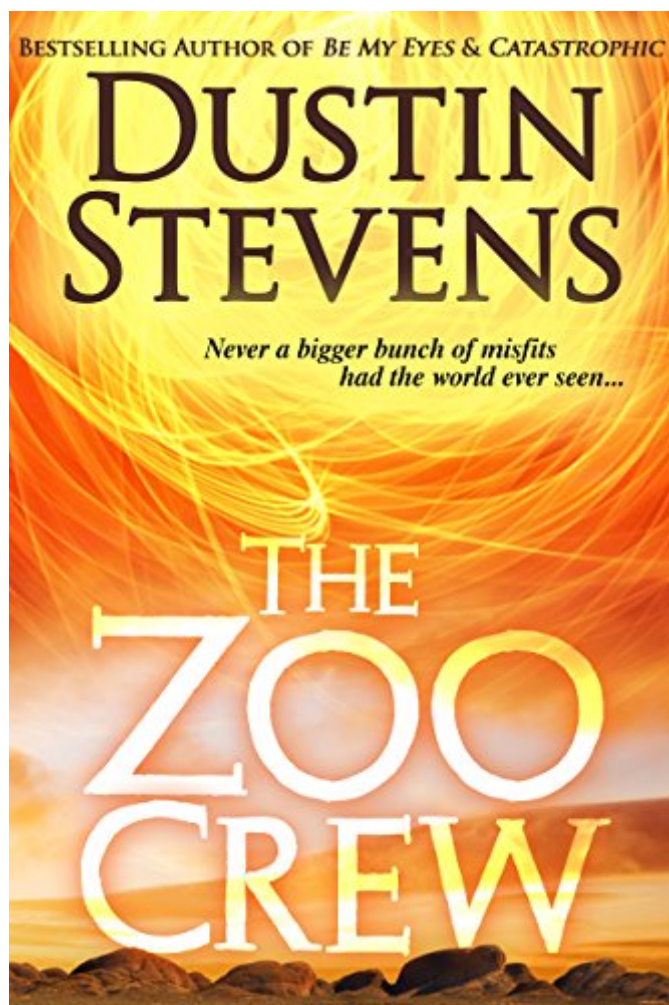


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The Zoo Crew - A Thriller (Zoo Crew Series Book 1)



Synopsis

The Zoo Crew. A random assortment of individuals that came together in western Montana out of circumstance, stayed together by choice. Among them are Ajax, a gaming genius far from his native Boston. Kade, a forest firefighter that spends half his year roaming the blazing countryside, the other half perusing the local nightlife. Sage, registered nurse and proverbial mother hen for the group. At the helm is Drake Bell, displaced Southerner and third year law student. Fresh off a summer spent interning in legal hell, he is only mildly certain he even wants to continue down the path he's on. Until an old friend comes to find him that is. Eight months pregnant and closing fast on her due date, the girl is scared. What was supposed to have been a simple surrogacy agreement has gone tragically wrong. Young girls like her are coming up missing or even worse. She's on the run and has nobody else to turn to. If everything the girl is saying is true, some of the largest players in the Missoula community are involved. Armed only with his own trepidations and the loyalty of those around him, Drake must find a way to save his friend and his own growing skepticism before it's too late.

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Customer Reviews

I was not sure when I began the book how well I was going to like it. I really do not like it when an author either tries to 'stumble' or just plain 'B.S.' his/her way through something they really do not know much about. I don't always know - so do not always 'catch' it. If you tell me a legal torte is a small dessert - it might fly ;-) But, when I am told a fly line is a 'string' and a fly rod is a 'pole' and the Zoo Crew are Gung Ho fly fisher folks . . . no sale. I did wind up enjoying the book. There were some typos (that seems to be an increasingly more common problem in ebooks . . . for whatever reason(s)) but, the plot was good and the characters were - mostly - reasonably well developed. Some certainly more than others in this regard. I did like the book enough to buy the next in the Zoo Crew Series - 'Dead Peasants'. That one is starting off better than this one.

Missoula, Montana is home to the Zoo Crew, dubbed "never a bigger bunch of misfits had the world ever seen." Everyone invited to play their cards like a winning hand. Youthful attorneys in training. They have been trained to observe, categorize, summarize, smile at frowning juries, then rise above everything to kick justice skyward. Everyone makes choices, but they don't always want to live with those choices. Consequences guide our lives. Lessons are learned, not through avoidance, but through failure. Life begets change. All touched become slightly different persons. Called many things; bounty-hunters, skip tracers, detectives, law hounds, or bleating dogs, members of the Zoo Crew have found their niche in life. Missoula Legal Services clinic, under Lauer, as the mentor, could prove to be soul crushing. Some are cavalier about death, but most shudder and try to bury memories. Drake Bell is approached by Ella Haggerty, a go-between for her cousin, Beth. A meeting is proposed. The Crew soon learn details about the ugly side of haggard. An intricate human machine has created a surrogacy group who take babies from young, unwed mothers. As the Crew digs deeper for evidence, they learn that many of Missoula's influential citizens are in the baby selling business. Stupid doesn't always know they are stupid, but in this case, they mistakenly believe they have the corner on smarts. Most tend to ignore college students on a quest, but that is a mistake. The Crew fetters out the exploiters, proving again, that justice can reside in unlikely places. This creates warmth in the heart. The friendships developed built on trust, encouragement, and faith will create a lifetime of good will. This is an engaging, enjoyable read. We certainly need more heroes in the world. Loyalty is often an under-rated asset. There is a follow-up number two book about the Crew. I intend to seek out that morsel also.

This was an okay book. It kept me interested enough to want to know what happened next. But it wasn't particularly well-written. The author tried too hard on the descriptions, sometimes used words

oddly, or simply incorrectly, which was jarring to the narrative flow: "she *descended* the hall to the kitchen", instead of "went down the hall" or "walked down the hall". "he *wrapped* against the door with the *back* of his knuckles". "dark circles *belied* both her eyes". just a few examples. and the writing was choppy, the story not too believable in places, the characters and the storyline needed more meat. but it was worth what i paid, the characters have potential, and i think the writer can improve with practice. i bought the first three (only three?) books in the series at the same time, so i'll read Book 2 and see how it goes.

I initially was turned off by the gore at the beginning of this book. I really considered not reading it but I got through it and read a fairly good mystery. It may be stretch to have so many local government officials part of a crooked deal. Based on two books that i have read by this author, he seems to have a thing about the children market.

Sophomoric plot. "Crew" camaraderie and commitment was not very believable. Sort of reminded me of story lines found in former youth serials like "VR Troopers" and "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" that my young daughter used to watch on TV, except the violence here was pretty graphic.

I'll read the next in the series of The Zoo Crew. A few faults with spelling throughout the book which made me lose concentration. Not just a couple either. If i was Dustin Stevens I would be right on that it's not good enough. On the whole i enjoyed the book though could stand to have a bit more of a twist near the end as I felt the last few chapters were a bit dull.

This is an unusual story line with an eclectic group of heroes and villains. Add to that a murder mystery and you have an exciting book to read as the Crew goes up against a group of what one usually accepts as trustworthy people about town.

Loved the characters and the loyalty between them. Not with any law enforcement but all had a definite goal and dedication to one another. Will be looking for more from this author. Keep them rolling!!

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