

## SYNOPSIS

Dexter Morgan, the main character, is a police in Miami-Dade Police Department as a forensic blood splatter pattern analyst. Without anyone knows except his foster father, besides his life as a police, Dexter also has another side of his life that is as a serial killer. As a serial killer, he only kills bad people who deserve it such as murderer who escapes from the judicial punishment. Dexter has had desire to kill since he was a child. He considers that desire is pushed by inner voice that he refers to as “Dark Passenger” and he can never help it. His foster father knows about his strange desire for the first time after he finds grave with a lot of bones in there. At first, Dexter delivers his desire to kill by killing animal.

Dexter was adopted by Harry and Doris Morgan when he was three years old. Harry is also a cop. Dexter also has a foster sister, Deborah, who is two years younger than him and she is also a cop. Dexter can never remember his past before Harry took him in, he cannot remember how his childhood was or how his biological family was.

Harry knows about Dexter’s past but never tells him. When Harry knows about Dexter’s strange desire, Harry can understand it because he has supposed that Dexter’s past will give influence on him. Harry has tried to straighten it out for instance by inviting Dexter to go hunting but Dexter’s past is too strong influencing him; Harry’s efforts cannot stop the desire. Therefore Harry can understand that Dexter cannot help it, cannot avoid that desire. Harry also understands that someday Dexter will need to do it to a person. Harry realizes that

later there is no person who will help Dexter to control his desire when he dies, because of that he gives legitimacy to Dexter to do it to person when Harry almost dies but in a conditional. Harry asks Dexter to choose his victim, to choose people who deserve it.

Besides his strange desire to kill, Dexter also has a weird feeling when he sees “blood” or just hears that word, he hates that thing. When a new serial killer appears, it causes such a fascinating feeling for Dexter of the new killer’s murder technique that is no blood at all. When his foster-sister, Deborah, is chosen as victim of the new killer, Dexter thinks that he has to find the killer to save her. By the time he finds the killer, he gets a shocking fact that the new killer is his biological-brother, Brian, whom he never knows or actually he can never remember. A meeting with his biological-brother leads Dexter to remember his past that he can never remember before. He remembers an awful event when he was a child that influences him very strongly, that is his mother’s death. When Dexter was three years old and Brian was four years old, they saw their mother’s head was laid on the floor. There were also body parts of some men there. Dexter and Brian sat on dried blood and surrounded by it for two and half days.

By the pushing of his brother, Dexter wants to kill Deborah. He thinks that if he kills Deborah in the same situation with his mother’s death, it will cure his strange desire to kill. Then he cancels it when he hears Harry’s whispering about people whom Dexter has to choose to kill. In the end of the novel, finally Deborah knows about Dexter’s desire to kill. His desire has not been cured yet, therefore in the end of the novel Dexter still becomes a serial killer.