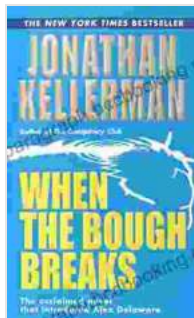


When the Bough Breaks: An Alex Delaware Novel



When the Bough Breaks (An Alex Delaware Book 1)

by Jonathan Kellerman

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Synopsis

When the Bough Breaks is a gripping psychological thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Alex Delaware, a forensic psychologist, is called in to investigate the murder of a young woman. As he delves deeper into the case, he uncovers a web of secrets and lies that lead him to question everything he knows.

The victim, Laura Cooke, was a successful businesswoman and mother of two. She was found dead in her home, apparently the victim of a random attack. But as Alex investigates, he begins to suspect that there is more to the story than meets the eye.

Alex soon discovers that Laura was involved in a number of illicit affairs. She was also having financial problems and was on the verge of losing her business. As Alex digs deeper, he uncovers a cast of suspects with their own secrets and motives.

With the help of his friend and colleague, Milo Sturgis, Alex tries to piece together the puzzle of Laura's murder. But as they get closer to the truth, they find themselves in danger. The killer is desperate to keep their secret, and they will stop at nothing to protect it.

Characters

- **Alex Delaware:** A forensic psychologist who is called in to investigate the murder of Laura Cooke.
- **Milo Sturgis:** Alex's friend and colleague, who helps him with the investigation.
- **Laura Cooke:** The victim of the murder. A successful businesswoman and mother of two.
- **Richard Cooke:** Laura's husband. A wealthy businessman with a dark past.
- **Emily Cooke:** Laura and Richard's daughter. A troubled teenager who is struggling with her parents' divorce.
- **Billy Cooke:** Laura and Richard's son. A bright and inquisitive child who is deeply affected by his mother's death.

Themes

When the Bough Breaks explores a number of themes, including:

- **The dark side of human nature:** The novel shows how even the most seemingly ordinary people are capable of great evil.
- **The power of secrets:** The novel shows how secrets can destroy lives and relationships.
- **The importance of family:** The novel shows how family can be a source of both strength and weakness.
- **The nature of justice:** The novel raises questions about the nature of justice and whether or not the ends justify the means.

Reviews

When the Bough Breaks has received critical acclaim from reviewers.

"A gripping psychological thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat." - Publishers Weekly

"A complex and suspenseful novel that explores the dark side of human nature." - Kirkus Reviews

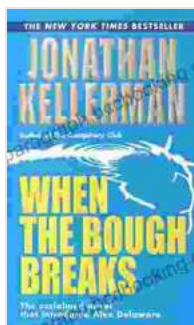
"A must-read for fans of psychological thrillers." - Booklist

About the Author

Jonathan Kellerman is an American author of crime fiction. He is best known for his Alex Delaware series of novels, which feature a forensic psychologist and his homicide detective friend. Kellerman has also written a number of stand-alone novels, including *When the Bough Breaks*.

Kellerman was born in New York City in 1949. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and then earned a doctorate in psychology from the University of Southern California. After working as a clinical psychologist for several years, Kellerman began writing fiction. His first novel, *When the Bough Breaks*, was published in 1985.

Kellerman has since written over 40 novels, which have been translated into more than 20 languages. He has won numerous awards for his work, including the Edgar Award, the Anthony Award, and the Macavity Award.



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