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The Halloween Man



Synopsis

A New England village. A stolen child. A terrifying birthright. Who holds the key to the chilling mystery of Stonehaven, Connecticut, and its desolate woods — and what shining creature remains trapped within its summer mansion? From bestselling author & award-winning author Douglas Clegg comes a riveting, edge-of-your-seat supernatural horror novel of “overwhelming love and devastating terror.”* For fans of Dean Koontz, Stephen King and Dan Simmons. “Clegg’s stories can chill the spine so effectively that the reader should keep paramedics on standby.” “Dean Koontz “Combining both the quiet horror of a Charles Grant with the all-out spectacles of a Stephen King, Clegg’s storytelling has never been better. The Halloween Man is a brilliant novel, up there with the best of Straub, King, and Koontz, and one of the most original tales of terror to come along in quite a while.” • “Edward Lee “The Halloween Man is one of the best horror novels that I’ve read in years. I had never read anything by Clegg before reading this novel, but now I’m going to go out and get the rest of his books. If you’ve never heard of Clegg either, or are a fan of horror fiction, get this book right now.” • “Pixel Planet “Clegg gets high marks on the terror scale...” • “The Daily News (New York) “Every bit as good as the best works of Stephen King, Peter Straub, or Dan Simmons...” • “Hellnotes: The Newsletter for the Horror Professional” “The Halloween Man is about overwhelming love and devastating terror, human strength and supernatural power, and the eternal cycle of death and re-birth Packed with vivid imagery; a broadly-scoped but fast-paced plot; powerful, evocative writing; superb characterizations; and facile intelligence. Douglas Clegg has given horror lovers the best Halloween gift possible — an entertaining spine-tingler written with unique style...” • “DarkEchoDon’t miss Douglas Clegg’s other books of horror, suspense and dark fantasy: Stand-Alone Novels: Afterlife, Breeder, The Children’s Hour, Dark of the Eye, Goat Dance, The Halloween Man, The Hour Before Dark, Mr. Darkness, Naomi, Neverland, You Come When I Call You, The Harrow Series: Nightmare House, Mischief, The Infinite, The Abandoned, Isis (prequel novella), The Necromancer (prequel novella), The Criminally Insane Series: Bad Karma, Red Angel, Night Cage, The Vampyricon: The Priest of Blood, The Lady of Serpents, The Queen of Wolves, The Chronicles of Mordred: Mordred, Bastard Son (Book I), Short Novels & Novellas: The Attraction, The Dark Game, Dinner with the Cannibal Sisters, Isis, The Necromancer, Purity, The Words, Short Story Collections: The Nightmare Chronicles, Night Asylum, Wild Things, Lights Out, Box Sets: Bad Places, Coming of Age, Criminally Insane, Dark Rooms, Halloween Chillers, Harrow 3 Novels (Books 1-3), Harrow 4 Novels (Books 1-4), Haunts 8 Novels, Haunts: Eight Novels, Lights Out, Night Towns, The Vampyricon, Short Stories: Belinda in the Pool, Funerary Rites, The Stain

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Customer Reviews

A long book that is somewhat hard to follow at times. A strange tale that is both mystical and horrifying. If you like mystery and horror this is definitely the book for you. A legend of an evil family and members who are drawn to the evil and use it to their advantage. Evil devours and destroys all it comes in contact with...defeated by the one thing promised to mankind. READ AND ENJOY

A interesting horror read. Requires one to stretch thier imagination and Douglas helps the reader to do just that. Read all three books for a complete saga

Another fine read by one of my favorite authors. And just in time for Halloween!

This was sort of hard to follow at first and it took me forcing myself to slow down (I tend to speed read) and really think about the characters and settings. In the end, it all sort of comes together and makes sense and the journey is worth the time it took to read. Very interesting.

No big surprises here--but a good read, typical of Douglas Clegg. Can be a bit confusing as it goes back and forth in time--but fun to read.

This book just didn't grab me like I had hoped it would. It's good. I just didn't think it was great.

Ok, Clegg did it again....made me late for work while I rushed to the conclusion of this one! This is just my 2nd Clegg novel (so far), and I find him to be one of the best storytellers in the business. In *H. MAN*, Nora tells young Stony "...the one thing you can be sure of about the Devil: He's the reflection of what we want." This is certainly proven true throughout this novel, and especially by the climax. I absolutely love to read stories within a story, and *H. MAN* does this chillingly well. The novel opens with the adult Stony kidnapping the mysterious young "prophet." Then Clegg weaves memories of both the young and the older Stony, narrowing each until the big finish. Along the way, blind Nora tells some magnificent tales to Stony and his soul mate, Lourdes. What unfolds is a chilling story about a small town conspiracy, evil, greed, and faith. Stony and Lourdes love each other with a gentle passion, but will that be enough to keep them together? How does Stony finally discover his true self? Who is the little boy who seems to know Stony better than he knows himself? What secrets does the Crown mansion hold? This is good reading! The opening scenes are reminiscent of those in Straub's *GHOST STORY* (one of the greatest horror novels ever written, in my most humble opinion). Nora is an incredible character, and her fireside stories are enough to raise goosebumps on their own. The ending was quite a bit different than I anticipated although not surprising given Stony's nature. My question is: are we going to see more of Stony and the quirky "Steve", Mr. Clegg? Buy this novel now, and then haunt .com and used book stores to get all those out-of-print/stock Clegg works!

This book was very unique. I like reading books that jump from past to present, as this one did. The overall tone of the book is creepy. It's a good read. It has a steady pace and kept my interest.

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