

The Ryder Creed (2015-now) & Maggie O'Dell (2000-Now) series both by Alex Kava



Perfect Evil (2000)

On July 17, a convicted serial killer, Ronald Jeffreys was executed for three heinous murders. He went to his grave with a terrible truth no one would listen to.

Three months later another body is found killed in the same style as Jeffreys' victims. Sheriff Nick Morelli knows he isn't equipped to handle the killer who is terrorizing his small Nebraska community. He's grateful when the FBI sends one of their best criminal profilers, special agent Maggie O'Dell. Maggie quickly recognizes this is someone who has killed before.

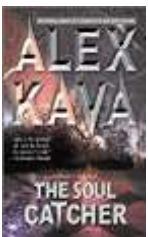
When another victim is found dead and a third kidnapped, Nick and Maggie realize they're running out of time. And the terrible truth becomes clear. Ronald Jeffreys may have been convicted of crimes he didn't commit.



Split Second (2001)

Some say Maggie O'Dell has lost her edge as one of the FBI's best profilers. Since capturing Stucky, she has been walking a tight wire, battling nightmares and guilt over the victims she couldn't save. Now that Stucky is loose

again, she's been pulled out of the field. But as Stucky's trail of victims leads closer and closer to Maggie, she is put back on the case under the supervision of Special Agent R. J. Tully. Together they race against the clock to hunt the killer, and Maggie finds herself pushed to the very edge. Has her desire to stop Albert Stucky become a matter of personal vengeance? Has she crossed the line? And has that been Stucky's goal all along — to make her into a monster?



The Soul Catcher (2002)

For FBI special agent Maggie O'Dell, there is nothing routine about being called in to work these two cases. As an expert criminal profiler, Maggie provides psychological insight on cases that involve suspected serial killers. She can't

understand, then, why she has been assigned to two seemingly unrelated crimes.

But as Maggie and her partner, Special Agent R. J. Tully, delve deeper into the cases, they discover there is a connection: Reverend Joseph Everett, the charismatic leader of a high-profile religious sect.

Is Everett a psychotic madman who uses his power to perform heinous crimes? Or is he merely the scapegoat for a killer more cunning than he? Maggie realizes the only way to find out is to

use her own mother, a member of Everett's church, as a pawn in a deadly trap.



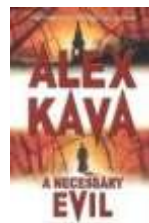
At the Stroke of Madness (2003)

When FBI Special Agent Maggie O'Dell receives a call from Sheriff Henry Watermeier of New Haven County, Connecticut, she assumes it's a routine tip. She's working on the case of a missing D.C.-area woman, and it seems her body had been found. But Maggie's about to learn this is just the tip of the iceberg in what will be one of the most bizarre, cold-blooded and confounding cases of her career a criminal profiler.

During a cleanup excavation in the deserted quarry, a fifty-five-gallon drum was discovered, containing the remains of a woman. Then more barrels are found, containing more bodies: some of the dead have been brutally murdered, and some have already been buried. At this grisly discovery, Sheriff Watermeier calls in the FBI, as well as a forensic anthropologist, Dr. Adam "Bones" Bonzatto, in hopes of identifying the victims and ultimately the faceless killer.

Maggie arrives in Connecticut and begins to profile the killer -- and quickly recognizes a pattern to his madness. The victim range widely in age and include both men and women, but they have one thing in common: they all suffered from an illness or physical deformity of some sort. And the part of their body that was inflicting is missing. As bizarre as it seems, the killer appears to have a fascination, an obsession with his victims' imperfections.

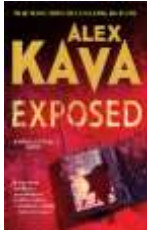
With only an old man who suffers from Alzheimer's as a witness to the killer's identity, Maggie realizes time is running out. Because another woman has gone missing, and the old man's illness has made him the next target. Determined to put an end to the killing, Maggie has to dig deeper into her own resources than she's ever done before to catch this killer of unparalleled madness.



