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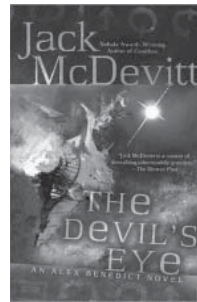
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## **The Devil's Eye**

*By Jack McDevitt*

*Ace, \$24.95, 368 pages*

This is McDevitt's fourth Alex Benedict novel, and the previous three in the series have all won, or been nominated for, various science fiction awards (including the 2006 Nebula for the first in the series—*Seeker*). In this continuation of the series, Benedict receives a cryptic message from a celebrated horror writer (nice to know writers will still have a place in the far future), but she has no clue what that message means having had her memory erased of it or why she sent Benedict a large sum of money. With nothing to go on, Benedict and his pilot, Chase, head out to planet out on the rim of human space and find themselves dealing with a massive government cover-up, hiding the potential deaths of billions of beings.



McDevitt nicely balances both the futuristic story, along with social commentary about governments that would rather lose lives than allow outside help (or interference). A timely subject and well-told.