little Milo knows it. If Lassie could talk, sheÅçâ –â„çd tell Cubby to ignore them, too. Ignore Shearman Waxx and his poison pen is just what Cubby intends to do. Until he happens to learn where the great man is taking his lunch. Cubby just wants to get a look at the mysterious recluse whose mere opinion can make or break a careerÅçâ –â •or a life. But Shearman Waxx isnÅçâ –â„çt what Cubby expects, and neither is the escalating terror that follows what seemed to be an innocent encounter. For Waxx gives criticism; he doesnÅçâ –â„çt take it. He has ways of dealing with those who cross him that Cubby is only beginning to fathom. Soon Cubby finds himself in a desperate struggle with a relentless sociopath, facing an inexorable assault on far more than his life. Fearless, funny, utterly compelling, *Relentless* is Dean Koontz at his riveting best, an unforgettable tale of the fragile bonds that hold together all that we most cherishÅçâ –â •and of those who would tear those bonds asunder.

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Customer Reviews

A bad book review propels this farcical thriller from bestseller Koontz (*Your Heart Belongs to Me*). Bestselling author Cullen Cubby Greenwich is mortified when Shearman Waxx, the nation's premier literary critic, savages his work. Cubby manages to find the syphilitic swine at Roxie's Bistro in Newport Beach, Calif., where the author's six-year-old prodigy son nearly pees by accident on Waxx in the restaurant's men's room. In retaliation, Waxx threatens Cubby with doom and gets things started nicely by blowing up his house. With almost superhuman ease, the book critic keeps track of Cubby and his family as they flee for their lives. While some may take this as satire, the over-the-top villain's underdeveloped motivation and a jokey narrative tone that jars when juxtaposed with terrifying scenes of violence will leave others scratching their heads. By the time Koontz introduces a science fiction element, a lot of readers may have already checked out. (June) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Koontz is a master of the edge-of-your-seat, paranoid thriller and perhaps the leading American practitioner of the form." •Newark Star-Ledger "Koontz is working at his pinnacle, providing terrific entertainment that deals seriously with some of the deepest themes of human existence: the nature of evil, the grip of fate and the power of love." •Publishers Weekly, Starred Review "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." •Los Angeles Times "An exquisite crafting of the thrilling, the unexplainable, and the personal, with the mirth and whimsy that Koontz throws in seemingly effortlessly just when it's most needed and least expected." •Library Journal, starred review "[A] smoothly spun nail-biter.... Koontz still grabs readers as few other thriller scribes can." •Booklist --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I was initially given this book in hardback not too long after it was released by a friend who had similar reading interests. She is a HUGE Dean Koontz fan but said she was really disappointed in this particular book. I was thrilled to not have to wait until it can out in paperback to be able to read it and I have to tell you, I think my friend was having a REALLY, REALLY off day!! I personally think this is one of Dean's best books!! The everyday subject matter, the impossible cruelty of crime in general, fueled by supposedly rational people have given the book a touch of the world as we know it, while at the same time delving into the dark depths of the human mind. While we strive to try to

understand why man does the unspeakably evil and malicious things he does to his fellow man, something happens in the book to have you laughing a man's folly as well!! I wore out the first book because I read and re-read so many times, so I broke down and bought the Ebook to keep it from happening again. Great read, plausible story line, and as always a superb Dean Koontz book!!!!

This book kept me wanting for more. I had a hard time putting this down. Definitely an edge of your seat reading. I like how Dean Koontz adds some humor into his writings. And dogs, well, always hoping that since he's a dog lover, they never get killed off or maimed bad. I consider this an easy read book.

If you're a Koontz fan and you enjoy his life-affirming world-view you will like this book. If you ascribe to the nihilistic philosophies he loves to dissect, you should probably skip this one. "Relentless" is a page-turner filled with the impossible-but-strangely-believable characters and witty dialogue that have become his trademark. He is a word-crafter of extraordinary ability, and successfully pulls off some stylistic elements that are rarely seen these days. On the down side, it has a weak ending and the villain gives me less than I expect from Koontz. However, it's a solid read for pure fun. If you're a dedicated Koontz fan and are sincerely interested in his philosophy, you can't afford to miss this book. There is more to it than the usual things about love and family that endear him to his fans. In his recent work, he peers ever further into the abyss, describing the monsters he finds there with increasingly unsubtle metaphors. This latest book will cause you to ask questions about your world, if you stare through the intentionally preposterous elements and find the serious thoughts behind them. In sum: As simple fiction, it is good but not his best. As philosophy, it gets closer to the heart of Koontz' concerns about the future of humanity than any of his previous work. In either case, it is certainly worth your time.

After reading the back cover copy on this one I put it back on the shelf. It just didn't sound like an engaging enough story or character set to make me want to read it. I finally broke down because I've read every Koontz book to date and never been truly dissatisfied. I'm glad I read it. The book was a fairly quick read but interesting story with very engaging characters. Koontz tends to overuse the "super, smart kid, with a super special dog" in his books but as usual he pulls it off with style and flair. His gift is and has always been, for me, his ability to create characters I care about and depict such beautifully vivid scenes in my head with his descriptive prose. I enjoyed the book and would recommend it to Koontz fans.

Excellent! I really enjoyed this CD. The voice was clear and easily understandable.

Another terrific Dean Kontz novel. Great story.

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One of my favorites. A thrill from the a thrill from the get-go. I recommend it to anybody that loves a great book. The only part I didn't like is that it ended.

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