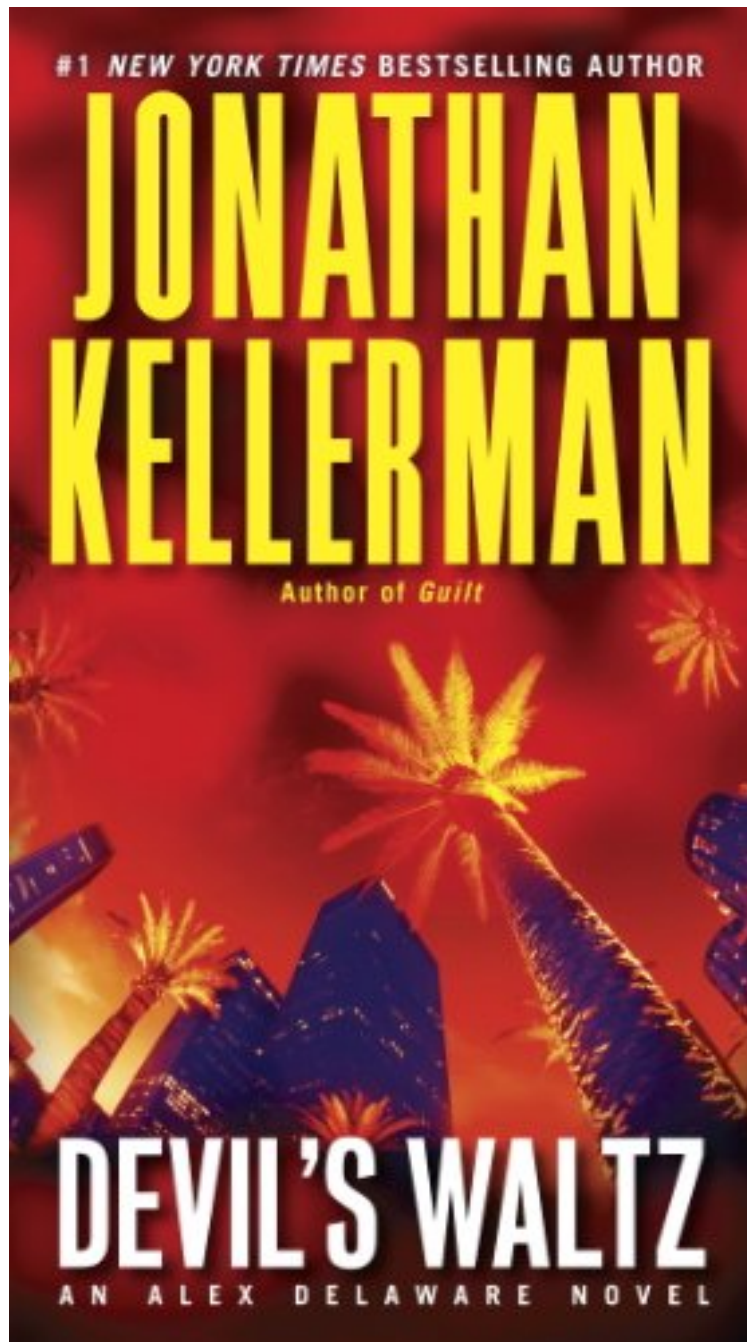


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Von Jonathan Kellerman : Devil's Waltz: An Alex Delaware Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Devil's Waltz: An Alex Delaware Novel:

