

Dean Koontz

"Pain is a gift. Humanity, without pain, would know neither fear nor pity... The recognition of pain and fear in others gives rise in us to pity, and in our pity is our humanity, our redemption."



Top Ten Books

1. What the Night Knows
2. Odd Thomas
3. The Husband
4. The Good Guy
5. Forever Odd
6. Velocity
7. The Darkest Evening of the Year
8. Brother Odd
9. Odd Hours
10. Shadowfires

Dean Koontz, Velocity

America's most popular suspense novelist (Rolling Stone) and as one of today's most celebrated and successful writers, Dean Koontz has earned the devotion of millions of readers around the world and the praise of critics everywhere for tales of mystery, and adventure that strike to the core of what it means to be human.

suspense writer Dean Koontz. Much of the credit must go to Trixie, the golden retriever who taught him things about life that no human ever could. Trixie shows us how to be happy every moment of the day, except those fleeting moments after a meal when the dish is (temporarily) empty. Dogs know how to work hard and to play even harder.

Marker goes further into madness. And Erika Melios discovers some of her husbands' unfinished creations.

Latest Books

1. Relentless
2. A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog
3. Nevermore
4. Breathless
5. Frankenstein: Dead and Alive (Book Three)
6. I, Trixie, Who is Dog
7. Frankenstein: Lost Souls
8. Darkness Under the Sun
9. What the Night Knows
10. Frankenstein: Dead Town

Where He Is Now

When he was a senior in college, Dean Koontz won an Atlantic Monthly fiction competition and has been writing ever since. His books are published in 38 languages and he has sold over 400,000,000 copies. The figure that currently increases by more than 17 million copies per year.

Twelve of his novels have risen to number one on the New York Times hardcover bestseller list, making him one of only a dozen writers ever to have achieved that milestone. Fourteen of his books have risen to the number one position in paperback. His books have also been major bestsellers in countries as diverse as Japan and Sweden.

Frankenstein

Based off of one of the most famous classic stories of all time, Dean Koontz creates a powerful reworking of Frankenstein. If you think you know the story, you know only half the truth.

The fifth book in Dean Koontz's Frankenstein series, **Frankenstein: The Dead Town**. Is coming this July. It's a story filled with fast-paced action, gripping horror, and thrilling adventure. Detectives and O'Conner Maddison dig deeper into the mysterious life of Victor Melios, trying to uncover his ultimate goal.



Members of Victor's "New Race" begin to show that they are not as perfect as they planned. Randall Six continues his quest to escape from Hlands of Mercy, as Officer

CHIPS

Did Dean write an episode of the TV series, CHIPS? Yes, he did. It was entitled "Counterfeit" and guest-starred Billy Barty. Dean had always wanted to write something for Billy, and it was a thrill to do so. The producer accepted the first draft teleplay which was written by Dean, wanted no rewrite, and asked Dean to join the staff of the show. Because he didn't want a full-time TV career but wanted to instead concentrate on novels, Dean declined. Now and why his first-draft script ended up being so butchered that he elected to use the pseudonym "Brian Coffey" on screen for his writing credit when the "Counterfeit" episode was finally produced. Well, that is a story.

Series

1. Tucker (Writing as Brian Coffey)
2. Moonlight Bay
3. Odd Thomas

Picture Books

1. I, Trixie, Who is Dog
2. Trixie and Jinx

Graphic Novels

1. Trapped

Inspiration

Many readers wonder what inspires the creative genius of bestselling

Books to Movies

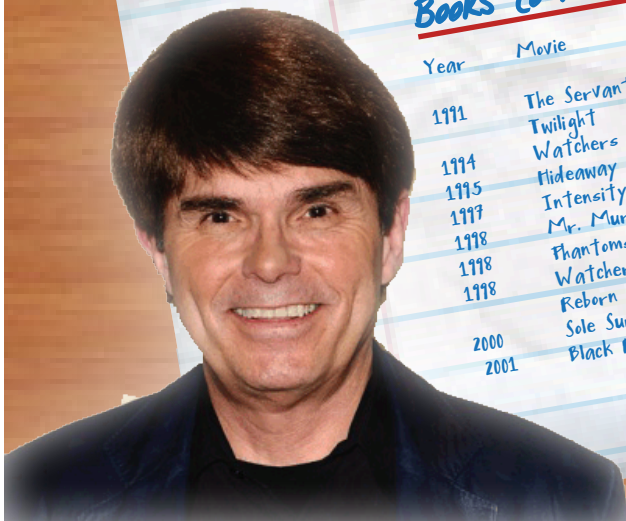
Year	Movie
1991	The Servants of Twilight
1994	Watchers III
1995	Hideaway
1997	Intensity
1998	Mr. Murder
1998	Phantoms
1998	Watchers
	Reborn
2000	Sole Survivor
2001	Black River

