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The Fall of Summer by Ted M. Alexander

“This is a very impressive debut . . . No cardboard cutouts here. These are real people and Alexander makes us care about them.” — *Kirkus Reviews*

In small-town America, murder intrudes, but sex binds.

Asheville, NC, January 3, 2015 - President John Kennedy is dead. Vietnam looms on the horizon. But days are long and time is cheap in Hardscrabble, a sleepy Long Island town reluctant to awaken.

DJ Elders, a high school senior, finds himself stumbling through the no-man’s-land between adolescence and adulthood. Suddenly a striking beauty with a hot body and mysterious background shows up. DJ notices. She smiles. He falls. And tragedy leads to homicide as the once-tranquil town of Hardscrabble begins to blow up around him.

When DJ realizes that clues from the murder of a New York City police officer are similar to the recent shocking killing in Hardscrabble, he slowly grasps that he is in the cross-hairs of the suspected murderer.

In a heartbreaking and humorous testament to the enduring power of friendship and youth, *The Fall of Summer* is a bittersweet glance back to a simpler time, when the Beatles had just hit American shores, the Yankees couldn’t lose a pennant, and life’s promise was still within reach.



About the author:

Ted M. Alexander grew up in Long Island, New York. He won a Shubert creative writing fellowship, completed his Masters Degree, then joined a rock band and toured America for five years. He later worked as an account supervisor and media director for two Manhattan advertising agencies, followed by a career in publishing. He is currently a columnist for the Asheville Citizen-Times in Western North Carolina.

His second novel, *After and Before*, is scheduled for release in the first half of 2015. Contact the author at TedMAlexander.com