A Necessary Evil (2006)

When a monsignor is found knifed to death in a Nebraska airport restroom, FBI special agent Maggie O'Dell is called in to profile the ritualistic murder of a priest, the latest in a series of killings. Maggie soon discovers a disturbing Internet game that's popular among victims of abuse by Catholic priests. With this first real lead in the investigation, she wonders if the group has turned cyberspace justice into reality. Then Maggie gets a second lead-one that leaves her stunned. For the past four years she has been obsessed with finding

Father Michael Keller, whose brutal acts against children continue to haunt her. Now, it seems, he has become a target. When Keller offers to help Maggie solve the ritual killings in exchange for protection, she decides to ally herself with the elusive child killer, stepping into a world of malevolence from which she may not return unscathed. Maggie knows the bargain is a necessary evil...one that may be made in blood...



Exposed (2007)

Agent Maggie O'Dell and Assistant Director Cunningham believe they're responding to a threat made at Quantico. Instead they walk into a trap. Before they realize it, they've both been exposed to a killer who can strike at anyone, at any time, and no one can predict who might be next...until it's too late.

The killer's tactics suggest he's an aficionado of criminal minds. He uses bits and pieces from those he admires: a phrase from the Beltway Snipers, a clue from the Unabomber, a delivery method similar to the Anthrax Killer. His weapon is a deadly virus, virtually invisible and totally unexpected. His victims appear to be random but, in fact, they are chosen with a revengeful precision. The vaccine is limited and untested. Maggie knows dangerous minds—from hauntingly perverse child predators to cunningly twisted serial killers. Now she faces a new opponent from inside an isolation ward at a biosafety containment hospital. Maggie must help Agent R. J. Tully find clues to catch the killer—while waiting to see if the deadly strain is already multiplying in her body. With every new exposure there's the potential for an epidemic. And Maggie knows she and Cunningham may not live long enough to discover who is the deadliest, most intelligent killer they've ever profiled.



Black Friday (2009)

On the busiest shopping day of the year, some idealistic college students believe they're about to carry out an elaborate media stunt at the largest mall in America. They think the jamming devices in their backpacks will disrupt stores' computer systems, causing delays and chaos. What they don't realize is that instead of jamming devices, their backpacks are stuffed with explosives, ready to be detonated by remote control and turning them into suicide bombers. Caught up in a political nightmare, battling a new interim director and still mourning the death of her boss A. D. Cunningham, FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell must put her own troubles aside and fly to Minnesota to help figure out what's behind this terrorist attack — a massacre that is all the more frightening because no group has claimed responsibility. The search becomes personal when a tip reveals that one of the college students involved is Patrick, Maggie's brother. Afraid and on the run, Patrick must decide if he can finally trust Maggie enough to help her unravel this horrifying nightmare. Sifting through the debris for answers, Maggie is joined by Nick Morrelli, who has recently taken a job with a national security company that oversees security for the

mall. Although Maggie and Nick have investigated several cases together in the past, they've never investigated a relationship with each other. Nick would like to change that. When an informant confides in Maggie that there are other attacks on the secret agenda, she knows that she's running out of time. In less than twenty-four hours she'll need to figure out exactly when and where the second attack will take place, who to look for and how to keep her brother from becoming one of the casualties.



Damaged (2010)

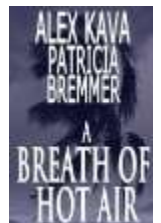
On Pensacola Beach, the Coast Guard prepares for a Category 5 hurricane that has entered the Gulf of Mexico. When the air crew patrols the waterways, they spot a huge fishing cooler about a mile offshore. Drug traffickers have been known to dump coolers with smuggled product to avoid detection and pay fishermen to retrieve them. But when the crew opens this cooler, they're shocked by what they find: body parts tightly wrapped in plastic.

Though she is putting herself in the projected path of the hurricane, Special Agent Maggie O'Dell is sent to investigate. Eventually, she's able to trace the torso in the cooler back to a man who mysteriously disappeared weeks earlier after a hurricane hit Port St. Lucie, Florida. Only Port St. Lucie is on the Atlantic side. How did his body end up six hundred miles away in the Gulf of Mexico?

Cliffhanger chapters, behind-the-scenes forensic details, colorful characters, and satisfying twists have become the trademarks of Kava's psychological thrillers. In *Damaged*, she ratchets up the suspense a notch by sending Maggie into the eye of an impending monster hurricane to track down a killer.

