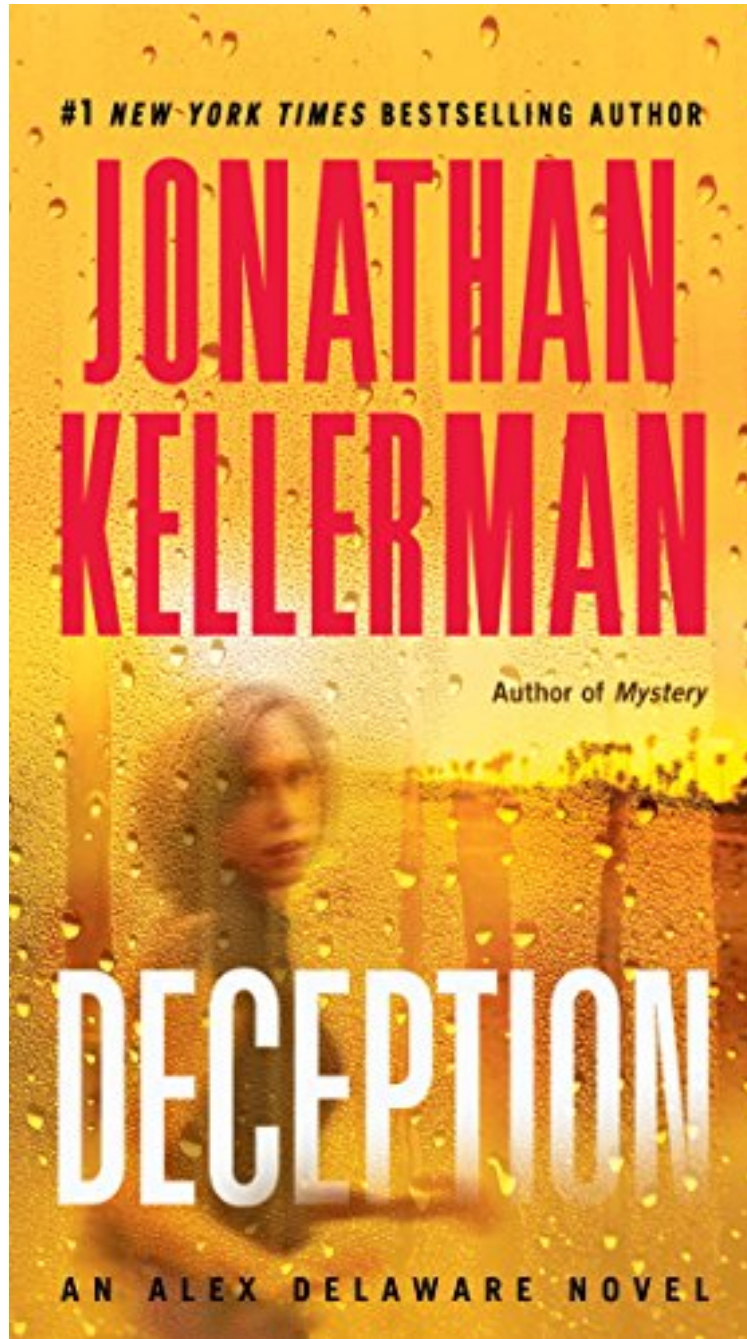


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wild Plot Twists and a Satire of the Very Rich and Ambitious in This Police ProceduralVon Donald Mitchell" You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous." -- Deuteronomy 16:19 (NKJV)Elise Freeman, a substitute English and history teacher at exclusive Windsor Prep Academy, turns up dead under most unusual circumstances. The investigation quickly turns up DVD in which Ms. Freeman accuses three of her fellow teachers of extreme misconduct . . . a DVD apparently recorded due to being in fear of her death. Other interests determine that the investigation proceed, but at a very low key level. It's just the beginning of a very bizarre trail through the hidden side of the lives of those with too much money and ambition.A staple of many police procedural plots is to have a conflict of interest that influences the investigation. Milo Sturgis isn't likely to be easily dissuaded from doing his duty, even when the conflict arises from the police chief. The tension does create some memorable humor in this police procedural filled with more red herrings and plot twists than in any five other murder mysteries. The satire of how the very rich and ambitious live can be amusing as well.I like books that draw my attention away from the real criminal, and this plot was quite effective in that regard. I found it to be a big improvement over the last few Alex Delaware books.At the same time, Milo and Alex failed to be as interesting as they were earlier in the series. There's just a lot of throw-away humor about eating too much and psychobabble as substitutes for character development and involvement.I came away from this book feeling encouraged that Jonathan Kellerman seems to have put some real effort into this book. With a little more affection for his characters, he can easily make this a top-notch series once again.2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Strongest Delaware novel in about a decadeVon TKrKellerman's last books had been entertaining enough but had also become quite formulaic. The pattern was always the same: Murder most horrid, Milo eats a lot, a wild theory, Milo eats a lot, a hunch, Milo eats a lot and presto - the solution. This book is quite different in terms of offering interesting twists in the plot, allowing Milo and Alex to be wrong occasionally and we are back to those Kellerman psychopaths that shock us because of their banality. All in all to me that was the strongest Delaware novel in about a decade.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good start,...slow storyVon A. ZutherI bought the book in an airport store before a long haul flight in order to keep me awake during the travel hours. I was hoping for some suspense and a good story told in a way that makes you continue to read.Despite an interesting set right at the beginning the story develops only slowly and tension real does not build in the first 100 pages. Maybe - being from Europe - I am missing some background information on the US colleges and prep school systems to see what the story is getting at or it is the style that is very different from my preferred authors Lee Child and David Badlacci. Fans of these writers may find this book slow and less exciting,..Personally I will not go for another novel of this author. However tastes are different,..

KurzbeschreibungBONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Jonathan Kellerman's Victims.Her name is Elise Freeman, and her chilling cry for help comes too late to save her. On a DVD found near her lifeless body, the emotionally and physically battered woman chronicles a long ordeal of abuse at the hands of three sadistic tormentors. But even more shocking is the revelation that the offenders, like their victim, are teachers at one of L.A.'s most prestigious prep schools. Homicide detective Milo Sturgis is assigned to probe the hallowed halls of Windsor Prep Academy, and if ever he could use Dr. Alex Delaware's psychological prowess, it's now. As the scandal-conscious elite close ranks around Windsor Prep, Alex and Milo push to expose the dirty secrets festering among society's manor-born. But while searching for predators among the privileged, Alex and Milo may be walking into a highly polished death trap.PressestimmenKellerman doesn't just write psychological thrillershe owns the genre.Detroit Free Press Jonathan Kellerman's novels are an obsession; once started it is hard to quit.Orlando Sentinel Entertaining . . . Kellerman masterfully keeps readers guessing.Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star The combination of Alex Delaware and Detective Milo Sturgis make for the most original whodunit duo since Watson and Holmes.ForbesPressestimmen'Kellerman doesn't disappoint, and in his battles with the rich and powerful school authorities who are trying to cover up the crime it reminds you of Marlowe and General Sternwood's orchids in The Big Sleep. Tough to put down but with a wry side, it's all you could ask for in an LA thriller' -- Daily Mail