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This one escalates the in your face suspense and bloodshed There is wanton death and destruction in this book and in any previous installment Delaware and Sturgis are quickly

becoming my newest favorite crime solving duo Also, this is the first book where I really cared for Robin s character Time to pick Self Defense. My feelings are mixed about this one I liked the introduction and characterization of the French bull dog, Spike Kellerman is either a true dog person, or his research was thorough Spike s actions at the end were implausible, probably physically impossible, but the reader doesn t mind It would be nice if a dog of that size and build could have done what he did, so suspension of disbelief is set aside in favor of willing the dog success.I liked the descriptions of the tape They lend tension and an overall eerie tone to the entire piece Very frightening.I liked the occasional humor In fact, I think that, of all the books in this series, this one has the most appealing dialogue between good friends Detective Sturgis and Dr Delaware When Sturgis is fingerprinting Delaware and asks him a question, Delaware responds with I m not saying a word without my lawyer, pig When Spike comes between Delaware and his on and off again squeeze, Robin, Milo comments, Oedipus Rover I didn t like the uptight character given Dr Delaware in this one His sanctimony in previous books was a turn off but acceptable in a character brimming with confidence and chutzpah Turning him into a whiny, jump at shadows wimp may have been an attempt to humanize the protagonist If so, it backfired, merely making him contemptible and, on occasion, annoying.I didn t like the use of two disparate storylines for the purpose of misdirects, shades of Blood Test Parallel storylines work in Kellerman s books only when the two plots are interrelated When they don t have anything to do with each other, the minor plot feels obstructionistic, like one is being used to pad the work It gets in the way of the real story and is wasted reading.More wasted reading was the detail invested on the homeless camp This is my second time reading this book, and I skipped dozens of pages addressing the plight of the homeless in the Los Angeles area I got the sense I had stepped out of a novel and into an advocate s cause c I bre Admittedly, homelessness is an issue worth tackling, but it didn t advance the story, not one iota, and should have been filed for a future novel emphasizing homelessness.Kellerman had to work hard to weave all his loose threads together in this one, and I didn t find the ending convincing I think sometimes he falls in love with characterization and setting and, at the eleventh hour, has to force himself to consider plot If I re read this one again, it will be selectively, revisiting only the parts I liked. Not my favorite of this series but very entertaining still the same How does Alex a Dr for children always get tied up with psychological crazy adults Maybe they were the children first. I NEITHER HIDE, NOR FEED, MY REVIEWS THEY MAY CONTAIN SPOILERS.This is my second Kellerman novel I m really liking his work I love the device of seeing criminal investigation through the eyes of a child psychologist, Alex Delaware All the criminal forensics are there, but the crimes at times are secondary to Delaware s puzzling through the relationships and motivations from which the crimes arise.It s nice that Delaware is well adjusted handsome and educated, but with a reasonable ego as he s aware of his frailties and limitations In the sense that Alex has a lot of feminine yang, his good friend, police

detective Milo Sturgis provides some yin. However, Alex is plenty yin, too, evidenced by his awesome, supportive girlfriend, Robin, who would never go for a jerk. Delaware is now in private practice, but does a certain amount of consulting with the justice system, evaluating child custody situations, etc., which is his nexus to crime. In this book, bad love has two meanings. At the first level, it refers to a certain celebrity child counselor's view that bad parenting is bad love. Turns out the celebrity deceased now for eight or so years had a hidden meaning for the phrase, too. In the celebrity's private corrective residential school for disturbed children back in the 60s or 70s, he mistreated his charges, some of whom were not even disturbed per se, but dealing problems such as bed wetting, dyslexia, absentee parents or domineering parents. The counselor gave secretive one on one sessions in which he emotionally abused the kids. To the public, this counselor, Dr de Bosch called Dr Botch by one of his alumni is a paragon of virtue, giving lectures and writing magazine columns on how to rear children, never disclosing his closeted abuse. To his alumni, he embodies evil. No wonder that when his graduates reach adulthood, some are very damaged one to the point that he undertakes to kill all the school's former faculty and key supporters. The sicko considers Delaware who never worked for de Bosch, and in fact thinks his theories are superficial and heavily borrowed to be part of the de Bosch travesty simply because Delaware, early in his career, was forced by a hospital supervisor to organize a psych conference that pretty much deified De Bosch. The words bad love are also a clue that the perp leaves at some of the murder scenes. Alex is the one to figure out what the phrase refers to. He identifies the pattern in several seemingly unrelated deaths leading to the hurting, disgruntled former student of DeBosch's school of terror. Of course Alex does have an incentive to figure it all out he starts receiving cryptic threats in writing and in the form of serious property damage, from which he concludes he's on the killer's hit list. There's a subordinate plot that offers relief from the grimness of the de Bosch saga. Alex finds a stray French bulldog, to which he and Robin become attached as they search for its owner. When the owner finally shows up the middle aged daughter of the actual owner, who recently died of natural causes, she sees the dog is well cared for, and invites Alex plus Robin to keep Spike. The daughter's hubby is allergic to dogs. They enthusiastically accept. Book is way complex than I've described. Many wonderful, clever touches and insights. One quibble and I felt this, too, with this first Delaware book I read, *Survival of the Fittest*. I don't get why Delaware sees patients at his home address. When a professional is dealing with people who are innately unbalanced, or unhinged by life events, why would he/she want clients or their relatives to know where he lives. It's a point, however, on which I'm willing to suspend my disbelief.

