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Writing pseudonym for Nora Roberts
Murder Mystery; Police Procedural; Romance
Series: In Death
Main character: Lieutenant Eve Dallas

Lieutenant Eve Dallas is a homicide detective in New York City. The series begins in the year 2058. Despite much technological advancement, murder doesn't become any less common than it is now-a-days, and she is kept well occupied.

Lieutenant Dallas is a hard-boiled city person. She's a tough – and honest – officer of the law. Once a victim becomes her case, she does not stop until the murderer is caught. She has an uncanny ability to recreate murder events and see into the killer's psyche, even while she's at the crime scene doing the first evaluation. She's happiest when she gets to [legitimately] hassle someone in order to get the information she needs and also when she gets to share some of her head-hurting moments with someone else to make their day. She's tough, hard-working, straight to the point, and sarcastic – one of my favorite heros. ~grin~

In the first book of the series, she meets the man who becomes her husband a couple more books into the series. Both are from childhoods of abuse, neglect, beatings, and worse – but together they become a formidable team against the nasty surprises that life and Dallas' job can sometimes throw at them.

The murders can at times be a bit grisly. And the passion scenes are definitely steamy. This is a series of books that will have you frequently laughing out loud, and sometimes tearing up at some of the poignant moments. (Survivor In Death has several such moments, even after multiple readings.)

While each book easily stands on its own (the first one I read was around #15 in the series), reading them as a series shows the depth of character growth that Nora Roberts is so good at providing. Many of the supporting characters end up repeating in most if not all of the books in the series. (Heck – I started doing a list of main characters and had to just limit to the one because so many of them repeat and have large chunks of story throughout the series.) You will be laughing out loud at many of the interactions between characters, and especially at many of the comments and reactions of Lieutenant Dallas.

About The Author

Marie Rice is the founder and editor of PartOfTheWhole.com - wellness for body, mind, and spirit. She enjoys helping others reach their goals. When she's not online, Marie's spending time with her family, gardening, doing crafts, or **most likely** – reading a book!