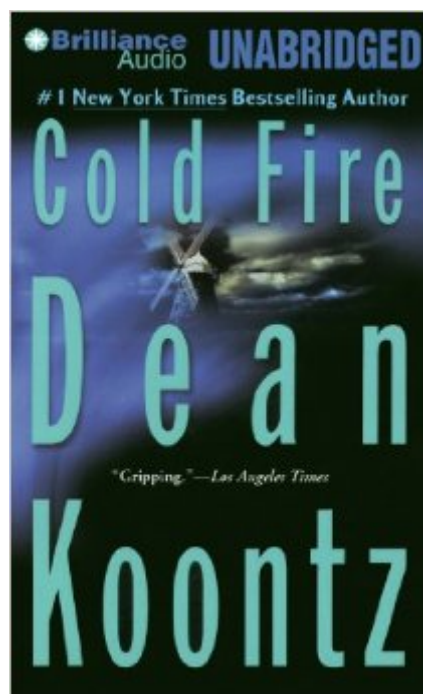


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# Cold Fire



## Synopsis

Reporter Holly Thorne is intrigued by Jim Ironheart, who has saved 12 lives in the past three months. Holly wants to know what kind of power drives him, why terrifying visions of a churning windmill haunt his dreams, and just what he means when he whispers in his sleep that an enemy who will kill everyone is coming. A master storyteller, sometimes humorous, sometimes shocking, but always riveting. His characters sparkle with life. And his fast-paced plots are wonderfully fiendish, taking unexpected twists and turns. - The San Diego Union-Tribune

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## Customer Reviews

I don't think that Cold Fire was better than other Koontz favorites such as Intensity or Watchers, but it was good reading for sure! The writer manages to mesh the world or reality with some pure Science-Fiction yet it makes for a believable story. Basically the book is about two people; Jim Ironheart who somehow is told about future accidents and Holly Thorne, a reporter who had an encounter with him and couldn't get him out of her mind. Jim was a tough but smart and likable character from the first page while he saved lives and collected female hearts. I perceived him almost as a knight in shining armor who rode on a cool motorcycle and not a white horse; as he was modern and clever while he knew all kinds of martial arts and read books about all religions of the world. Holly was single and in her thirties, with a straight head on her shoulders and a cool attitude without trying too hard, and even though through the book you know that Jim doesn't want any distractions as we read how he saves some lives, while Holly was such a great character it was obvious that them coming together would make for more interesting reading. As we are introduced to

Jim, we know he is troubled by something evil that haunts his dreams with the forewarning of The Enemy coming. Where Holly comes in is when she wants to know as much about him as possible, she gets trapped in his nightmares, to the point where she has to dig to the bottom of his mysterious prophecies and disturbing dreams in order to save both their lives. From the middle of the books, things turn from fantastic to even weirder. You cannot imagine where the ending takes you. I personally felt gratified by the ending; it was a good one, while not being ordinary at all. Great read that keeps your attention as the thick plot unravels in delicious tangles of mystery.

Dean Koontz's hard work has definitely paid off with his gripping novel *Cold Fire*. As is common with many of Koontz's novels, the setting is constantly moving. Jim Ironheart is a masterful character whose realism brings him to life! Ironheart, driven by God, has special abilities that enable him to arrive at the scene of an accident before it occurs, therefore miraculously saving the lives of the "would be" victims. Holly Thorne, a free-lance reporter who is looking for a purpose in her life, witnesses one of Ironheart's heroic rescues and her heart and attention are immediately captivated by his selflessness. She encounters him for a brief moment and then they both go their separate ways. Within the lapse of 24 hours, Holly realizes how intrigued she is by Jim's intellect and heroism. She decides to pursue him while he goes on his adventures. As Thorne progresses through the novel, she becomes infatuated with Ironheart and his extraordinary powers, while he is undergoing the most important fight of his life, a psychological battle with his past. It is not until the ending that you figure out what is happening with Jim Ironheart. The only part of the entire novel that I found disappointing and shocking was the finale. It was not what I had expected or hoped for, but overall this book was exceptionally well written. I highly recommend it to any of you adventurers or amateur psychologists out there.

While visiting a book shop back in the eighties here in Australia I stumbled across Dean Koontz while searching the Stephen King's. I did what we are told not to do and bought this book because of the cover. I read it cover to cover in two days and loved every moment of it. A superbly suspenseful novel mixing in elements of science fiction. A relatively thick book but somehow Koontz can keep you flipping pages without dead or slow passages. I have since read all of his work on the back of reading this one novel. Still it remains one of my favourites purely because of the seamless blend of science fiction, horror and suspense. Anyone staring at those big letters, "DEAN KOONTZ", on the jacket of novels but not sure if they should spend their hard earned money, my advice would be go for it but be prepared to return for more titles

This book was fantastic. I didn't expect it to turn out the way it did, but I was still very pleased. Dean is one of my favorite authors and he has a big imagination. I couldn't put the book down. The main characters were life like to me, I shared both Jim and Holly's pain. I love reading a book that makes me feel like I am part of the characters.

Wow - I have been blown away by this fast paced novel. Until now, *Watchers* and *From the Corner of His Eye* have been my very favorite Koontz works, but I actually think *Cold Fire* is better - certainly as good as - both. *Cold Fire* begins when Jim Ironheart is sent by an unknown force on a mission to save the life of a chosen child. On this journey, he bumps into uninspired reporter, Holly Thorne. Holly develops a deep interest in Jim's activities as her reporting skills discover this is not the first life he has saved. Holly is drawn into Jim's tangled life, where Jim is forced to confront demons from his past which threaten to destroy both he and Holly's future. An amazing story, which for some reason is utterly believable. This is the greatest skill an author can hope to achieve and one with which Koontz is renowned for - the ability to turn fiction into believable science fiction, despite how far fetched the idea. Koontz has created a novel which you won't be able to put down. The plane scene section of *Cold Fire* is totally gripping, fast paced and so real you most certainly won't want to read this part while airborne. I was in fact reading this section while traveling in a plane across turbulent Alaska, and happened to convince myself that the small carrier was going to crash and I was going to die. Fortunately it did not so I am able to write this review and hopefully convince you to pick up a copy of *Cold Fire* for an incredible read. If you love Koontz, you will love *Cold Fire*. It's definitely one of his best ever - In summary, the novel is fast paced, extremely difficult to put down, the characters are very well developed and extremely lovable - flaws and all, for the romantics it contains a love story, its blended with the perfect balance of humor and in its entirety *Cold Fire* is totally gripping all the way. Recommended!

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