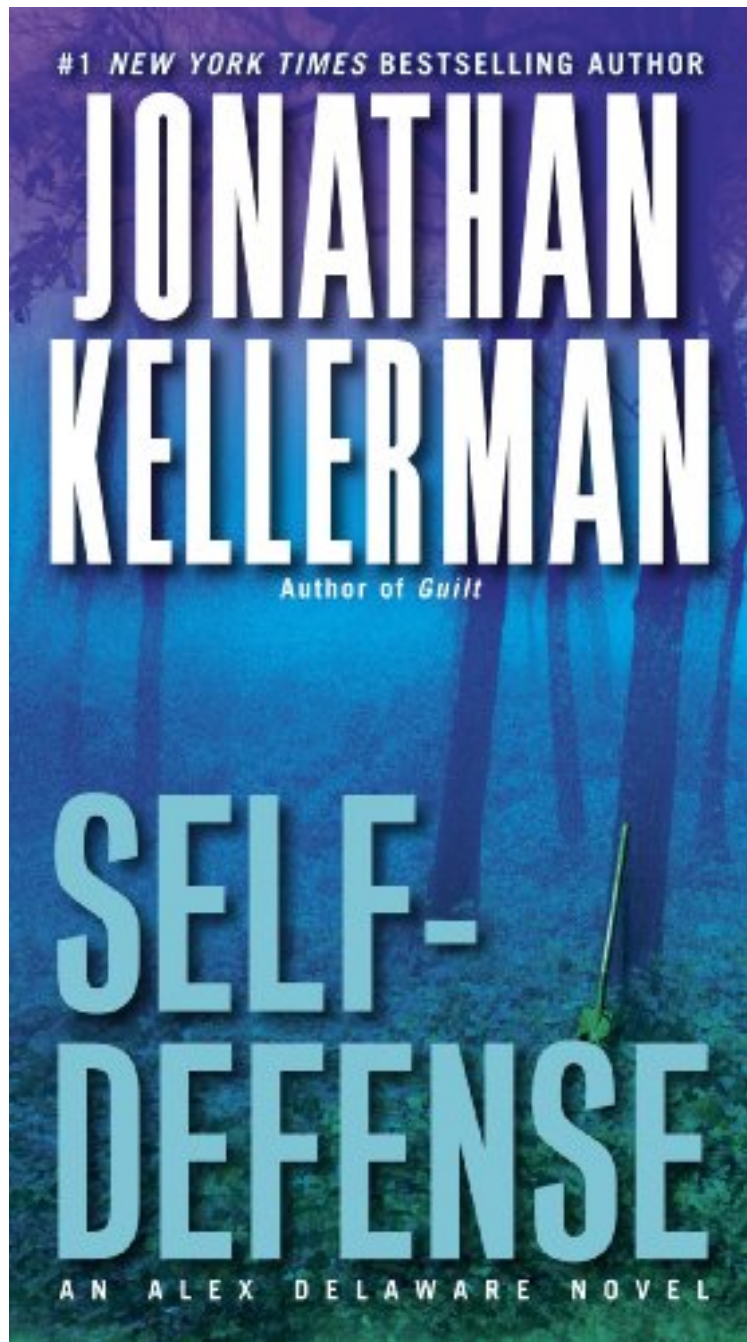


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Von Jonathan Kellerman : Self-Defense: An Alex Delaware Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Self-Defense: An Alex Delaware Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another wonderful character study, with suspense... Von Book criticThe best thing about Kellerman's novels is the experience as a psychologist he brings to his writing. He creates characters who have complex motivations and surprising, often unguessable behaviors -- just like real people. This may seem an absurdly obvious compliment, but when you consider how often other writers rely on 2-dimensional, stock characters, Kellerman's gift becomes more impressive. The character of Lucy in this novel -- the girl haunted by nightmares -- is so fascinating that I continued to read, as much to learn about her mind and feelings as I did to learn about "what happened" in the mystery. Both were eminently satisfying and thought-provoking. Also, in this book, Milo Sturgis gets to add another facet to his well-drawn, sympathetic character: the unwitting crush-object of a girl who doesn't know his orientation. Kellerman keeps finding new ways to explore his characters' rich lives. The intriguing plot of this book, with its central device of recurring dreams and repressed memories, is a particular treat.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not as good as "The Clinic"... Von Spock...but still a pretty good read. Very unexpected twist right at the end to what was an extremely psychological story. Recommended book, but not as highly as "The Clinic".0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent bookVon Ein KundeThis is the fourth Alex Delaware novel I have read and it is as good as the others. Kellerman's books are extremely intelligent and well written. The novels are analytical rather than action oriented, with good, sometimes brilliant characters

KurzbeschreibungNEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Dr. Alex Delaware doesn't see many private patients anymore, but the young woman called Lucy is an exception. So is her dream. Lucy Lowell is referred to Alex by Los Angeles police detective Milo Sturgis. A juror at the agonizing trial of a serial killer, Lucy survived the trauma only to be tormented by a recurring nightmare: a young child in the forest at night, watching a strange and furtive act. Exciting . . . loaded with tension and packed with titillating insights.The New York Times Book Now Lucys dream is starting to disrupt her waking life, and Alex is concerned. The power of the dream, its grip on Lucys emotions, suggests to him that it may be more than a nightmare. It may be the repressed childhood memory of something very real. Something like murder.BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Jonathan Kellerman's Guilt.From BooklistIt's a good bet that all of us would like to have Alex Delaware as our shrink. He's kind, compassionate, and gentle, yet firm when that's what's needed. He's ethical and principled, and he lives a nice, normal life with a nice, normal wife and a nice, normal dog. And nice, normal Dr. Delaware is exactly what Lucy Lowell needs. Delaware's friend, Detective Milo Sturgis, has referred Lucy for counseling after her experience as a juror in the trial of a serial killer leaves her with terrifying nightmares night after night. At first, Alex figures Lucy is just stressed out, but the more he hears, the more he wonders if her frightening dreams are rooted in reality. Ever the full-service psychologist, Delaware delves into Lucy's background to find clues about what's causing the nightmares. What he discovers is that Lucy was the victim of a bizarre childhood: a father who was into poetry, hippies, drugs, and love fests; a mother who died when Lucy was a baby; and a brother who's become a drug addict. A series of puzzling coincidences connected to Lucy's past leads Alex to a hippie commune in the California foothills where plenty of nasty secrets are buried. Kellerman's in his usual fine form, and his latest Alex Delaware adventure is sure to be every bit as popular as its predecessors. A must for all public libraries. Emily MeltonFrom Library JournalPsychologist and amateur sleuth Alex Delaware, who saved the day in last year's best-selling *Bad Love* (LJ 10/15/93), helps a woman whose repressed memories may solve a murder.Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.