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Lieutenant Eve Dallas is no party girl, but she's managing to have a good time at the celebrity-packed bash celebrating 'The Icove Agenda', a film based on one of her cases. What comes as a surprise however is seeing the actress who plays Peabody drowned in the pool on the roof of the director's luxury building.

Celebrity in Death Details

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Mei says

”“Celebrity murders,” he muttered. “They’ll probably make another goddamn vid.” At Eve’s stunned, slightly horrified expression, he smiled. “You could make book on it,” he said. “Keep me updated. And don’t be late for the media conference.”

“Shit,” Eve said when he’d gone out. “Shit. He could be right.”

“Who’d play me in this one? I mean, it’s really wild, isn’t it? Somebody playing me investigating the murder of somebody who was playing me. And then there’s—”

“Don’t. You’re giving me a headache. Get those runs done.””

”How am I supposed to enjoy the vid now, when I’ll be thinking how behind the scenes I was trying to blackmail McNab into bed, and the whole time he’s in love with you? And that maybe there’s a vid of the two of you all naked and sexy and—” (Peabody)

“Stop right there before I boot.” (Eve)

“Hey! Maybe there’s a vid of fake Peabody and fake Roarke all naked and sexy. That would definitely make up for it. Maybe I can get a copy.” (Peabody)

“There’s going to be a vid of me tearing strips off your ass then using them to wallpaper my office.” (Eve)

Another winner!!!

♥Sharon♥ says

I will never tire of this series. Nope. Never. I just love Eve and Roarke and all the others. How J.D. Robb does it I haven’t a clue. I am kind of happy in one way being late to this party. I never have to wait for the next one to come out!!

A good friend just said to me that I will probably finish this series by the end of the year. I panicked for a minute thinking what am I going to do without Eve, Roarke and the whole gang. But....phew.....I have lots of .5’s to read. ?

I listened to the audio for most of this one. I absolutely love Susan Erickson. I think she does a fabulous job with these books and the characters. Especially Peabody. There were some funny moments with her.

Celebrity in Death didn't have the same level of action or gruesome crime scene stuff as many of the others but with Eve's cynicism and annoyance, Peabody's natural humor and Roarke's awesomeness it was still a great read!!!

Jilly says

This one started out pretty fun because we have our favorite characters meeting their actor counterparts who are playing them in a movie about one of the earlier cases. As usual, it's all fun and games until someone murders Peabody... well, fake Peabody.

more like an evil twin

Fake Peabody was such a jerk that pretty much everyone wanted to kill her. I kinda wanted to kill her. And, we all know how unusual it is for me to want to kill a book character.

How dare you, Mittens! You don't know me! You don't know my life!

When McNab sees fake-Peabody dead, he kind of freaks out a little. This leads to complete an utter sweetness and happy-hearted shipping joy. If we get scenes like this from him being scared, I say we take him to a haunted house.

On the down side, once all of the early fun of the actors settled down, and the Peabody/McNab scene ended, the book got a bit draggy. It was a lot of repetitive interviews and information. There was also no excitement - like chases, car crashes, fight scenes... So, it wasn't really my favorite, but the books are always good - even when they aren't great.

Trisha says

I seem to be in the minority on my opinion of this book. I'm a huge fan of Nora Roberts and the In Death series. Huge. But I felt this installment was lacking. There was no action at all and little emotion. Maybe I'm just getting bored with the series, but I was disappointed. I judge a book by how easy it is to put it down and it took me 3 days to read it when normally I get through an In Death in less than a day.

Ann Lou says

In this installment, there's going to be a movie about the Icove case (Origin in Death). Eve and Peabody got invited to the movie set and met their celebrity counterparts. That night, during dinner the celebrity counterpart of Peabody is found floating facedown in the swimming pool. We have celebrities as suspects.

Let the media circus begin.

Eve is being her usual badass self which I love.

"If somebody doesn't call me a bitch once a day, I figure I'm not doing my job."

