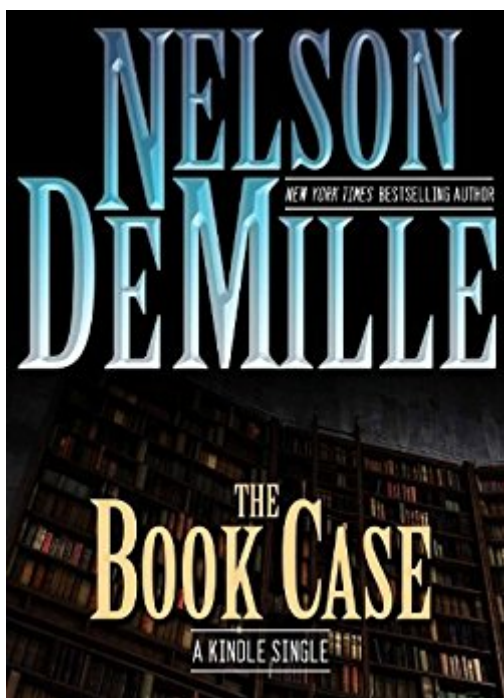


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## The Book Case (Kindle Single)



## Synopsis

In this compact and delightful murder mystery, New York Times bestselling suspense novelist Nelson DeMille returns to one of his most beloved characters—the hard-boiled NYPD Detective John Corey. New York City bookstore owner Otis Parker is dead, killed by a falling bookcase. A tragic accident? Corey isn't so sure. With deadpan humor and skeptical eye, the determined detective is on the case, and everyone who has the misfortune to be connected to Parker is a suspect—the failing mystery writer in town to sign books; the beautiful young wife, and the bookstore employee who appears to be more nervous than aggrieved. In his debut Kindle Single, DeMille deftly maneuvers through the twists and turns of this fast-moving story, delivering his legion of fans yet another gripping read.

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## Customer Reviews

Since I "discovered" Nelson DeMille many years ago, he's become one of my favorite authors, and I've read everything he's written. So of course I pre-ordered "The Book Case" when I saw it listed as a Kindle Single. The short story (or novelette, if you like) features John Corey, a recurring character

in several of DeMille's novels. While I didn't care too much for Corey in his first appearance in Plum Island, he's grown on me, with his quick-witted sense of humor and his dogged determination to solve a case. The story in "The Book Case" predates Plum Island, at a time when Corey was still a detective with the NYPD. That was well before he met (and later married) FBI agent Kate Mayfield, also one of my favorite DeMille characters. In "The Book Case," Detective Corey is investigating the death of bookstore owner Otis Parker. Was it an accident or was it murder? The evidence, or actually some missing evidence, convinces Corey that foul play was involved. It looked like an inside job, and there was no shortage of possible suspects, but proving his theory could be tough, considering that the suspects all appeared to have their stories straight. This is the same John Corey who became such a marvelous character in DeMille's novels, displaying the same deadpan humor and funny asides, and his natural deductive skills that make him a great cop. "The Book Case" was a very enjoyable story, and a delight to watch John Corey at work once again. Hopefully this won't be the last we see of NYPD Detective John Corey.

NYPD Detective John Corey has been called to the appropriately named Dead End Bookstore where the store's owner has been found dead, crushed by a large bookcase. The responding officer thought something didn't look right, and Corey agrees. Now he wants to get the facts and arrest the killer before his superior officer calls back to check up on his progress. Remembering how much my mother enjoyed DeMille's books, I thought I would sample this short story to see if there was a chance I'd enjoy his writing, too. I do. I was impressed by John Corey, for both his investigative skills and his sense of humor, and I liked the story and its pacing. I'll be back for more.

A fairly mindless short story that you read on the bus or waiting for a train or a flight delay - not much more than that; minimally believable; anyone expecting something similar to his early works will be disappointed, so take it for what it is.

I liked the book pretty well, especially the little aside remarks the protagonist makes to himself. I gave it 4 stars out of the five, because in books as well as in movies, I do not think the need for foul language in general, to be necessary to the plot. Especially the 'F' word. Most of my friends are religious, so I would be reluctant to recommend it most of them. Others I know, would definitely enjoy it.

This was one of the best "single" mystery books I have read. Good pace and great quips. Nice

compact murder.

A fun short read. Detective was funny, clever and smart. Perps were greedy, not smart and caught at the scene!

I'll avoid trying to summarize the plot because it would spoil the story. The book hits the ground running and get right to the nitty gritty. It's amazing how the author was able to develop the characters within the confines of a very short book. I'm a big fan of DeMille and have read almost all of his books. I'm not a fan of Detective John Corey, the main character in this book. Sometimes I think his smart-aleck comments detract from the story. But, I really enjoyed being "inside" Corey's head as he investigates an incident. It was interesting to see how his thinking goes in various directions as he considers the evidence. The only down side to this book is that it wasn't long enough to really sink your teeth into it. I finished it in one sitting (and not a long one at that). If you're a John Corey fan, you'll definitely love it. If you're a DeMille fan, you'll enjoy it. If you like police procedurals, you'll definitely like it.

Pretty good for a short story. This was a "test" purchase for my new Kindle. I've read most of Nelson DeMille's books and this was the first short story that I read. The John Corey character has been a complex character and this short story is no exception. It is fun to read his thought processes in a condensed version. Good read. Prefer the regular books where the characters and the story have more time to develop.

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