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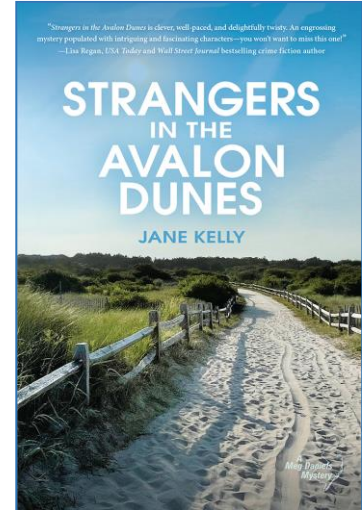
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## Strangers in the Avalon Dunes

**Jane Kelly's Sixth Novel in the Popular Meg Daniels Series  
Is This Winter's Featured Release From the Publisher of  
*Boardwalk Empire***

January 17, 2023, Medford, N.J.—Plexus Publishing, Inc., the independent publisher of the *New York Times* bestseller *Boardwalk Empire*, announced the publication of Jane Kelly's latest mystery, *Strangers in the Avalon Dunes*.



After the turbulence of her last adventure, Meg Daniels swears she never wants to help someone find a lost loved one ever again. She settles into a lazy routine in an upscale home in the high dunes of Avalon, New Jersey, housesitting for a friend of her fiancé, Andy Beck, for several months.

However, Meg finds she can't outrun her reputation. When a young woman asks Meg to find her long-lost grandfather, Ken Patterson, Meg just can't say no. In 1977, Ken, a wealthy attorney, decided he was born too soon. He missed the British Invasion, the Summer of Love, and Woodstock. He may have missed the Sixties, but he wasn't going to miss the Seventies. So, he simply disappeared, leaving behind his wife and daughter. After more than 40 years have gone by, can Meg actually find him? Ken's daughter has been diagnosed with early-onset dementia and wants to reunite with the father she hasn't seen in four decades, so time is of the essence.

Meg soon becomes convinced she's investigating a murder. Had Ken really executed a carefully planned escape from the life he no longer wanted? Meg is not so sure. His abandoned wife claims she has never given up on him, but Meg concludes that not everyone—including his wife—was sad to see him go.

As Meg begins to make some progress on the case, it becomes obvious that someone really doesn't want Meg nosing around. Is it the killer or simply a man who doesn't want to be found?

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“Kelly's *Strangers in the Avalon Dunes* is a pleasure to read. As always, Meg Daniels is exactly the right combination of witty, curious, and persistent, and that is exactly what is needed in the extremely cold case she tackles in this latest installment,” said Lisa Regan, *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling crime fiction author. “It’s an engrossing mystery populated with intriguing and fascinating characters; you won't want to miss this one!”

### **MORE ADVANCE PRAISE**

“Fans of Jane Kelly's lighthearted mystery series, the Meg Daniels Mysteries, will love Meg's latest adventure. *Strangers in the Avalon Dunes* is a delightful beach read ... whether or not you're down the shore.”

—Jeff Markowitz, author of *Hit or Miss*

“Jane Kelly brings us another page-turner set at the Jersey Shore as Meg Daniels' sleuthing takes her back in time.”

—Annie McCormick, author of  
*The Doctor, the Hitman and the Motorcycle Gang*

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Jane Kelly is a native Philadelphian, but no matter where her career took her—New York, Washington DC, Boston, Chicago, or Phoenix—she managed to visit the Jersey Shore, where the Meg Daniels mysteries are set, at least once a year. Jane is a graduate of Chestnut Hill College, has an MS from Drexel University in Library and Information Science and an MPhil in Popular Literature from Trinity College, Dublin in 2008. Jane has served as president of the Delaware Valley Sisters in Crime and on the board of the New York Chapter of Mystery Writers of America. Her fourth Meg Daniels mystery, *Missing You in Atlantic City*, won an Independent Publisher Book Award silver medal for mid-Atlantic fiction in 2015.

*Strangers in the Avalon Dunes* (284pp/trade paperback/\$15.95/ISBN 978-1-940091-12-9; eBook/ \$9.99/ ISBN 978-1-940091-90-7) is available in bookstores and from all major online booksellers, and by ordering direct from the publisher. For more information or to order, call or email Plexus Publishing, Inc. at 609/654-6500 or [info@plexuspublishing.com](mailto:info@plexuspublishing.com) or visit [plexuspublishing.com](http://plexuspublishing.com).

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