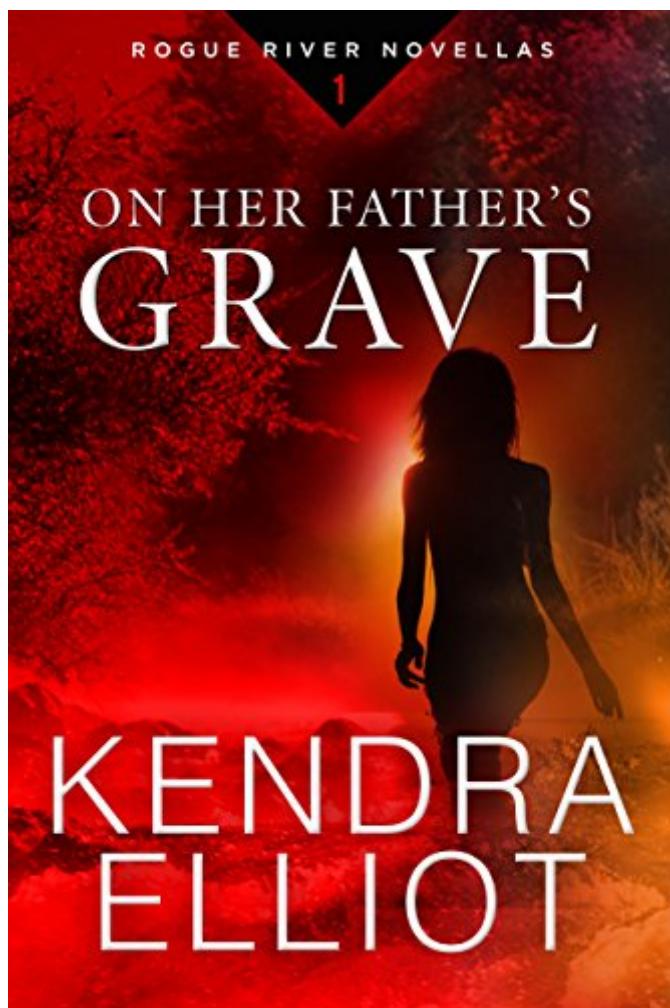


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Synopsis

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

NUMBER OF HEARTS: 4 1/2
REVIEW: *On Her Father's Grave* is the first novella in Kendra Elliot and Melinda Leigh's combined new novella series The Rogue River Series. And like

any good novella the story was over way too quickly. We open On Her Father's Grave with Stevie Taylor returning home after the passing of her father and her getting tired of life in LA. But not all is smooth sailing on Stevie's first day of work or the day before her first day of work. The death of a local teen has everyone on edge. Zane Duncan finds himself thrown into the role as Chief of police (and not by choice). But what can he do other than honor the man who treated him like one of his own. Zane knows something is not right with Hunter's death but finding the answers are not that easy. Could there be more to this than just a kid overdosing on a new drug? Like any novella I review I can't give you much more than I loved it. I can't wait for the next installment by Ms. Leigh to find out what happens next in the quiet little town of Solitude Oregon. I do hope that we will get to see more of Zane & Stevie in future books too. I want to know what is happening with them. If you enjoy romance suspense you really should add On Her Father's Grave to your read list. Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of the book from NetGalley & Montlake Romance in exchange for an honest review. This review is my own opinion and not a paid review.

I really enjoy Kendra Elliot. In a series of four novellas, Ms Elliot paired with Melinda Leigh to create a quiet Oregon town that is beginning to lose its innocence about drug use. The chief of police and his newly hired police officer from LA are just ferreting out the issue at the end of this story. I presume it will continue in the next three of the series. As noted above, the characters develop quickly and are well drawn including the supporting cast. Many questions are raised and hints are given to make the reader wonder who is involved with the drugs. I believe this is a good start to a novel. If you like a bit of romance, that is thrown in, too. However, it appears the reader will need to purchase four novellas at about three dollars each to finish this work. I am not that enamored of the story to spend the money. I will continue to read Ms Elliot's full-out novels. They are adrenaline pushing and fully formed in plot and character and not overly formulaic and cost at least half as much as this Rogue River series. The Rogue River series would have made one pretty good book.

This is the first entry in the 4-part series, which teamed up two of my favorite authors, Kendra Elliot and Melinda Leigh. On Her Father's Grave finds former LAPD cop Stevie Taylor returning home to her small-town roots in Solitude, OR. Stevie followed her beloved father's footsteps into law enforcement. Her father, the chief of police in Solitude, has passed away suddenly. Stevie decides to move back to Solitude and join the police force there. Stevie's family is very well-known in the small town. Besides her late father's position, her brother, James, is the town's mayor. Her younger

sister, Carly, is a social worker who is married to Seth Harding, an investigator. Her father's second-in-command, Roy, decides that the top job isn't for him. Instead, experienced officer Zane Duncan takes over as chief. Zane has lived in Solitude for over 5 years now, but still feels like an outsider in the small town. Stevie and Zane are immediately thrown into an investigation when a teen dies after taking a new street drug. Zane is taken with Stevie, but Stevie is still healing from breaking up with her ex-boyfriend, a fellow officer in LA. She's not sure that she ever wants to date another cop. It's no surprise that the characters are well-thought out, given the two authors who worked on the series. Stevie is strong and smart without being hard-edged. Zane is kind and patient, realizing that Stevie has a lot of healing to do. The story ends too soon, leaving you wanting more. Having grown up in a very small town myself, I appreciated the following moments:*

Small Town Rule #2: Reputations are made in five seconds and stick for twenty years. Or more.* "You know you're from a small town if you call the wrong number and you know the person you called," stated Bruce.

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I slogged my way there this book. I kept waiting for the story to start...it never did. This is like reading a outline for a book. When I reached the end I was surprised..I thought it was the end of the chapter.

I've waited to give my review until I read all four books. Like most all books written by Melinda Leigh, and Kendra Elliot, these four were well done. With that being said, this is not how I like to do things. I like books that have a beginning, middle, & an ending, all in one book. Then I'm ready to begin a new book, with two new characters. The only reason I read these four, was because they were written by two of my favorite authors. These four books weren't spectacular, but pretty good. I think the first book from each author was my favorite of the four.

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