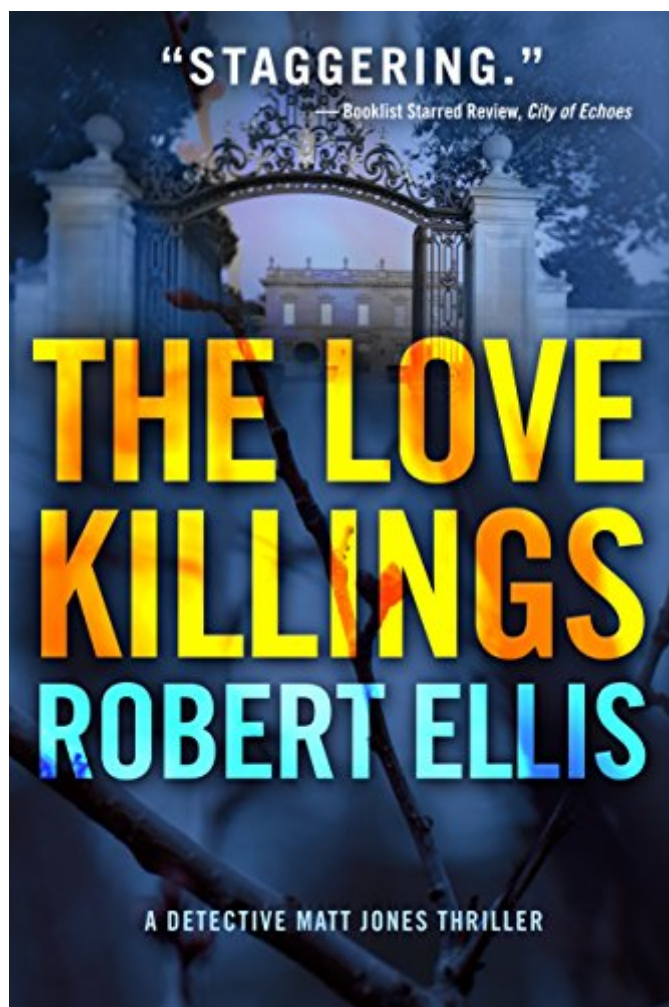


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The Love Killings (Detective Matt Jones Book 2)



Synopsis

For the past six weeks, LAPD detective Matt Jones has been recovering from the wrong end of a hit man's bullet. Before he can look for payback, Jones finds himself enlisted in the manhunt for an old foe. Dr. George Baylor, the serial killer who escaped after murdering three coeds in LA, resurfaces on the East Coast. This time, an entire family has been slaughtered in their home outside Philadelphia, and the doctor's fingerprints are all over the crime scene. With panic rising, the FBI seeks Jones's help, and the hunt for this brutal mass killer is on. But so is the hunt for the man who paid to have Jones shot. When a second family is found murdered, the search for the killer becomes frantic, and Jones's shocking personal history explodes before his eyes. With his two missions welded together as one, Jones enters the madman's world "a place of unimaginable terror" and hopes that if he survives, he can find his way out.

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Customer Reviews

Robert Ellis is one of my favorite authors. I just finished The Love Killings and wow what a rush. I could not put it down and read it in 2 days. This book could be read on its own but I would

recommend you read *City of Echoes* first which is just as good as this one. There are several twists that I didn't see coming and dear Dr. Baylor is a real scary dude. Matt Jones is an LA cop who was involved with Dr. Baylor in LA and has now been called to Philly to investigate what some believe to be the work of Baylor. Seems like Matt is betrayed by everyone he trusts plus everything he believed about his childhood gets called into question. I don't want to give anything away, so you'll have to read for yourself. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. Just as an aside, if you have not read Robert Ellis' *The Dead Room* yet, check it out.

Since, at some point in time, Mr. Ellis indicated that *The Love Killings* was going to be a continuation of *City of Echoes* and not a sequel, I decided to time my re-reading of *City of Echoes* so that I would finish it about the time *The Love Killings* was released on August 2. As it were, he suggests doing just that in his *Author's Note* at the beginning of *The Love Killings*. Although, as he says, it is not necessary to do so, I think you will get more out of *The Love Killings* if you read *City of Echoes* first. It was not a chore to re-read *City of Echoes*. In fact, there were points I had forgotten and, more importantly, I felt as if I was sharing memories with an old friend, i.e, Matt Jones. Further, it was even better the second time around. If, however, you are just going to forge ahead and read *The Love Killings* anyway, I am telling you, you will feel the need to then read *City of Echoes*. I bet you will then re-read *The Love Killings* to bring it full circle. No matter. You are so going to enjoy these books because you are going to go on a wild ride. There are so many twists and turns, you might get whiplash. Matt is not without his faults but he has an inner compass that ultimately is right. There are surprises that I could not have anticipated. There is a resolution in book two that I did not think I wanted and was initially disappointed. However, as I kept reading, I realized that Ellis had done just the right thing. His solution was perfect. Also, I was delighted that there was a cameo appearance by a character from a prior book written by Ellis. You like mysteries. You figure out who it is. I don't want to give anything away. However, I will say that, although Ellis has said that all questions will be answered by the end of *The Love Killings*, that does not mean that this is the end of Matt Jones. The end makes it clear that there is more to come and I can't wait.

I can't say enough good things about both of the books in this series. The main character, Matt Jones, was a completely engaging character. The only complaint I have is that it took so long for the second book to come out. More stories in this series please!

Robert Ellis has always been one of my favorites since his first book. When he created Lena Gamble, he gave his fans a truly amazing and strong female character whose stories were electrifying. Then, he gives his fans a new character, Matt Jones, in City on Fire. Then Lena makes an appearance is just icing on the cake. In The Love Killings, Mr. Ellis continues the story of Matt Jones, a story that takes him across the country to Philadelphia. Needless to say, this was just another amazing book by this brilliant author. The story was mesmerizing. You just could not put it down. And I found myself rereading many pages just to soak in their beauty. The reader will experience such a wide range of emotions - fear, dread, laughter, sadness and shock! Some parts of the book simply reduced me to tears. The words are powerful, the emotions deep, the shock head-shaking and the sadness real. I find that I am sad that I finished the book so quickly since I know that I will have to have serious patience waiting for the next one. Thank you Robert Ellis for another wonderful book and the time spent enjoying it! Just a note - you really need to read City on Fire before you read The Love Killings. Believe me, your reading pleasure will be doubled!!

I won a copy of the e-book version in a giveaway and here is my honest review: This is a solid crime novel that had several twists I didn't see coming. The story moves along at a good pace which is nice because some authors tend to drag out a story too much where you begin to lose interest. It is the perfect vacation read and I would recommend it to anyone that is a fan of author Michael Connelly. I'm going to pretend that Detective Matt Jones and Harry Bosch have crossed paths due to the fact they are both LAPD detectives. In all seriousness though, I think if you like Michael Connelly's writing style you will want to add Robert Ellis as a new author to check out. The Love Killings is the second book in the series of books featuring Detective Matt Jones. It isn't a requirement to read the first book because the author does a nice job in providing all the background info you need to know. However, I found the main character's back story interesting enough that I might have to go check out the first book. I definitely will be on the lookout for a third Matt Jones book because I am intrigued in where the story goes from here.

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