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#1 New York Times bestselling author Jonathan Kellerman heralds the arrival of his thrilling new stand-alone novel, *The Murderer's Daughter*, with this eBook original prequel short story—a powerful portrait of a young man seeking his destiny, who will ultimately play a key role in the life of an unforgettable new Kellerman heroine.

It's the summer of 1965, and Malcolm Bluestone, fresh out of Harvard and bound for law school, is taking a break — from the books and Brooklyn — to soak in the sun and sights of California. Free from his doting parents, he's enjoying a whirlwind tour of his older brother Steve's glamorous movie-star lifestyle. Yet all the excitement only seems to leave Malcolm feeling haunted by the sheltered, studious life he leads — and trapped by the secure but predictable future that awaits him.

It is a future he has the power to change, if he's brave enough to dare and wise enough, like his brother, to listen to his heart. But it will take a shocking incident on a movie set to finally spur Malcolm to action — and free him to walk the path he knows he was meant to.

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Nickie says

I never really got into it. Lots of build up for the point to be made right at the end. Definitely unique insight that wasn't brought up in the Murderer's Daughter. Idk if there was a point to reading this after the main novel.

JF MelbourneWeaver says

Always Kellerman

Grabs you. Moral lead characters. Child psychology. An engaging short that will hopefully lead to an intriguing new series based on these two brothers and their attempts to right wrongs. Also the period is an interesting backdrop for a different era of child abuse.

Monnie says

This short story lays the foundation for Jonathan Kellerman's upcoming book, *The Murderer's Daughter*, set for release in mid-August 2015. Although I've been vocal about not being a fan of the so-called "prequels," I caved in this time simply because it's written by an author at the Top 3 of my favorites list.

At just 47 pages it took only half an hour or so to read, and I'm happy to say it's excellent. The story stands alone, but - as I'm sure is the intent - the ending left me wondering what will happen next. No doubt I'll forget everything I read by the time I get the full book on my Kindle Fire, though (one of the reasons I avoid prequels), so I'll write a quick review that I can use to refresh my memory before I dive into the real thing.

The story begins in 1965 (put in my perspective, at that time our son would have been two years old and I was a stay-at-home mom), when a young man named Malcolm Bluestone takes a break between finishing a Harvard degree and starting law school to visit his older brother Steve in California. The two are far enough apart in age that they've never been close, but Malcolm admires Steve and his free-wheeling lifestyle as a movie "star."

So far, Malcolm has walked the more conventional path favored by his elderly parents - Jewish immigrants who fled Germany to escape the wrath of Hitler's regime - but he's also harbored a desire to veer off course and create his own walkway. While visiting his brother's movie set and witnessing an incident that shocks him to the core, he makes the decision to do exactly that: After all, it's the right thing to do.

Gerard says

Background sketches for characters in A Murderer's Daughter. Not enough story to justify the time to read.

Annette says

THE RIGHT THING TO DO is a short story and prequel to the authors next book. Malcolm, years younger than his brother Steve, is following the path his parents have set for him. A visit to "B" action hero Steve opens his eyes to following his own dream. Happy ending.

Agnes Befi says

A light band easy read

As a short story it was good. This was definitely a different venue for Kellerman writing a short story; that I am aware. It was good band interesting pertaining family relationships.

Everydayreader1 says

Malcolm Bluestone is a young man trying to figure out what he wants to do with his life--practice law because it can earn him a living, or follow his interest in psychology--conform to the norm, or be unconventional. He is visiting his movie actor brother, and trying to figure out what fits and what doesn't. Circumstances give him a nudge, and the result will likely change his life.

The Right Thing to Do (Short Story) by Jonathan Kellerman leads the reader into The Murderer's Daughter which is on my list of books to read.

Marleen says

So far, I have only read 2 books by Jonathan Kellerman, and that was ages ago. On the other hand, I have been a constant fan of Faye Kellerman's books (his wife). The Decker/Lazarus books are great. As for the kindle singles, I have mixed feelings about them. It's great to finish a story in a couple of hours sometimes, on the other hand, it needs to be really captivating and well-balanced as for depth and amount of information to process - on a limited amount of pages, that is. Let's just say that short stories are difficult to appreciate these days and they often leave me unsatisfied. I suppose that writing short stories is a particular skill. Sometimes it can work, especially when the author writes it in order to introduce a new book that's about to come out.

Here, I liked the characters well enough. I particularly liked the way the author went back to the time when Steve & Malcolm's parents fled Nazi Germany. This kindle single has certainly piqued my interest again in this author.

Kim j says

This is the worst I have ever read from Kellerman. It was all over the place & if this is a prequell to the next book I am not sure I want to read it. I think it may have been better to incorporate this in the book because it made no sense to me. It just started and then you come to a possible crime? I gave it a one just to rate it. I am a big fan but this missed the mark bigtime.

Susu says

I read this short story before purchasing a book by this author. Suffice it to say, I will not be reading any of his books. This was horribly disjointed and full of extraneous detail that added nothing to the story.

Rick Swieter says

Interesting fast read. Unexpected twist.

Takes the reader places you don't expect to go. Recommend it. Learn about the movie industry, history, personal struggle. Kellerman is always on target

Susie Kline says

This short story is the prequel to Kellerman's new stand-alone, *The Murderer's Daughter*. It's a quick read, taking the reader through a quick tour of the early lives of the Bluestone family. Immigrants from Hitler's Germany, the two Bluestone brothers take different paths. Sidney becomes a Hollywood actor while Malcolm considers law school. But one day on a movie set can change everything...

Kristine Hansen says

For the sake of people who have read other reviews, let's make this clear. This is a short story. Beginning, middle, and end. It is not a piece of another novel that never came out. I see some confusion here and just wanted to clarify.

This is a long meandering little tale, that is just a character piece about a minor character from *The Murderer's Daughter*. That's all. It's intense and interesting if you stick it out, but you might get frustrated looking for the trademark fast pacing of your typical Kellerman. Honestly? I really liked the character, I liked taking time to get to know him. Of course it's colored somewhat by my knowing his future thanks for the aforementioned "*Murderer's Daughter*" but even that can be accepted, and enjoyed. I wanted so much more from this story. I wanted to follow him throughout his life and into all the interesting things he's done between this and what happens later.

Did I fall a little in love? Yes. Can this have been better...maybe. But I will still accept it for what it is. If you have a copy of "*Murderer's Daughter*" lying about, don't neglect reading this. It is worth your time.

Sanasai says

This is just a snippet of a story, and I have a feeling it'll be one of those short stories that is better once you've read the main series. However, it is well done. Even if his name wasn't taking up a third of the cover, this is very recognisable as JK's work. The only concern I had was: another psychologist? With an awfully similar sounding backstory? But I guess this is supposed to be a sidekick instead of the new main character for the new series, so it might not feel too repetitive once the main story kicks in.

Paula Tohline Calhoun says

A Great Start

Looking forward to the novel for which this short story is the set up. I doubt I will be disappointed as this short story has me primed and ready for a good read, even without Alex and Milo. It reminds me of how much I enjoyed his "The Conspiracy Club," and how sorry I have been not to meet up with that character again. Go ahead and spend the \$1.99. Easily worth it, no matter how brief the read.
