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From New York Times bestselling author Stephen White comes the sixth suspense thriller featuring psychologist Dr. Alan Gregory. Summoned to the hospital to learn the motives behind a teenage girl's suicide attempt, Alan discovers that the girl's young stepsister lies near death in another hospital with a heart disease. Denied an experimental new treatment that could save her life by her parent's managed-care provider, the stepsister has become a symbol of a health care system more concerned with costs than with the lives of its patients. And when a wealthy executive of the family's HMO is found dead, Alan and Denver detective Sam Purdy uncover the truth that links the teenage girl to his death, and the truth behind a family willing to kill in the name of love...and revenge.

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Hazel Bright says

Much, much better than "Remote Control," probably because Lauren is out of town. I am trying to like her character, but I just don't.

Jim says

Sixth book in the Dr. Alan Gregory series. Written in 1998-99 it's somewhat dry and far too long at 397 pages. Gregory's wife D.A. Lauren Crowder doesn't appear in this novel at all. I thought the end was not well scripted. Although overall I liked the book, it gets three stars out of a possible five stars. For those reading this series this one may be one to skip over.

Lynn says

I enjoyed the growth of these characters and issues raised. It's also sort of a safe thriller (weird huh). Very measured and controlled storytelling.

Chris says

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#6 in the Alan Gregory series. Alan is a psychologist in Boulder, CO and his wife Lauren is an Assistant D.A. Friend Sam Purdy is a Boulder detective and it is often difficult for Purdy to get the information he wants from Alan as Alan refuses to violate client confidentiality.

Alan Gregory series - While Lauren is visiting her ailing mother, Alan is recruited by friend Adrienne to consult on the case of a teenage girl who is an attempted suicide, suspected murderer, and refuses to speak. Her sister has a rare heart disease and the insurance company refuses to pay for treatment. The girls turn out to be Sam Purdy's nieces

ife can be pretty mundane for Dr. Alan Gregory, a psychology Dr. in Boulder Colorado. All of a sudden things have picked up tho. A young girl has tried to commit suicide and a cohort has called for him to come do an evaluation on her. Come to find out she's the sister of a little 2 year old who has been in the news for the past while, fighting for her life with a heart infection, but being rejected by the insurance company for a new heart. About the same time, Dr. Gregory goes to pick up his cop friend Sam at a murder site before taking him to Denver to the hockey game. Through the twists and turns of life Sam and Dr. Gregory figure out that the girl Gregory is treating is Sam's niece, AND the murdered person is the owner of the insurance company that is rejecting baby's heart transplant. Being's that this is Boulder, and reminders of little

JonBenet Ramsey's murder is still fresh in everyone's mind, this is getting to be sticky business. Toss in the fact that Sam's niece, the suicide teen, has bloody clothes and the gun used in the murder of the insurance guy in her bedroom...things don't look too good.

the airport scene was a big much, otherwise a 4 star

Christina Jennings hurst says

3.5 Stars

Decent, fast-paced read. Wish some of the character attachments were a little less confusing but overall good book. I would consider reading more from this author.

Bill Shuey says

To me this read more like a conversation at a psychologists' conference than a suspense thriller. There was precious little action and a lot of verbiage which seemed to drag and only served to fill pages with meaningless rhetoric.

I haven't read any of White's other books, hopefully this wasn't his best effort.

Laurel Wright says

This was the first book I have read from this author. It turned out to be much better than I expected it to be. I listen to the audio book version and the narrator (Dick Hill) was extremely good. There were many twists in the story and you think you know where it's going but it surprises you, right up until the end. Nice to know that this is number six of the series-I will look for the other ones now.

Melissa says

A good read but not as good with the therapist/cop duo as Johnathan Kellerman. Alan Gregory is called in to consult on a girl who is brought in to the ER having overdosed and in critical condition. The plot twists in that she is the older sister of a baby who has been in the news due to having heart problems and the managed health care company refusing to pay for what they think is experimental treatment.

It is an interesting story but was hard to me to get into and then is a bit winding and confusing and the ending was not what I would have expected - not just because he wrote it really well, but because he put in something so out of left park!

My husband and I enjoyed the references to hockey in this book.

Sheila says

One of his patients is a suspect in a murder investigation.

Sherry Ledbetter says

Good book

Very interesting book. There were a lot of twists and turns with the young girl. The last part was a little too long during the baggage compartment episode. Other than that it was a good read.

Nancy says

The book opens with a great introduction and insight as to how Alan feels and helps others as a psychologist. The story then starts out with Alan eating lunch with his work partner Diane (self centered narcissist) and her convoluted connection to a custody case with an influential family. Alan gets sucked into another case helping a suicidal teen, that surprise surprise is connected with Diane's case and his jerk cop buddy Sam. Medical care malpractice, revenge and extortion all tie together in a toxic web. Luckily his horrible wife Lauren was away visiting her family most of the book, so I only had to deal with a few of Alan's soul crushing friends.

Joan Horkey says

Brilliant! Suspenseful and thrilling!

Reese Copeland says

This was the first time I had read anything by this author. I enjoyed the book. Initially, it seemed to go slow, but once things started to pick up it was better. It had a great, dark turn in the latter part of the book that kept you going until the end.

Mary Perkins says

This is well written couldn't put it down just wanted to know what happened next

Donn Lorber says

Cops and psychiatrists follow a family that has a very sick child and a very troubled sibling.
