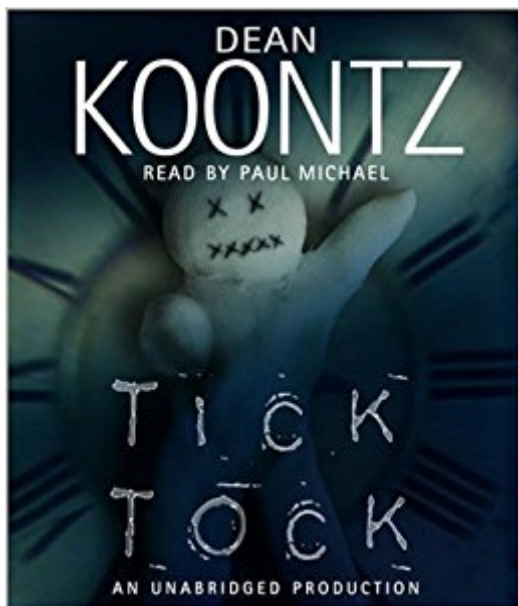




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# Ticktock



## Synopsis

Tommy Phan is a successful detective novelist living the American Dream in southern California. One evening he comes home to find a small rag doll on his doorstep. It's a simple doll, covered entirely in white cloth, with crossed black stitches for the eyes and mouth, and another pair forming an X over the heart. Curious, he brings it inside. That night Tommy hears an odd popping sound and looks up to see the stitches breaking over the doll's heart. And in minutes the fabric of Tommy Phan's reality will be torn apart. Something terrifying emerges from the pristine white cloth, something that will follow Tommy wherever he goes. Something that he can't destroy. It wants Tommy's life, and he doesn't know why. He has only one ally, a beautiful, strangely intuitive waitress he meets by chance or by a design far beyond his comprehension. He has too many questions, no answers, and very little time. Because the vicious and demonically clever doll has left this warning on Tommy's computer screen: The deadline is dawn. TicktockTime is running out. From the Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

"Dean Koontz is not just a master of our darkest dreams, but also a literary juggler."--The Times, London  
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"Koontz is a master at maintaining mystery and suspense."-- Library Journal  
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Dean Koontz is a

master storyteller ... always riveting."-- The San Diego Union"Koontz's characters are fallible, complex, and human."-- The New York Times Book Review"Koontz's writing is flawless."-- The Denver Post --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is the story of Tommy Phan, a Vietnamese immigrant that meets a strange blonde waitress and battles a demon that grew out of a rag doll. The story unfolds as Tommy and the blonde (Del) try to survive until dawn. Along the way, there is much more humor than Koontz's other novels as well as the normal amount of thrills, chills, and alien abductions. A recommended read for anyone who is a fan of Koontz, wacky blondes and/or mother's curses.

I really enjoyed this Koontz book. I had read it a few years ago but it had been a long time. It is fun, scary and was an enjoyable read. I thought Koontz did a great job and the book was well worth it. This is the first book that I read with my new Kindle Keyboard 3G. I had not used an e-Reader prior to this for reading books but had used them for reading the Bible and other types of reading. I highly recommend it. I have an i-Pad which I love but this Kindle is the most convenient device I've ever used. I love the portability and the long battery life. I recommend Tick Tock as a fun read!

I loved every minute. So much suspense, just when I think I know who the bad guy is, I got it wrong. I'm usually right. But, really enjoyed this. Well done.

I really enjoyed Tic Tock. It was funny, silly and exciting. My only complaint is that the first 25 pages were hard to get through, descriptive to the point of boring. But then everything changes and I loved it.

Aside from his series (Odd Thomas) and his pairing (Christopher Snow), this is my favorite Dean Koontz book. The ending has a touch of cheese to it, but the interactions of the characters keeps me coming back! Whenever I'm down, I just grab the book, open it somewhere in the last 2/3's, and within a page or two I'm laughing. I've gone through four copies, loaning them out, and finally purchased a copy for my Kindle so I would always have one!

First of all, I'm a great Koontz fan. He is a superlative writer, and this early book--updated by the author--is an example of his extraordinary talent. FEW writers can combine great adventure and plot WITH excellent characterization. Koontz is a master of doing just this. Icebound is a departure from

Koontz's horror genre. This is strictly a techno-thriller. The action is nonstop--never a dull moment, and all very, very well done. It is about a group of scientists who are carrying out an assignment in the arctic...very believable scenario, I might add. As a result of severe weather storm conditions and sub-oceanic quakes, a large chunk of ice breaks off and they find themselves stranded on an iceberg upon which they had implanted explosives scheduled to go off in 12 hours. There are no American ships that can rescue them because of their distance and the severe weather. Only a Russian sub on a clandestine mission is close enough and has the ability to possibly rescue the team of scientists. The stories of the men, especially the submarine captain, make you really care about the outcome. Although Koontz, in his afterword, is humble enough to diminish his technological detail as compared with a Tom Clancy, I found the whole thing so real that I was there! I love submarine adventures and to me, this numbers with the best of them. Noteworthy is the graphic detail of what it must be like to work in such an extreme environment. The descriptions of the arctic and the weather conditions are awesome. Even the death scene where one man dies through drowning is so realistic I could imagine vividly what it felt like to die this way. On top of the natural perils they face, there is a one twisted mind with them who is obsessively determined to commit murder. This portion of the story is also very well executed. In short (I should have said this some paragraphs back!), I can find nothing negative to say about this story or writing style. I read it at breakneck speed because it was so riveting. I heartily recommend this book to not only Koontz fans but to anyone who enjoys a techno-thriller. If you're looking only for a supernatural horror story, this is not the ticket. But...if you love Koontz's immense talent and want to read an exciting thriller, have at it!

This book is delightfully quirky and a quick read. Part screwball comedy and part horror story, it will make you laugh and it will make you want to keep the lights on. Filled with rapid, quick fire repartee and lots of non-stop action, I read it in one sitting, as I simply could not put it down, even though it was not at all what I expected. Tommy Phan is a successful novelist of detective stories.

Unfortunately, his Vietnamese mother doesn't see quite it that way. She feels that he is turning his back on his Vietnamese roots, as he has Americanized his name from Tuong to Tommy. He also did not wish to become a doctor or work in the family business, as did the rest of his brothers. Tommy is living the American dream, which his mother simply will not accept. One evening, shortly after returning home, his doorbell rings. When Tommy answers it, there is no one there. He does, however, find a homemade rag doll on his porch, which bewilders him, as he cannot imagine who would leave him such a thing. Taking the doll into his home, the doll's stitches start popping, and so

the fun begins. It is a little more fun than Tommy bargained for, and he flees his home with something evil in pursuit. Ultimately, he runs into Deliverance Payne, a beautiful seemingly intuitive blonde waitress, who gives him a hand in evading his demonic pursuer. She is certainly more than a sum of her parts and is not what she initially seems. Let the games begin! Tommy's life will simply never again be the same.

I've read this book several times. It never gets old. The action is fast paced and builds throughout the entire story right up to the nerve-wracking end.

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