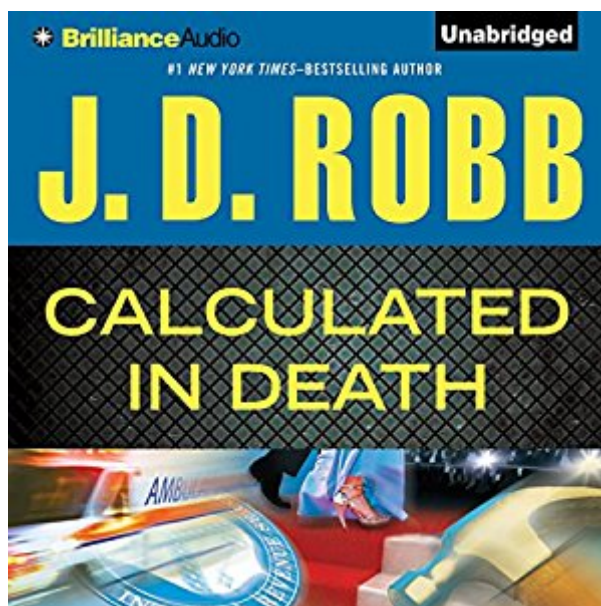


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Synopsis

On Manhattan's Upper East Side, a woman lies dead at the bottom of a brownstone's basement steps, stripped of all her valuables. Most cops might call it a mugging gone wrong, but Lieutenant Eve Dallas knows better. A well-off accountant and a beloved wife and mother, Marta Dickenson doesn't seem the type to be on anyone's hit list. But when Eve and her partner, Peabody, find blood inside the brownstone, she knows Marta's murder is the work of a killer who's trained, yet not professional or smart enough to remove all the evidence. Eve learns that on the day of her murder Marta was assigned to work on three audits, and begins to suspect that she was killed to cover up fraudulent activity. Eve is good at catching criminals, not crunching numbers, but luckily, she has her billionaire husband, Roarke, to figure out which companies in Marta's files aren't on the up-and-up. When someone steals the files from Marta's office, Eve must immerse herself in Roarke's world of big business to figure out who's cruel and callous enough to hire a hit on an innocent woman. And as the killer's violent streak starts to escalate, Eve knows she has to draw him out, even if it means using herself as bait....

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Customer Reviews

I love the "In Death" series. I want to start by saying that. That said, this is one of the worst books in the series, it was sloppy and lazy. Names changed, at one point Peabody became an officer again, it's not difficult to check continuity but no one bothered. And yes, it's a cute quirk of Dallas' to get sayings wrong, it's even been discussed that she does it on purpose but NOT EVERY SINGLE

CONVERSATION. Once in a while was emphasis or quirk or whatever, but every single conversation with every single person just makes her look stupid and irritating. It's getting ridiculous and now means nothing where before it was a great way to subtly emphasize something.

I collect all JD Robb's books, and this is one of my favorite books. Eve and Roarke make progress in the books, for example, Eve is getting treatment without much defense, not like in the first few books they have to argue about the medication a lot, and I think that's a good sign because that means she actually considers Roarke's feeling and make some concession. And they are looking forward to Thanksgiving that they are inviting Roarke's family from Ireland to their mansion. It would be very sweet story I hope I will read that part in the next book. Without questioning, Roarke is as usual very useful in this book because the murderers are in the money world, and Roarke has the talent in numbers, and he really enjoys poking other company's accounts, so his thinkings in the book is very interesting. He quite enjoying helping his wife's case which is very sweet and romantic. Talking about the case, Eve's job is very risky, she often got hurt during on duty and this book is not exception. In this book, she injured by catching a flying baby which the bad guy throw to make escape! She went down hard and hurt her tits and bottom. She don't want Roarke worry too much, so she make many funny conversations about the progress, and that's the highlight of this book. By the way, I like the map in the bottom, that is very hilarious image in my head. The dream about catching flying babies is also make me laugh! All in all, this is a easy book compare with *delusion in death* which contain a lot of death.....so I am quite comfortable to read this book, and really enjoy it!!!

I love the *In Death* series; For the way Dallas won't stop fighting for the victims until justice is served, by the book most of the time. Even when a case looks open and closed at first blush if doesn't look or feel right she keeps digging for the truth. I like the Eve & Roarke relationship both personal and when he helps her with her work. After all in all good relationships you try and help one another. He just has a whole lot more money then the rest of us. In this book it is more about the work Dallas and Peabody do with the NYPD team. While Eve and Roarke are growing they do far less arguing in this book compared to some earlier ones, which I was glad to see. I wasn't disappointed and would highly recommend this book.

Eve has been assigned to an apparent mugging gone bad, but after reviewing the crime scene she realizes that its a definite murder. Pulling her usual crew together, she starts pulling clues together

to solve the crime. I love the way this works, you know there is a murder board, that the little details are what provide the clues and the characters are varied and crazy. I always love the storyline but I really enjoy the love story between Eve and Roarke! Reading an "In Death" novel is like visiting your favorite friends! Peabody, Mavis, McNab, Dr. Mira, Feeney and the rest of her friends and family, even Summerset and Trina! Just finding out what's happening with all of them is the best part of the book, I can't wait until Peabody and McNab finally settle down and marry, that should be a really great event! I know it will definitely be special. I expect Trueheart will have a major role in one of the next books, he has to take his detective exam and from her conversation with Officer Turney, at the crime scene, maybe there will be a new member of her team. I can't wait for the next installment! I'm lovin it!

J.D. Robb always entertains, and Calculated in Death is no exception, but the plot was a little reminiscent of an earlier book, the characters were less developed than in previous books, and it just lacked the depth of earlier books in the series. We also see less of some of our favorite minor characters. With that being said, some of the scenes had me laughing so hard my family was concerned. The scene where she catches the toddler is awesome, and I don't think anyone would deny the humor in the "take a nap or go to jail" scene. What is no longer funny is Eve's misuse of cliches. A couple of misused cliches is funny, but it actually became a bit annoying after a while.

This is another winner by J. D. Robb. All the central characters are smart, strong, funny, sharp, and engrossing. I look forward to seeing and reading about them in each book. But the best part of this series is the style and excellence of the police procedural. Robb is a very gifted writer. Her plots are strong and tightly woven. It's very satisfying to read how the experts follow the clues and get the bad guys. This book had witty banter that was appropriate for the story and the characters. Nice to have those brief laugh out loud moments amongst the tense action. And the action is very satisfying as well, as is the conclusion. Can't wait for the next in the series! I highly recommend this series to all my reading friends. Though I would suggest reading from the beginning, since you learn more and more about the central characters in each book. But if you can't start from the beginning, I still think you'd love these books! Enjoy!

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