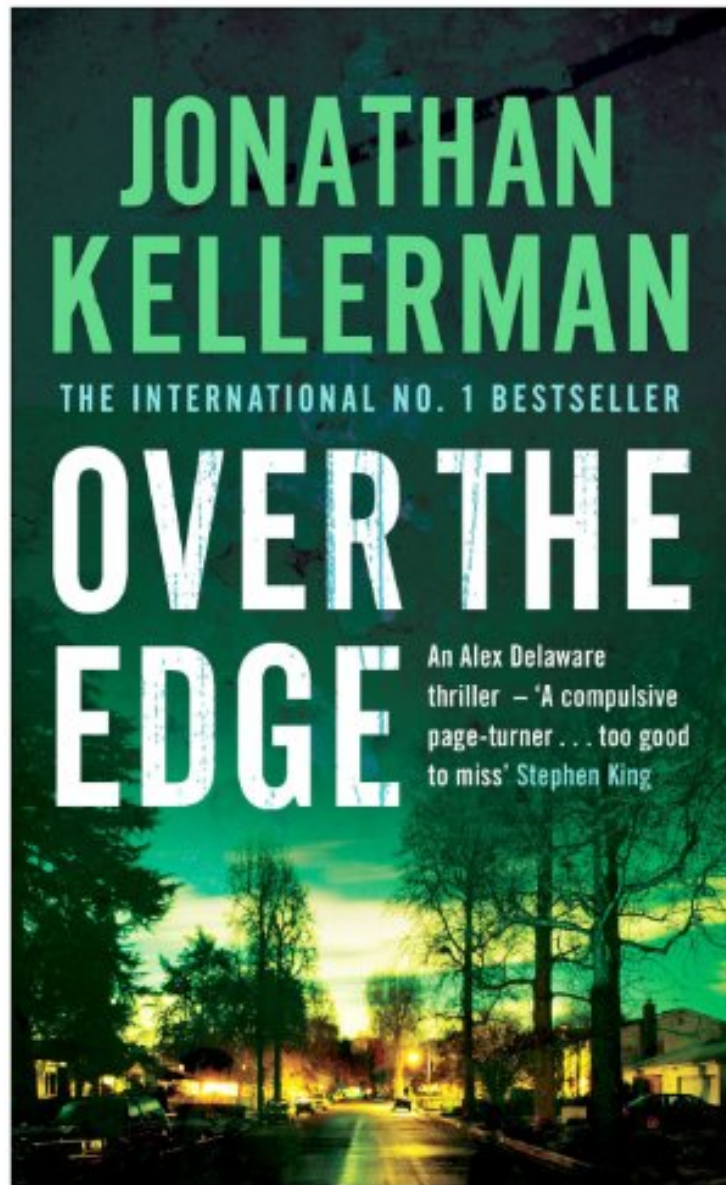


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Kurzbeschreibung The past is a dangerous place to visit... Over the Edge is a dark and twisting thriller from the master of psychological suspense, New York Times No. 1 bestseller Jonathan Kellerman. Perfect for fans of the thrillers of Harlan Coben and Michael Connelly.'Over the Edge is a compulsive page-turner... filled with insight, charged with suspense, and laced with just enough humour to make the whole thing sparkle. This one is simply too good to miss' - Stephen King Jamey Cadmus is clearly a deeply troubled young man. Found clutching a bloodied knife at the scene of a brutal double homicide, surely he must be the vicious serial killer who's been terrorising LA. What other explanation can there be? The public are demanding the death penalty but his lawyer is pleading diminished responsibility. Psychologist Alex Delaware is asked to make an assessment of Jamey's mental health but to do that he needs to look into Jamey's past, and no one wants Alex digging there... What readers are saying about Over the Edge: 'Over the Edge is sharply written and completely compelling' 'A fantastically gripping tale' 'Excellent read, the Delaware series is brilliant!' From Publishers Weekly The third novel to feature child psychologist Alex Delaware begins with a desperate, garbled phone call from former patient Jamey Cadmus, genius of record and heir to a construction fortune. The next day, Jamey is accused of the Lavender Slashings, a series of grisly homosexual murders that have rocked Los Angeles. The teenager's lawyer asks Alex to examine Jamey's recent history with the hope that a plea of diminished capacity will protect Jamey from a prison sentence. Though soon fired, Alex continues his investigation, motivated by the compassion and intelligence previously demonstrated in When the Bough Breaks and Blood Test. Tracing the rocky road of Jamey's emotional development, Alex crisscrosses L.A., moving from Beverly Hills mansions to biker cabins, from the old Haight district to mountain canyons, with stops at the U.C.L.A. medical library, the high-security section of the L.A.P.D. jail and some exquisitely appointed legal offices. Aided by his friend, homicide detective Milo Sturgis, Alex ignores warnings to stay away from the case and begins to discern an ominous pattern in Jamey's family history, connecting esoteric South American hallucinogens, a massively irresponsible real-estate scam and the ageless human motivations of revenge and greed. The first two Alex Delaware books were very good indeed. This one, more complexly plotted, more richly psychological and filled with convincing financial and pharmacological details, is the best yet. Paperback rights to NAL; Mystery Guild main selection; Literary Guild alternate. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal YA Kellerman, a contemporary master of psychological thrillers, has created a story of building suspense about a psychotic teenage boy, Jamey Cadmus, who is accused of six murders. Dr. Delaware, local psychologist, receives a late night phone call from Jamey, drawing upon him to help defend the teenager. The plot slowly unravels and the conspiracy of Jamey's family to create his madness is revealed. Readers will be drawn into this suspenseful drama by vivid descriptions of a psychotic, details of family greed, and the hope for the teenager's sanity. Susan Penny, Houston Public Library Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.