A Breath of Hot Air (2011) eBook only

MURDER IN PARADISE - a short story depicted at Pensacola Beach – sugar-white sands, emerald waves, sizzling hot temps served up with delicious fresh seafood – the perfect vacation spot. Except FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell isn't on vacation. Her boss has sent her into the path of Hurricane Isaac to investigate a discarded fishing cooler that the Coast Guard pulled out of the Gulf of Mexico; a cooler filled with carefully wrapped body parts (DAMAGED, Doubleday). This short story, A BREATH OF HOT AIR, takes place in the middle of that investigation. Maggie O'Dell is awakened in her hotel room on Pensacola Beach by a frantic desk clerk. Housekeeping has made a gruesome discovery – a dead guest. Maggie teams up with Denver homicide detective, Glen Karst to determine if a murderer is on the loose. But Karst isn't in Pensacola on vacation either. He's on the track of a killer who escaped Colorado years ago. And it appears Karst may have found him.

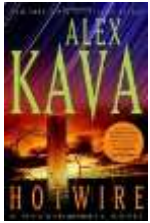


International bestselling author, Alex Kava and Patricia A. Bremmer, author of the Elusive Clue series, throw their sleuths

together for the first time, searching for evidence before a Category 5 hurricane roars ashore.

BONUS SECTION includes:

an excerpt from Bremmer's CLINICAL DEATH,
an excerpt from Kava's DAMAGED,
character profiles of O'Dell and Karst,
conversations with both authors, research trivia
Kava's essay on "Creating Maggie O'Dell."

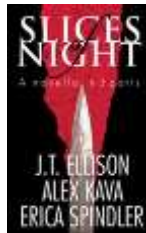


Hotwire (2011)

On a crisp Autumn evening in western Nebraska, what started as a group of kids filming their drug-fueled party ends in an explosive light show, leaving the victims apparently electrocuted, with odd scorch marks being the only evidence. While Maggie tries to make sense of the different stories, sifting through what is real and what is hallucination, she realizes that the surviving teens are being targeted and systematically eliminated. Meanwhile on the East Coast, Army colonel Benjamin Platt is at the scene of a deadly outbreak, desperate to identify the pathogen that has infected children at a Virginia elementary school. Despite the miles that separate them, the two cases collide as Maggie and Platt uncover secrets that were meant to stay hidden...

Slices of Night (2012) eBook & later paperback

One killer: A psychopath who flies under the radar, moving from city to city, preying on the lost and forgotten.



Three investigators: Detective Stacy Killian from the New Orleans P.D., Nashville homicide lieutenant Taylor Jackson, and FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell—who witnessed some of the worst. And brought down some of the best.

Will this one slip through their grasps, as he has slipped through grasps of so many, for so long?

From three of today's most acclaimed thriller writers, SLICES OF NIGHT offers readers a sneak peek into the lives of three very different investigators, in three very different settings, as they hunt for a killer who's able to disappear into the night.

Erica Spindler, Alex Kava and J.T. Ellison bring you face to face with their own unique brands of evil.



Fireproof (2012)

The local team insists they're looking for a young white male, suffering from an uncontrollable impulse to act out his anger or sexual aggression. But when FBI special agent Maggie O'Dell is called in, everything she sees leads her to believe that this is the work of a calculating and

controlled criminal. Jeffery Cole, a reporter looking for his big break, is at the scene of the crime and decides to make Maggie part of his news piece, digging up aspects of her past that she would rather forget. As the fires continue to light up around the city, Maggie also crosses paths with her brother Patrick, now back in DC and working as a fire-fighter. As the acts of arson become more brazen Maggie's professional and personal worlds are set on a dangerous collision course.

Storm Season (2013) eBook & later paperback

The second exciting collaboration from Erica Spindler, Alex Kava and J.T. Ellison. One terrifying storm; three thrilling tales.



They call it an Alberta Clipper - a massive storm system that rides the jet stream southward from Canada and across the United States. It's early October, and this storm is unleashing its fury from Illinois to Florida - where it collides with a tropical disturbance and rages up the eastern seaboard. In the midst of the wind, rain and snow, Rockford Homicide Detective M.C. Riggio, FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell, and Nashville Homicide Lieutenant Taylor Jackson find themselves fighting not just the elements, but three diabolical killers.

