

Stephen King reads his latest, extraordinarily eerie and moving tale – plus a bonus story, “Laurie,” unavailable in book form!

Castle Rock is a small town, where word gets around quickly. That’s why Scott Carey wants to confide only in his friend Doctor Bob Ellis about his strange condition: he’s losing weight, without getting thinner, and the scales register the same when he is in his clothes or out of them, no matter how heavy they are.

Scott also has new neighbors who have opened a “fine dining experience” in town, although it’s an experience being shunned by the locals: Deirdre McComb and her wife Missy Donaldson don’t exactly conform to a lifestyle the community approves. And now Scott seems trapped in a feud with the couple over their dogs dropping their business on his lawn. Missy may be warm and friendly, but Deirdre is as cold as ice.

As the town prepares for its annual Thanksgiving 12K run, Scott begins to understand the prejudices the women face, and tries to help. Unlikely alliances form, and the mystery of Scott’s affliction brings out the best in people who have indulged the worst in themselves and others.

From master storyteller Stephen King, who “has always excelled at writing about real people tested by unreal situations” (*The Washington Post*), comes this compelling tale about finding common ground despite differences, a magical story with deep resonance for our time.

STEPHEN KING is the author of more than sixty books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His recent work includes *Flight or Fright*; *The Outsider*; *Sleeping Beauties* (co-written with his son Owen King); the short story collection *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*; the Bill Hodges Trilogy—*End of Watch*, *Finders Keepers*, and *Mr. Mercedes* (an Edgar Award winner for Best Novel and an AT&T Audience Network original television series); *Doctor Sleep*; and *Under the Dome*. His novel *11/22/63*—a Hulu original television series event—was named a top ten book of 2011 by *The New York Times Book Review* and won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Mystery/Thriller. His epic works *The Dark Tower* and *It* are the basis for recent major motion pictures. He is the recipient of the 2018 PEN America Literary Service Award, the 2014 National Medal of Arts, and the 2003 National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. He lives in Bangor, Maine, with his wife, novelist Tabitha King.

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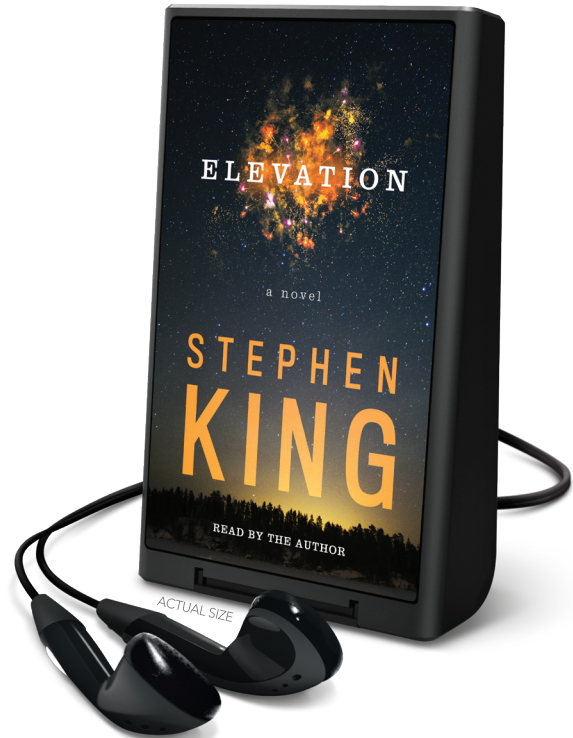
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