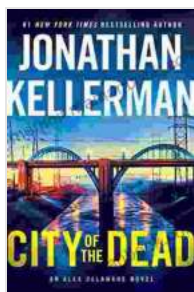


City of the Dead: An Alex Delaware Novel

Jonathan Kellerman's *City of the Dead* is a chilling thriller that takes readers on a harrowing journey into the depths of human darkness. With his captivating prose and intricate characterization, Kellerman weaves a tale that will haunt readers long after they turn the last page.

The novel opens with the gruesome discovery of a young woman's body in a vacant lot. Detective Alex Delaware and forensic psychiatrist Dr. Milo Sturgis are called to investigate and soon uncover a trail of clues that lead them to a twisted and dangerous underworld.

As they delve deeper into the case, Delaware and Sturgis encounter a cast of unsettling characters, including a reclusive millionaire with a macabre obsession with death, a troubled teenager caught in a web of secrets, and a cunning killer with a sinister plan.



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City of the Dead explores a number of dark and disturbing themes, including:

- **The nature of evil:** Kellerman confronts the chilling question of what drives individuals to commit unspeakable acts of violence.
- **The fragility of the human mind:** The novel delves into the complexities of mental health and the devastating consequences of childhood trauma and abuse.
- **The power of obsession:** Kellerman examines the destructive nature of obsession, whether it is romantic, financial, or simply the relentless pursuit of control.

Kellerman's characters are vividly drawn and deeply flawed, each with their own unique motivations and inner struggles.

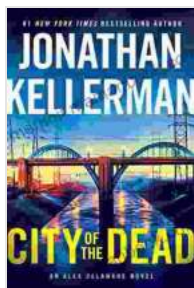
- **Alex Delaware:** A brilliant detective with a compassionate heart, Delaware is a keen observer of human behavior and a relentless pursuer of justice.
- **Dr. Milo Sturgis:** A renowned forensic psychiatrist, Sturgis provides invaluable insights into the minds of criminals and victims alike.
- **Robert Lawson:** A wealthy and eccentric millionaire, Lawson's obsession with death consumes his life and leads him down a dark path.
- **Krista Rostov:** A troubled teenager, Krista hides a secret past and becomes entangled in a dangerous game.
- **John Smith:** A cunning and sadistic killer, Smith's true motive remains elusive, leaving Delaware and Sturgis to unravel his twisted

psychology.

Kellerman's writing is both suspenseful and thought-provoking. He uses short, crisp chapters to create a relentless pace that keeps readers on the edge of their seats. His prose is rich with vivid imagery and psychological insights, immersing readers in the dark and twisted world of his characters.

City of the Dead received critical acclaim upon its release, with many reviewers praising Kellerman's intricate plot, compelling characters, and insightful exploration of dark themes. The novel has been translated into more than 20 languages and has sold millions of copies worldwide.

City of the Dead is a masterfully crafted thriller that will captivate and disturb readers in equal measure. Jonathan Kellerman's exploration of human darkness is both chilling and thought-provoking, leaving a lasting impression on all who dare to venture into this sinister world.



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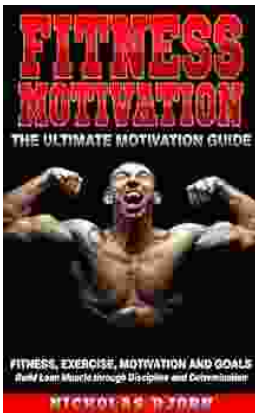
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