It has been 34 books. Who is the nefarious Candy Thief??? I've no clue. Zero. My curiously is killing me.

Peabody and McNab are too cute beyond words.

"You have to know you're it for me, Peabody. The one."

"We don't want to get married now. That's for grown-ups."

"Oh yeah. We'll have a big, crazy wedding. Get married, have kids."

"When we're grown-ups."

ADORABLE ?

Allison (The Allure of Books) says

As I've talked about many times before on the blog, the In Death books are my all time favorite series. The newest installment, *Celebrity in Death* by J.D. Robb, is no exception! It releases today, and fans of the series should definitely expect an awesome addition to Eve & Roarke's adventures.

Now, as long time fans know, these books are oftentimes pretty much the same. I obviously don't mean that as an insult – I just mean that we basically know what to expect by now. J.D. Robb definitely gave me a few things I wasn't expecting this time around though.

One of my favorite things about *Celebrity in Death* is that it seemed to be funnier than previous installments. There were more laugh-out-loud moments with all the characters. I definitely loved having the humor ramped up.

Also, there was an adorable scene from Peabody's point of view while home with McNab. Oh man, so cute you guys. You will melt. We don't get enough from her eyes!

The mystery/suspense was strong in *Celebrity in Death* as well. Figuring out the who this time around wasn't nearly as fun as figuring out the how and why. Eve has to dig pretty deep to come up with her case this time and I thought it was crazy fascinating! Lots of curve balls.

Seeing our beloved characters surrounded by the movie stars playing them in the *Icove Agenda* movie was super fun as well. Especially Eve, since she spurns all the attention. Seeing Roarke's counterpart cracked me up since he was in no way close to being as swoonworthy as the real thing.

The one bummer for me in *Celebrity in Death* was a lack of Whitney (Eve's boss, the police Commander). He didn't even get to dress anybody down, y'all! I love it when that man yells at people.

Anyway...I loved this installment to the In Death series! J.D. Robb better keep cranking these books out to fill my never-satisfied craving for more Eve and Roarke!

Dianne says

I never knew how much I looked forward to the chase scenes, shootings, stabbing and all the other excitement that permeated these books, until I read this one. I never thought I would find myself saying that an Eve Dallas book could be boring, but this one was.

Eve, Roarke and Dehlia have been invited to the party that is celebrating the movie (vid) "The Icove Agenda". While there, nasty words are exchanged between the actress playing Peabody and almost everyone who is at the party. Naturally, she is later found dead under suspicious circumstances. Everyone is a suspect...

There is a lot of leg-work for Eve and Dehlia, a lot of people to interview and that's about it. J.D. did do the usual and toss in plenty of red herrings, but I just didn't care. I kept trying to force myself not to page to the back of the book to see who really dunnit.

Oh and I did want to mention to the proofreaders and editors, that they may want to rethink using the abbreviation 'anal' for the word 'analyze' or 'analysis'...just sayin'!

Jen says

As always, I'm impressed with the fact I'm at book #34 and love everything about the characters and story line that JD Robb has written! I always feel like I'm coming home to friends and family when I read about the gang! Each book is a different murder case, and somehow the author keeps the cases fresh and exciting!

Of course all I have to say is Roarke! Those of you that have fallen in love with him will know exactly how I feel about that man!!! Him and Eve have the best relationship, and I love reading about their loyalty and love for one another! Now their love extends to their friends as well, and I love them all too!

A stand up fabulous series that may take a large commitment but it is so worth it.... I promise!!

Mo says

Book 34 and still as good as the previous books in the series. The crime might not have been as gruesome as in other books but it still kept me interested.

Eve. I adore her. I love her sassiness, her spirit, her sexiness, her independence, her attitude in a "male dominated" world. Most of her colleagues are men.

Roarke. what can I say that I haven't already said before. Sexy, adores "his darling Eve", always ready to drop what he is doing to help her out. He is perfect.

Peabody is as fabulous as always.

I love Feeney too. I love all the secondary characters in this series.