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BAD LOVE

AN ALEX DELAWARE NOVEL

This is

one of the better ones of these I've read in a while. And the events of this one affect the plots of many of the books that come after it. This book was totally awesome. I'd have given it five stars except for one plot device that ultimately was all wrong: the tape of screaming that Delaware is sent at the beginning of the book. As the plot knits together chapter by chapter, did I mention how awesome this story is? I realized by the very exciting, adrenalin-drenched, action ending that this beginning is the single wrong note for how this murderer would have begun his contact with the good doctor. However, I think most readers won't care or notice. For me, this is the best of the series, so far. I'm reading the series in order. I love Jonathan Kellerman. In each book he never shies away from speaking truth, even if the plot or writing sometimes does not quite live up to his ideals. It's usually good enough, but I'm happy to recommend this one as almost perfect.

Tolerating child abuse is like spitting into the wind. All of society pays for not doing about helping people with mental illness or having an ignorance-based education.

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It Came In A Plain Brown Wrapper, No Return Address An Audiocassette Recording Of A Horrifying, Soul Lacerating Scream, Followed By The Sound Of A Childlike Voice Chanting Bad Love Bad Love Don T Give Me The Bad Love For Alex Delaware The Tape Is The First Intimation That He Is About To Enter A Living Nightmare Others Soon Follow Disquieting Laughter Echoing Over A Phone Line That Suddenly Goes Dead, And A Chilling Act Of Trespass And Vandalism He Has Become The Target Of A Carefully Orchestrated Campaign Of Vague Threats And Intimidation Rapidly Building To A Crescendo As Harassment Turns To Terror, Mischief To Madness With The Help Of His Friend, LAPD Detective Milo Sturgis, Alex Uncovers A Series Of Violent Deaths That May Follow A Diabolical Pattern And If He Fails To Decipher The Twisted Logic Of The Stalker S Mind Games, Alex Will Be The Next To Die

NUS This Edition Contains An Excerpt From Jonathan Kellerman S Guilt In this one, Alex Delaware receives a tape in the mail with a horrific scream on it, and then a child's robotic voice repeating bad love, bad love, don't give me that bad love. Alex is horrified by the tape which comes in a plain envelope with no identifying names, addresses or even fingerprints, but he then remembers that back in 1979 he was involved in a conference which he co-chaired, unwillingly, including in its title, the words bad love. It involved the theories of a particular psychologist about children receiving bad love and growing up to be criminals. He ferrets out an old program and starts trying to track down the other psychologists on the program and finds that he either can't find them, or, in at least one case he initially finds, the man is dead. Additionally, people who are staff in a particular corrective school for children are being murdered horribly. As Alex investigates, he becomes aware that he is one of the only remaining panel members from the Bad Love conference left alive. He and Robin are definitely put in harm's way and Milo Sturgis has to protect him and help figure out what is going on. It was okay but not one of his best.

Alex Delaware Milo Sturgis series Psychologist Alex Delaware receives an envelope, with no return address, containing an audiocassette recording of a blood curdling scream

followed by a child's voice flatly saying Bad love, Bad love Don't give me the bad love In his efforts to discover who sent the tape and what these words mean, Delaware soon suspects he is being stalked by a psychopath and, with the help of his friend LAPD detective Milo Sturgis, works to discover who it is and why As Delaware investigates, he discovers that this person has been killing psychotherapists and now is stalking him He finds himself in a dangerous race to discover the truth and save his own life The path to the truth has many unexpected twists and turns with a deadly ending. For those reading through the Delaware Sturgis series This book introduces Alex and Robin's new dog a french bulldog Additionally, Delaware's home is burned to the ground by an arsonist which is referenced in later books And, to my amazement, this may be the only Kellerman book I've read in which Delaware girlfriend, Robin, is the I never really am a fan of mystery thriller novels But this book, Bad Love is an exception Because if you add even a bit of psychology in it, then, I will love it LOL And I must say, that the psychological aspect here is surprisingly great Though, don't get me wrong Even those people who don't have a background in psychology will not be at lost Some of the terms are layman's And psychology isn't really the focus here, so XD Anyway, this is a great read for the mind Like all mystery novels, this will make you think of who the perpetrator is I keep thinking and re thinking of what has happened in the previous chapters to look for clues which can help me know who's the perpetrator And I got it Ha I'm so great I had fun reading it and it's good exercise for one's deduction skills I recommend this for all mystery thriller lovers out there.

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