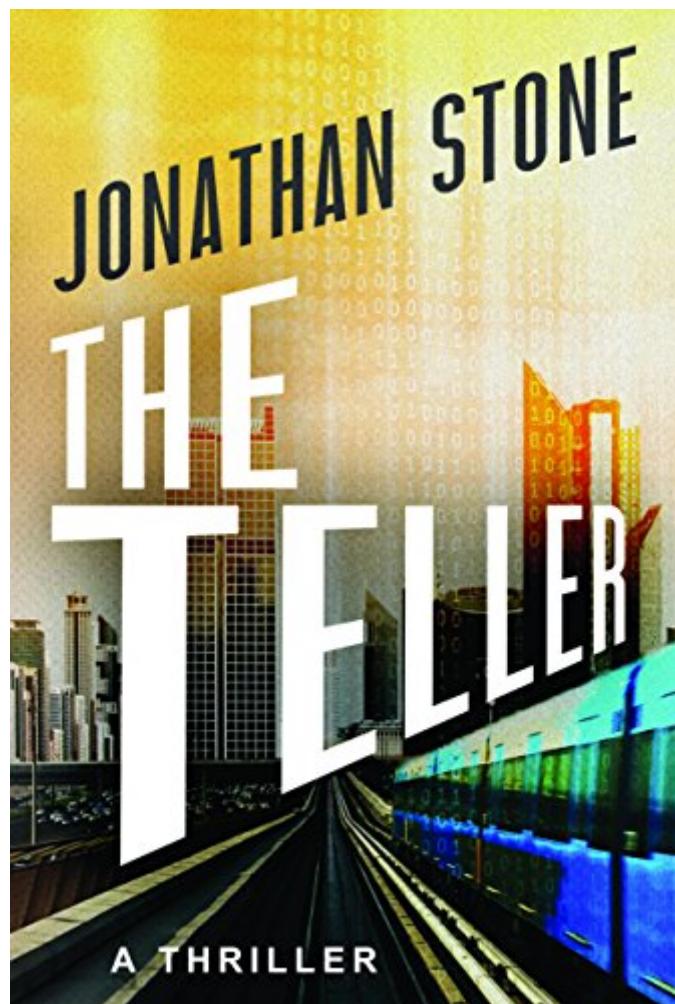


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# The Teller



## **Synopsis**

Twenty-three-year-old Elaine Kelly doesn't earn much as a bank teller, and most of her salary goes toward caring for her terminally ill mother. When a lonely old man who deposits money at her bank every week gets hit and killed by a delivery truck, Elaine, "a good Irish girl from Queens," thinks she's found the answer to her problems. She'll just transfer \$1 million from the dead man's account into hers. Except that the lonely old man may not have been who he seemed. And when you take \$1 million that isn't yours, it can cost you way more. Acclaimed author Jonathan Stone's pulse-pounding thriller takes readers from the darkest corners of New York's financial empire into a shadowy hierarchy of wealth and power. The Teller follows the money and takes readers along for the wild ride. Revised edition: This edition of The Teller includes editorial revisions.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I really enjoyed Stone's last book, Moving Day, and told everyone I could about it. Now I'm telling

everyone about The Teller. The central character, Elaine, couldn't be more different than the protagonist in Moving Day but she is just as engaging and complex, and she continues to evolve right to the end (as does the plot - the twists never stop.) There's just something about the way he writes that hooks me at page one - even the most minor characters are sharply drawn and his insights into human character have me nodding. It's a page-turner, but there's also a depth - somehow he fits in meditations on the nature of power, on loyalty, or family. life. Some funny quirky moments as well....like what the rooftop gardener sees when she puts on her glasses (you'll find out.) The main detective is unique as well which is next to impossible in this genre. The Kindle version is definitely the most fun I've ever had for \$4.99.

This book is about being frustrated about your life, because you were the daughter that was left to take care of mom when she got sick. You go to work everyday and do the same thing...taking care of an invalid mother, cleaning house, and not having the life you dreamed of. Until one day you see the opportunity to have the lifestyle you dreamed of. But as luck would have it, you steal 1.3 million dollars after watching your customer get run over by a truck. The mob knows that you have the money.

A bank teller waits on a friendly elderly man who comes in to make weekly deposits in his account and one day as he is leaving he gets hit by a truck in front of the bank and dies and the teller transfers his account into hers..What happens in the rest of the story is unbelievable. She tries to transfer the money back, when bad things start happening, but the account is frozen because of his death. The gentleman is not who he seemed and the young lady gets involved in such bizarre underworld happenings...it is almost unbelievable. A very interesting slant on what can happen in an instant and how one is tested by instinct! .This book is extremely interesting, a page turner to be sure!

This is a good read, and I will no doubt read another by Stone. I found it more entertaining than Suspenseful. I think it takes an imagination of major proportions to accept the story as serious, particularly at Hollywood ending. While I was reading I thought Stone was a little over the top, but after finishing a reading that he is a former Madison Avenue worker I laughed . . . of course.

I always look for books with high ratings so I was disappointed with this novel. The plot was seriously improbable. The book suffers from an identity crisis. It could have been a bang-up thriller

except for the plot. It seems the author couldn't decide between thriller and fantasy. Similarly it could have been an exciting thriller except that the momentum was slowed by ever lengthening descriptions of the protagonists motivations and morals which for a thriller were very weighty. I so rarely skip words but eventually, I found myself skipping over these sections to continue with the excitement. The book was bogged down with these passages and they were not particularly insightful. All in all the author missed an opportunity to create an exciting thriller and I was glad to reach the end.

Heart pounding excitement!!!! And completely original, nothing else like it. Unbelievable twists and turns and shocks for the reader on every page. A young lady, raised to be a good Catholic girl, makes a quick impulsive mistake one day at the bank where she works, and unleashes a firestorm on herself and others, the likes of which she couldn't even begin to imagine --- involving murders, the drug trade, white slavery --- just to name a few. Jonathan Stone is exquisitely talented and I'm about to grab up everything else he has written!

This novel is about a young bank teller who is struggling financially to care for her terminally ill mom. She is presented with an unexpected opportunity to embezzle over \$1 million and impulsively does so. She quickly learns that her actions have involved her in a situation far more dangerous than the legal implications of what she has done. The plot that ensues is exciting and unexpected. This is the second book I have read by this author and I believe what sets him apart is that he gives the reader a great deal of insight into the characters. Knowing what motivates the individuals in this novel added to my reading enjoyment.

I liked Moving Day better than this book, (by the same author), but this was right up there and still a stand out. Stone really has a refreshing take on this genre. I think you'll like this if you're getting tired of the same old thriller style of story.

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