Even Summerset is growing on me ... sort of.

Dina says

This is the longest series I follow and it's still the best.

I've said it before, but it bears repeating: I want to be Eve, be married to Roarke, exchange snarky barbs with Summerset, be BFF with Mavis and have Leonardo design my wardrobe, have Peabody as my partner and be disgusted by McNab's fashion style, have Feeney as my mentor, have tea with Dr. Mira, be harassed by Trina... The list goes on and on. I just love this series!

Lady Lioness says

I'm glad I re-read Origin in Death before Celebrity in Death. It probably wasn't strictly necessary, but having the details fresh in my mind added on an extra layer of fun for me. Anywho, I practically stood on the front porch waiting for the UPS guy and promptly devoured the book in about two hours. Probably going to re-read parts before bed.

So what to tell you? Well, the person I thought did it didn't, Eve gets another mag coat, and there are some terrific Peabody/McNab moments. Nadine also gets some excellent screen-time. Robb also introduces a new supporting character, whom I suspect will be important later on. Oh, and there was a great little scene between Eve & Morris that I adored.

I have two quibbles, however. Firstly, you might end up thinking I have a gutter mind, but here's the situation. Wait, I'll put it behind a spoiler cut. (view spoiler)

Secondly, Belle makes a brief cameo. Now, the book takes place in October and, according to the good people of WikiInDeath, the year is 2060. This would make Belle between 9-10 months old. Peabody reinforces this by saying she's less than a year old. I don't have kids, but should Belle really (view spoiler)

I leave you now with two of my favorite quotes from the book. They're all out of context, so they shouldn't be too spoilery.

"Roarke could have it opened in two seconds--maybe less--and probably just with the power of his mind" (pg159).

"Eve watched her walk away on her impractical shoes, then got up to find Peabody and make sure she hadn't been eaten by squirrels" (pg328).

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

A very good installment in the Death series. Eve is completely authentic as a tough police woman, but I like that Roarke sees her in a more intimate way as his wife. Yet he embraces her as a strong woman and stands by her side. That's a good man! The mystery was good, although it did drag a bit towards the end. Still, it was an excellent book despite that fact.

Overall rating: **4.5/5.0 stars.**

Reviewed for *Affaire de Coeur* in the February 2012 issue. <http://affairedecoeur.com>.

Kathy Davie says

Thirty-fourth in the In Death futuristic romantic suspense series revolving around Eve Dallas and Roarke...yum... This one is about the Icove case being made into a movie.

My Take

It was good. I also think of it as a bridge novel in that it carries on from Nadine having written the true crime book about the Icove case (see *Origin in Death* and we are in on the shenanigans behind filming the movie. We still have its world premiere coming up--hence my designation as a bridge.

Could be the kiss of death---I sure hope it ain't!---but Eve is getting mighty comfy with Roarke buying all those yummmy dresses, boots, clothes, etc. for her. It's sweet and about time even if it does take some of the edge out of their interaction. I do enjoy how they tease each other. Even her nightmares are calming down more. It was pretty funny how icked-out Eve was with seeing "herself" playing a detective, though!

Eve's investigation provides a backstage peek at the sniping, bickering, and manipulations on a movie set. There's not so much of the glamorous side in this so much as a look at the real people behind the masks with their weaknesses and true emotions. And the actors discover just how down and dirty a cop will get to dig up the truth.

And McNab pops a question...

The Story

It's a dinner party where the book's main characters meet the actors playing them for the film. It's bittersweet as some of the movie people just rub people the wrong way. One goes just a bit too far and ends up dead.

The possibilities are almost endless for this victim has made it a mission in life to hurt, humiliate, and destroy wherever possible. Even Peabody wants this actor alive again just so she can have a punch up!

The Characters

Lieutenant Eve Dallas is a kick-ass police officer in New York City in 2060. She can't be bought and she

always gets her man. The bad guy always gets caught and sent to jail. The good guy, she gets to go home to. **Roarke**---no last name---is, in Eve's words, "an Irish gazillionaire" who gets her. He knows just what kind of "because" present to buy his wife. He knows how to soothe her through her nightmares. And she's the one woman this man wants just as he is the only one for her.

