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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Of all bestselling authors, Koontz may be the most underestimated by the literary establishment. Book after book, year after year, this author climbs to the top of the charts. Why? His readers know: because he is a master storyteller *and* a daring writer, and because, in his novels, he gives readers bright hope in a dark world. His new book is an exemplar of his extraordinary work. Suspense is difficult to sustain; suspense that's buoyed steadily by humor, even as it deals with the most desperate of circumstances, is nearly impossible—yet Koontz manages it here. As in last year's brilliant *Odd Thomas*, Koontz writes again in the first person, employing a cleaner, more instantly accessible line than in some of his other work (e.g., this year's *The Taking*). His narrator is Jimmy Tock, a pastry chef in a Colorado resort town. On the day he was born, Jimmy's dying grandfather predicted five future dates that would be terrible for Jimmy; he might have mentioned, but didn't, the birth day itself, which sees a mass slaying by a bitter, deranged circus clown in the hospital where Jimmy is born. The bulk of the narrative concerns the first terrible day, about 20 years later, when the vengeful son of that clown takes Jimmy and a lovely young woman, Lorrie Hicks, hostage in the local library, with an eye toward destroying the town; Jimmy and the woman live to marry, but will they and their family survive the four subsequent terrible days? Like most of Koontz's novels, this one pits good versus evil and carries a persuasive spiritual message, about the power of love and family and the miracle of existence. As such it deals with serious, perennial themes, yet with its steady drizzle of jokes and witty repartee, it does so with a lightness of touch that few other authors can match. Koontz is a true original and this novel, one of his most unusual yet, will leave readers aglow and be a major bestseller. If the literary establishment would only catch on to him, it might be an award-winner too.

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Critics found *Life Expectancy* somewhat, well, unexpected. From the master of horror, suspense, and SF comes a novel about love, family, and good versus evil, all wrapped up in a warm, fuzzy package. Sure, Koontz's newest novel contains variations of the horror elements that define his previous works (*The Taking*, *The Face*), but his characters are so endearing that it's hard to see how anything bad could happen to them. In fact, despite his grandfather's prediction, Tommy's five bad days turn out to be both a curse and a blessing. Reviewers found Koontz a great storyteller, despite a few overwritten parts, false cliffhangers, and hackneyed humor. Kudos to Koontz for taking risks in this bizarre, clever story.

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Starred Review On the night of August 9, 1974, Jimmy Tock's grandpa rouses from a coma to predict the exact time of Jimmy's birth and five dire dates in his future--and, oh yes, watch out for the clown. Minutes later, Jimmy is secreted away by a maternity nurse while another newborn's dad goes on a murderous rampage after his wife dies in childbirth. The enraged man is, of course, a professional circus clown. Koontz's third astonishing novel in 13 months (the others: *Odd Thomas* [BKL D 15 03] and *The Taking* [BKL My 1 04]) again shows him making a moral fable out of dark fantasy materials, for its story of a man dogged from birth by a family of evil madmen is an object lesson in the unfashionable virtues of fortitude, prudence, and a faith far firmer than with-it moderns generally tolerate. Simultaneously loaded with dialogue the likes of which haven't been rampant since the 1930s heyday of screwball comedy, *Life Expectancy* is also an exuberant, prickly, ambivalent parody of literary and cinematic pop-fiction conventions. Narrator-hero Jimmy sounds like a cross between Kurt Vonnegut and Liberace as he recounts a life of suffocating sweetness (he and generations of male forebears are world-class pastry chefs; he habitually overdoes Christmas; and he's hypersentimental about wife and family) punctuated by stupefying, traumatic violence,

from which survivors emerge bright eyed and bushy tailed despite steel-reinforced repaired limbs and the loss of vital organs. That neither Jimmy nor any of the other characters could possibly be real doesn't prevent them from being richly sympathetic, and as with many a movie masterpiece, the story's fundamental ridiculousness doesn't prevent it from being emotionally powerful and thought-provoking. *Ray Olson*
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