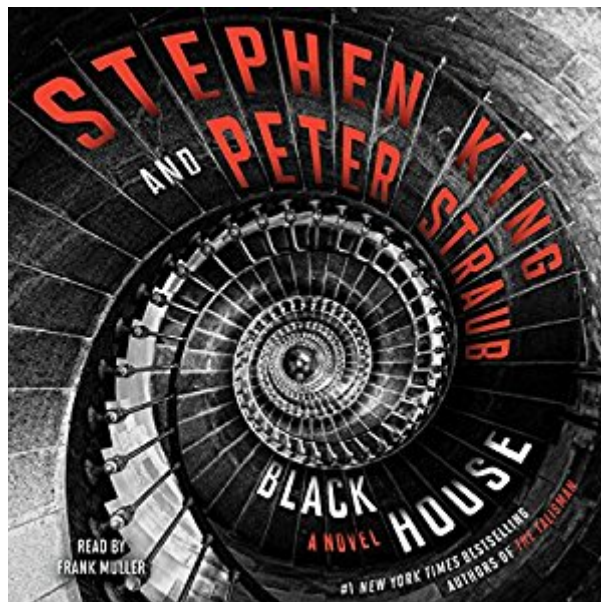


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Black House



Synopsis

Twenty years ago, a boy named Jack Sawyer traveled to a parallel universe called the Territories to save his mother and her "Twiner" from an agonizing death that would have brought cataclysm to the other world. Now Jack is a retired Los Angeles homicide detective living in the nearly nonexistent hamlet of Tamarack, Wisconsin. He has no recollection of his adventures in the Territories, and he was compelled to leave the police force when a happenstance event threatened to awaken those long suppressed and dangerous memories. When a series of gruesome murders occur in western Wisconsin that are reminiscent of those committed several decades earlier, Jack's buddy, the local chief of police, begs Jack to help find the killer. But are these new killings merely the work of a disturbed individual, or has a mysterious and malignant force been unleashed in this quiet town? What causes Jack's inexplicable waking dreams - if that is what they are - of robins' eggs and red feathers? As these cryptic messages become impossible to ignore, Jack is drawn back to the Territories and to his own hidden past.

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Customer Reviews

I'm now reading this sequel, Black House, after having just finished The Talisman. If you miss Stephen King as he used to write, these two books will reunite you with the Master of Horror. And props to Mr. Straus, as well!

if Steve wrote it, I'll read it. I read this a million yrs ago but didn't remember so I bought it again. o

well. once I started reading it again, I remembered it. GO STEPHEN KING !!!! The real one, not that phony, misspelling, typo prone, do..e.....!!!

I read the first novel "The Talisman" in one long sitting. It simply grabbed my attention from the start and held on. What a ride! Here I am, now, trying to read the second novel "Black House." Days and days into it I find that I have only about 40% of the book done. The storyline rambles forcing one to reread passages to see if they either missed something, or perhaps an item of substance was left out by the authors. After rereading nothing is any clearer. The only thing you can do is move on and hope it all makes sense later. The problem is that it never does. Where do I think this novel stumbled? It simply should not have been made part of the "Dark Tower" universe. The world created in "The Talisman" is so rich that it does not need to be intertwined with the world of "The Dark Tower." I think other readers of "The Talisman" will agree that it evoked a "mood of another world" each time one of the characters flipped to the Territories. The colors and smells of the Territories floated in one's mind as they read giving it that surreal quality that says, "reach out and touch me." The book simply disappears in your hands, and you are there! "Black House" never does that for me. It remains flat throughout, with a metallic aftertaste when one puts it down. I would have rated this novel with one star had it not been for a truly great character- Henry Leyden, aka- the Wisconsin Rat, Symphonic Stan, Henry the Sheik, and George Rathbun. This character is well developed. When he is present the story settles down and makes sense. When he is gone it wanders, lost.....

At first the book seemed a little dull to me. But after i dove into it some more i realized it associated with the dark tower series. I read those books years ago and after reading this, i kinda want to reread them. Great book.

Although it's been nearly 16 years since I last read BLACK HOUSE, I still thoroughly enjoyed it every bit as much as I did then.

At first the point of view was a bit off-putting, but after a few chapters in I hardly noticed it. Despite the length of this novel, I could scarcely put it down. It takes you on a thrill ride of epic proportions; from outright horror to something magical, pure and uplifting. The chemistry of the two incredible writers would seemingly have been nigh impossible to top after The Talisman, yet they brought the magic back with Black House. In spades.

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If you like Stephen King and Peter Straub, then you will love this. Reading the Talisman first is a must. It kept me on the edge of my seat all the way through.

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