Detective Delia Peabody is her partner. She-body is from a New Ager background and makes a softer counterpart to the hard-edged Dallas. Roarke brought back a gift for her from their trip to Dallas (see *New York to Dallas*) and Peabody has decided it is now her signature---you can imagine how excited that makes Dallas, LOL. Peabody's life partner is the brighter-than-life **Ian McNab**, an E detective and a whiz on the computer.

Nadine Furst is a TV personality who wrote a bestselling book on the Icove case; now she's doing the screenplay for the movie. She's also good friends with Dallas and Peabody. **Kyung Beaverton** is the latest in a long line of media liaisons with whom Eve has worked. He seems to have gotten it right as Eve lets Roarke know "he's not an asshole".

The movie people include:

The strong-willed, dominating **Mason Roundtree** is the director; **Connie Burkette**, is his peacemaking wife; **Marlo Durn** is playing Eve in the movie and seems to have really done her homework about Eve while the bitchy **K.T. Harris** is playing Peabody; the unassuming **Preston Stykes** is the assistant director; the sweet **Matthew Zank** is playing McNab; **Mavis** is playing herself while potty mouth **Andrea Smythe** is playing Doctor Mira; **Julian Cross** plays Roarke and never met a woman he didn't want to tup; and, **Joel Steinburger** is the very successful producer with the ever-obsequious **Valerie Xaviar** in charge of publicity.

A.A. Asner is the private detective who doesn't mind getting his hands dirty. **Barbie** is his dippy, but sweet secretary. **Robert Willoughby** is an attorney and Asner's neighbor. I suspect we may be seeing more of him. **Brice Van Horn** is K.T.'s brother and he couldn't be more day to her night.

There is very little of **Feeney**, **Whitney**, **Dr. Mira**, **Dr. Morris**, **Summerset**, **Mavis**, **Leonardo**, and **Bella** and almost nothing of **Trina** or Dallas' men.

The Cover

The cover is a bit confusing with its middle strip of diamondplate overshadowing the very busy bottom collage of fishnet, a clapboard, a length of leopard print and handcuffs while the almost two-thirds top strip is a royal blue. Somehow, I just never equated diamondplate with Hollywood...

The title is too true for it is a *Celebrity in Death* in this installment.

Diane says

Okay, I know that every book after NY2D is anticlimactic, but I did enjoy this one. A very different twist/story line and isn't that what it's all about?

Some good banter between Peabody and Eve - and we learn about Peabody's new pink cowboy boots!!!

Nadine plays a bigger role not only as Eve's friend but a very good investigative reporter and interviewer - really liked her role in that.

I also liked where Eve actually contacted Summerset to book a "flight" for some cops to pick up evidence in California, something a few books ago she would never have done even though as he explained, she has always had access to the shuttle service!

All-in-all a good read - 2 thumbs up and 5 stars for being original!

Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says

Quick review

Cover: Follows previous molds.

Rating NC-17 for a few sexual scenes.

Thumbs Up: 4.5

Overall: Really Good

Characters: Well written as always

Plot: Was interesting.

Page Turner: Yes.

Series Cont.? Yes, definitely

Recommend Yes.

Book Boyfriend: Julian

SUMMARY (50 word or less)

J.D. Robb (aka Nora Roberts) wrote another stellar tale in the Eve Dallas series (in Death series). This story was intended to be less heavy than the last and a slightly more than average case. I wasn't blown away by it, but I enjoyed this one well enough.

For the full review and a pic of my new beau, please check out my blog post.

<http://mybookboyfriend.blogspot.com/2...>

AUDIO BOOK REVIEW

Susan Erickson is just it for me when it comes to this series. She is the voice and if it ever changes, I will be devastated. I love her Eve, Peabody, and especially Roarke.