Pensacola, Florida - FBI Agent Maggie O'Dell is about to do something she swore she'd never do again: climb into a helicopter. Worse, that helicopter is about to take her out over the Gulf of Mexico, in the face of a nasty storm system that has already dumped rain and snow in record-breaking amounts across the eastern half of the country. But a U.S. Senator's family has gone missing aboard their houseboat, and Maggie and her partner, R.J. Tully, have been dispatched from Washington, D.C. to accompany the rescue crew on their search. While Tully remains on shore to ferret out clues as to what happened to the boat, Maggie flies out with the Coast Guard to find it. With wind and rain threatening to knock their chopper out of the sky, Maggie and Coast Guard rescue swimmer Liz Bailey board the houseboat in an effort to save the Senator's family - only to discover an even greater danger on board.



Stranded (2013)

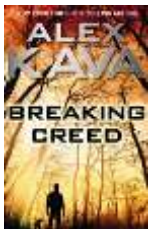
Tired travelers and exhausted truckers have stopped at rest areas on the nation's highways for decades to refuel, grab a bite, and maybe get some shut-eye, but one man's rest stop is another's hunting ground. For years the defenseless, the weary, and the stranded have disappeared along interstates and toll ways, vanishing without a trace. But these seemingly unconnected incidents are no coincidence, and a serial killer stalks the roads. When FBI Special Agent Maggie O'Dell and her partner, Tully, discover the remains of a young woman, the one clue left behind is a map—an invitation of sorts for Maggie to play a game: a game of cat and mouse between killer and

investigators that will take Maggie and Tully on a frantic hunt crisscrossing the country to halt the truck-stop killer before he strikes again.

With the body count rising, Maggie and her partner race against the clock to unmask the monster before it's too late. As they piece together the clues, following the killer's trail from D.C. to the heart of the Midwest and finally to the isolated forests of the Florida Panhandle, it becomes eerily clear that this killer may have had Maggie in his sights all along.

Intense and harrowing, this white-knuckle ride of a thriller introduces a lethal foe for Maggie and is Alex Kava's most compelling novel yet.

Starting with *Breaking Creed* (2015), the novels focus on dog trainer Ryder Creed, with FBI Profiler Maggie O'Dell as a supporting character.



Breaking Creed (2015)

Ryder Creed and his dogs have been making national headlines. They've intercepted several major drug stashes smuggled through Atlanta's airport. But their newfound celebrity has also garnered some unwanted attention.

When Creed and one of his dogs are called in to search a commercial fishing vessel off the coast of Pensacola Beach, they discover a secret compartment. But the Colombian cartel's latest shipment isn't drugs. It's human...

Meanwhile, FBI agent Maggie O'Dell is investigating a series of murders she suspects to be the work of a brutal assassin. By the time she uncovers a hit list with Creed's name on it, it might be too late to help him. For someone is already on the way...



Silent Creed (2015)

When Ryder Creed responds to a devastating mudslide in North Carolina, he knows that the difference between finding survivors and the dead is time. He and his sturdiest search-and-rescue dog, Bolo, get to work immediately, but the scene is rife with danger: continued rainfall prevents the rescue teams from stabilizing the land; toxic household substances spread by the crushing slide fill the area with hazardous waste; and the detritus and debris are treacherous for both man and dog to navigate. But most perilous are the secrets hidden under the mud and sludge—secrets someone would kill to protect. For this is no ordinary rescue mission. Among the buildings consumed by the landslide was a top-secret government research facility, and Creed has been hired to find what's left of it.

Then rescuers recover the body of a scientist from the facility who was obviously dead *before* the landslide—killed by a gunshot to the head. The FBI sends Agent Maggie O'Dell to

investigate, and she and Creed are soon caught in a web of lies, secrets, and murder that may involve not only the government facility, but decades-old medical experiments that are the subject of current congressional hearings. As more bodies are found under even more unusual circumstances, they come ever closer to exposing the truth—but with unknown forces working against them, Maggie, Creed, and the dogs are running out of time.



Reckless Creed (2016)

In Chicago, a young man jumps from his thirtieth-story hotel room; along the Missouri river, a hunter and his son stumble upon a lake whose surface is littered with snow geese, all of them dead; and in southern Alabama, Ryder Creed and his search-and-rescue dog Grace find the body of a young woman who went missing in the Conecuh National Forest...and it appears she filled her pockets with rocks and walked into the river. Before long Ryder Creed and FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell will discover the ominous connection among these mysterious deaths. What they find may be the most prolific killer the United States has ever known.

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