Awards

Year	Award Nominations
1971	Hugo Best Novella nominee
1987	World Fantasy Best Novel
1990	Bram Stoker Best Novel
1993	Bram Stoker Best Novel
1995	British Fantasy Society Best Novel nominee
1995	Prometheus Award Best Novel
1996	Bram Stoker Best Collection
1999	Bram Stoker Best Novel

Pen Names

1. W H Allan
2. David Axton
3. Brian Coffey
4. Deanna Dwyer
5. K R Dwyer
6. John Hill
7. Leigh Nichols
8. Anthony North
9. Richard Paige
10. Owen West
11. Aaron Wolfe



James Patterson

"I did know that the book would end with a mind-boggling trial, but I didn't know exactly how it would turn out. I like a little suspense when I am writing, too"

- James Patterson



Top Ten Books

1. Tick Tock
2. Angel: A Maximum Ride Novel
3. Witch & Wizard
4. Private
5. Witch & Wizard: The Gift
6. Witch & Wizard
7. I, Alex Cross
8. Daniel X

Tick Tock

James Patterson is back at No. 1 on USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list with Tick Tock, his fifth collaboration with Michael Ledwidge. The novel stars a fictional New York City detective, Michael Bennett, who tends to his 10 adopted children when he's not fighting crime. Last year, Patterson reached no higher than No. 3 on the list (with three different books). It was the first time he didn't hit No. 1 since 2003.



Patterson, a former advertising executive, knows a few things about promotion: He got his publisher, Little, Brown, to send a copy of his new thriller to his "real life heroes," all 21,700 police officers in New York City. And on his Facebook page, Patterson asks his fans to post comments on the heroes in their lives.

Competition

The publishing industry may be in the doldrums, but it appears that James Patterson (\$70 million), above left, Stephenie Meyer (\$40 million), above right, and Stephen King (\$34 million) are not. They topped the list of the 10 highest-paid authors, according to Forbes magazine, which tracked earnings collected over the last year, ending June 1. They were followed by Danielle Steel (\$32 million), Ken Follett (\$20 million), Dean Koontz (\$18 million), Janet Evanovich (\$16 million), John Grisham (\$15 million) and Nicholas Sparks (\$14 million). No. 10 was J. K. Rowling (\$10 million), even though she did not publish a new book that year.

Which & Wizard

San Diego, CA (May 17, 2010) IDW Publishing is thrilled to announce the launch of an all-new comics series, expanding on James Patterson's record-breaking, #1 bestselling young adult novel, Witch & Wizard.



Beginning with issue #1 in comic stores throughout North America today, Witch & Wizard:

Battle for Shadowland takes the beleaguered siblings, Whit and Wisty Allgood, on an all-new, exciting adventure in their struggle against the magic-hating New Order.

Latest Books

1. Witch & Wizard: The Gift (2)
2. Cross Fire
3. Don't Blink
4. The Postcard Killers
5. Game Over (4)
6. Private
7. Toys
8. Med Head
9. Angel: A Maximum Ride Novel
10. Tick Tock

17-Book Deal

If over the next few months you see smoke coming from the direction of James Patterson's house, it might be a result of the author's burning off his fingertips as he types: on Tuesday, the Macchette Book Group announced that it had signed a

Series

1. Alex Cross
2. When the Wind Blows
3. Women's Murder Club
4. Maximum Ride
5. Michael Bennett
6. Daniel X
7. Witch and Wizard
8. Jack Morgan

Picture Books

1. Santakid

Graphic Novels

1. Maximum Ride, Manga vol 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
2. Daniel X, Manga vol 1, 2

Upcoming Books

1. 10th Anniversary
2. Now You See Her
3. Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life
4. Kill Me If You Can

Books to Movies Awards

Year	Movie	Year	Award
1977	Kiss the Girls	2011	Edgar Award
1977	Miracle on the 17th Green	2011	BCA Mystery Guild's Thriller of the Year
2001	Along Came a Spider	2011	International Thriller of the Year
2003	First to Die	2011	Children's Choice Book Award
2005	Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas		for Author of the Year