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2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 100 Seiten weniger, und das Buch wäre um einiges spannender.... Von dieser Seite
Der Thriller stammt aus dem Jahr 1992, die Handlung spielt sich 1989 ab. So zeigt es natürlich nicht den aktuellen "Way of Life" in den Staaten. h
Computerrecherchen haben natürlich noch eine ganz besondere herausgehobene Stellung, es ist eine schöne handylose Zeit, aber grundsätzlich ist der Thriller auch jetzt noch immer aktuell und relativ zeitlos - vor allem hat sich im amerikanischen Gesundheitswesen nichts zum Besseren gewendet. Die Geschichte handelt von einem kleinen Baby, Cassie, deren Mutter verdächtigt wird, sie absichtlich krankzumachen (Munchausen-Stellvertreter-Syndrom) um dadurch Aufmerksamkeit zu erreichen. Ein interessanter Fall, eine interessante Ausgangsposition und bei ca 1/3 des Thrillers wäre ich auch bereit gewesen, 5 Sterne zu vergeben. Aber leider folgte dann seitenweise gähnende Langeweile. Ungefähr 100 Seiten weniger, und das Buch hätte deutlich an Fahrt gewonnen. Leider ist auch die Auflösung zwar sehr überraschend, gleichzeitig aber sehr unglaubwürdig und recht an den Haaren herbeigezogen. Es scheint, als hätte der Autor mit Gewalt ein absolut überraschendes Ende herbeischreiben wollen, egal wie, und so bleibt einfach die Glaubwürdigkeit der Charaktere auf der Strecke. Fazit: Sicherlich eines der besseren Bücher der Serie, aber keines, was ich ein zweites Mal lesen würde.
1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another J.K. book
Von Kindle Customer
Well, another great Jonathan Kellerman book, here, I'll tell you about it. When Alex gets a call from a doctor from a hospital where he used to work, asking for help, he agrees. When he goes, he finds that things have changed, and the hospital is a little dangerous. He is asked to evaluate a young couple who brings their young child in, with a range of sicknesses, almost every night, and the doctor suspects that they are making their own child sick. But Chip Jones and his wife are pleasant people, not at all the type to try and hurt their daughter. But Alex must find out soon, before an innocent child is harmed
0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Careful -- you'll be hooked and he's written a lot more !!!
Von Ein Kunde
This is a chilling mystery (the twist - the protagonist is a child psychologist) about parents suspected of harming their baby. It is a completely engrossing book -- I started to read it at a world-class resort in Hawaii, and I saw very little of the resort! After finishing Devil's Waltz, I read most of the other books in the series (there are quite a few) and I already have "EYES" looking for his next one! It is brilliant to have the main character be someone OTHER than a cop or a jaded P.I.!! Having now read most of the books in the series, I am delighted by the development of all the leading characters across the years of the series. This book, I think, is still my favorite, though. Kellerman is really skillful at maintaining continuity and evolving their personalities at the same time. I strongly suggest reading the whole series. I hope Mr. Kellerman never tires of Alex Delaware (the psychologist).

Kurzbeschreibung
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER In one of the most frightening and challenging cases of his career, Dr. Alex Delaware must confront a strange medical mystery involving a child. Reads like wildfire . . . harrowing suspense.
The New York Times Book
Twenty-one-month-old Cassie Jones is the picture of health. Yet her parents rush her to the emergency room night after night with symptoms no doctor can explain. Cassie's parents seem genuinely concerned. Her favorite nurse is a model of devotion. When Delaware is called in to investigate, instinct tells him that one of them could be a monster. Then a physician is brutally murdered. A shadowy death is revealed. And Alex and his friend, LAPD detective Milo Sturgis, have only hours to uncover the link between Cassie's terrifying condition and these shocking, seemingly unrelated events.
BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Jonathan Kellerman's *Guilt*.
From Publishers Weekly
Kellerman's psychologist/sleuth Alex Delaware nimbly executes tricky steps of his own when called in to consult on the mysterious ailments afflicting a baby being seen at his training hospital in Los Angeles. In his seventh appearance (after *Private Eyes*), Delaware is in top form, carefully pursuing the possibility that 21-month-old Cassie Jones may be the victim of Munchausen's Disease by Proxy, a complex syndrome in which a parent, usually the mother, secretly causes the symptoms that endanger the child. That Cassie is the only grandchild of the hospital's new CEO, a corporate hotshot who has demoralized the staff with cutbacks and a new administration of "paramilitary types," adds political twists to the case's knotty psychological aspects. After a doctor involved in computer research is murdered in the hospital parking lot, Delaware calls on his friend Milo, a gay LAPD homicide cop currently serving as an input clerk. They link an earlier murder to the hospital and then key into a secret federal investigation, all the while trying to keep Cassie safe. With familiar characters, including Delaware's woodworking girlfriend Robin, and some well-developed new ones, notably the hospital's thuggish security head and an uptight pediatric nurse, Kellerman steadily turns up the suspense, reserving some surprises to spring near the end of this intricate tale, the best of recent Alex Delaware stories. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.
From School Library Journal
YA-- This psychological mystery centers on a disorder called Munchausen Syndrome, in which a primary caregiver--usually the mother--inflicts harm upon her child in order to focus attention on herself as a concerned parent. The suspicion of this crime alerts Dr. Stephanie Eves to consult with her long-time friend and colleague, Dr. Alex Delaware, a retired child psychologist. So begins *Devil's Waltz*. Cassie Jones, daughter of devoted parents and beloved granddaughter of the hospital's financial savior, suffers from a variety of medical

symptoms, made all the more alarming by the earlier SIDS death of her brother. As Dr. Delaware begins to unravel the mystery of Cassie's continuing medical traumas, he uncovers two related murders and a web of hospital intrigue. A surprise ending makes readers want to re-read the novel to see what clues they have missed. Fans of Alex Delaware will not be disappointed in his latest adventure.- Katherine Fitch, Lake Braddock Secondary School, Burke, VA
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