

Librarian's Shelf

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Bestselling Nebraska Author Alex Kava to Visit Columbus Public Library

Alex Kava's latest psychological thriller "Stranded," featuring FBI agent Maggie O'Dell hit stores on July 16th. In what is sure to be another bestselling book, Kava puts Maggie on the trail of vicious serial killer that takes his victims from roadside rest stops and torments his victims prior to killing them and dumps the remains in a barnyard in rural Iowa. With few clues to follow, Maggie and her partner, R.J. Tully search to uncover the mystery and find the man responsible for these vicious crimes.

Kava, born in Silver Creek, Nebraska, now shares her time between Omaha, Nebraska and Pensacola, Florida. She has written ten other books in the Maggie O'Dell series and two stand-alone novels, been published in more than 20 different countries and earned spots on Bestseller lists from around the world. From humble beginnings in a small town in Nebraska to international bestselling author, Kava shows that dreams can come true with hard work and a determination to succeed.

Columbus and area residents will have a chance to meet Alex Kava in an event sponsored by the Friends of the Library on Sunday, August 4th at 2pm, when Alex will visit for a book signing event for her latest book, "Stranded."

If you haven't read any of Kava's books, why not stop by Columbus Public Library and check out one of the early novels in the Maggie O'Dell series. First up in that series is "A Perfect Evil," set in the fictional town of Platte City, Nebraska, O'Dell seeks to find the person responsible for murdering three young boys when local authorities realize that the person just executed for the crime was a copycat, and a murderer is still on the loose. Kava then continues writing about the work of FBI agent O'Dell in "Split Second," the second book in the series which finds O'Dell once again on the hunt of a clever serial killer dubbed "The Collector" after he escapes from prison. Keep following the series by checking out "The Soul Catcher," "At the Stroke of Madness," "A Necessary Evil," and "Exposed." The next book in the Maggie O'Dell series, "Black Friday," O'Dell finds herself sifting through debris after a bombing at the Mall of America on the biggest shopping day of the year to uncover the facts, but finds a sinister secret agenda of a lobby group. The series continues with "Damaged," "Hotwire," and "Fireproof."

Two stand-alone novels, "One False Move," and "Whitewash," are just as thrilling as the Maggie O'Dell series and feature different kinds of criminals and corruption and the people who fight against it.

Now is the perfect time to check out one of these great thrillers, then come and meet the author behind them on August 4th at 2pm in the Art Gallery at Columbus Public Library.

For more information on Kava's books or other thrilling reads, stop by the Library and we will be happy to help you find your next favorite book!