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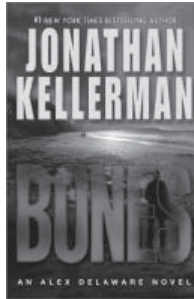
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## **Bones**

*By Jonathan Kellerman*

*Ballantine Books, \$27.00, 353 pages*

Readers familiar with Kellerman's novels featuring Milo Sturgis and Alex Delaware will not be disappointed in this latest novel. An anonymous caller has tipped an eco-volunteer that there is something "real dead" in a marsh. As the victim is discovered and bones of other victims begin to turn up, the questions begin to multiply. Is there a sinister serial killer on the loose, or is there a sicker mind at work, laying the groundwork for a truly evil plot? The usual red herrings in the form of characters that



seem like they must be the guilty party, as well as plot twists, lead the reader through an enjoyable read. The end is reached swiftly and violently, leading to an unexpected conclusion. The main characters in this novel, Milo Sturgis, Alex Delaware, and the lesser characters of Rick and Robin, are not fleshed out as much as in previous novels, but they are still present in agreeable doses. A few new characters in the form of a freshly minted homicide detective and a young, attractive forensic scientist are introduced in the novel. Hopefully, these fresh new characters will appear in future works.

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