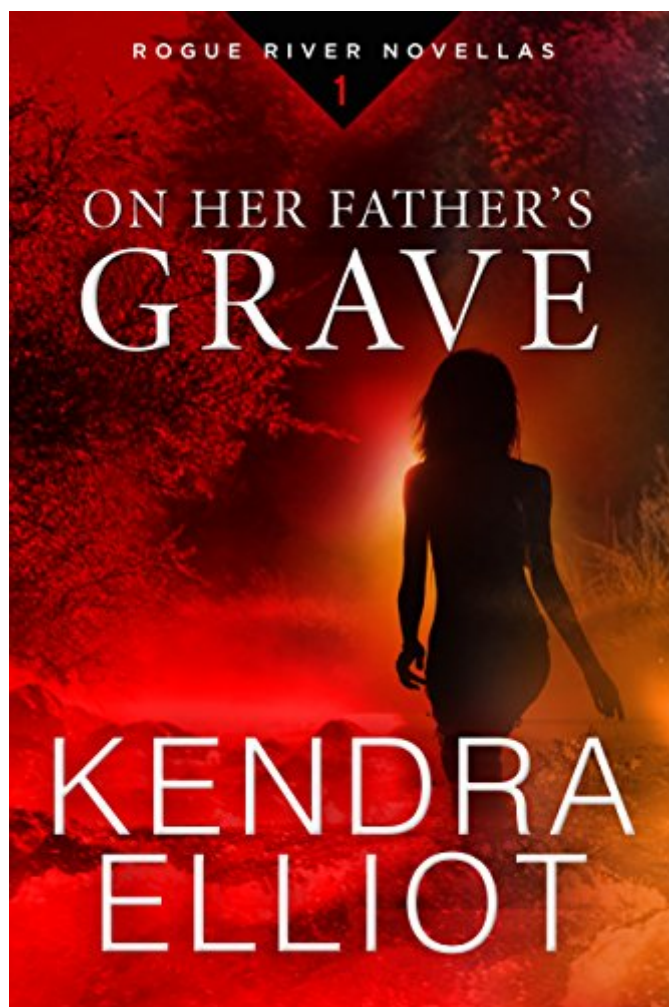


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Synopsis

In a small town like Solitude, Oregon, keeping a secret can be murder. Stevie Taylor had left her sleepy Oregon hometown for a more exciting life. But after her police chief father passes away, the LAPD cop returns to Solitude and signs on as a patrol officer, hoping to heal from her loss and from the horrific things she's seen in the city. In Solitude, everyone knows everyone else's business and, to Stevie's dismay, local gossip soon ties her to the new police chief and a man from her past. Tragedy then shakes up the small town when a teenager dies after taking a strange new drug. Now, the seasoned LA cop must hunt down the dealer while investigating the most important case of her life, one that could divide her tranquil town. The first of four thrilling Rogue River novellas, *On Her Father's Grave* launches a new romantic suspense series from Kendra Elliot and Melinda Leigh.

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Customer Reviews

On Her Father's Grave starts off with a bang, leading the series *Rogue River* co-written by Kendra Elliot and Melinda Leigh. Two of the most prolific thriller writers of today, *Rogue River Series*, is set in the small town of Solitude, OR. Stevie Taylor returns to her hometown after her father, the town's

Police Chief passes away due to a heart attack. Having survived some gruesome crimes in LAPD as a cop, Stevie wants nothing more than to stay away from the past pain and reconnect with her roots as a patrol officer in her hometown. Her return coincides with the death of a teenager under suspicious circumstances, and with the meeting of Zane Duncan, the new Chief of Police. In a town where everyone knows everyone, and everyone keeps everyone in sight, Stevie and Zane have to team up to get to the bottom of these deaths as there seem to be more bodies turning up. The flare of desire and chemistry that ignites between Stevie and Zane is a sure surprise for both, but something that they both like to take it further. I always love the way Kendra etches her characters. She gives them so many layers of depth and individuality; it's like peeling an onion, as you get to know their strengths and weaknesses, one layer a time. Kendra does a brilliant job of keeping the narration open and pure, with feelings and emotions decked out, with a hint of secrets that may divide the small town, and keeping the essence of a small town's thinking and beliefs. The aura of anticipation as to what's going to happen next or the blossoming relationship between Stevie and Zane, only adds more excitement to the story. *On Her Father's Grave* keeps you glued until the last page.

Authors Kendra Elliot and Melinda Leigh are writing a four novella series, and this is the first one in that series. Melinda Leigh will write the next one, and so on. It's an interesting concept, and it will be fun to see how it all plays out. I think Ms. Elliot has a winner with this mystery/romance. Stevie Taylor has just moved back to her hometown of Solitude, after a ten year absence. Her father, the police chief, has just died, so she decides to stay, and gets hired by the police department. Since she was a LA based police officer, she has the experience to do so. She has a big family that lives there, and she misses them. The night before her first day, she is called to the death scene of a teenage boy. New police chief, Zane, is pretty much attracted to her immediately. This was a short read, as usual with any novella, but I didn't think it suffered, due to its length. Stevie was pretty fully realized by the author, as a good cop, one that went through some bad experiences in LA. Not only is she a good cop, but she is also just a good, caring person, one that is grieving for her father. Zane is a smart, and honorable man, one that knows a good thing (Stevie) when he sees one. But he is her boss, so... The mystery was well realized, and of course written. Could it have been more intricate? Of course, but since it was a novella, that goes with the territory. How does a healthy teenage boy die without a mark on him, in sight of most of his friends? Drugs? Or was he murdered? That's just one of the questions here. Another one would be, why is everyone interested in her father's journals? What's been going on in this small town since she's

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