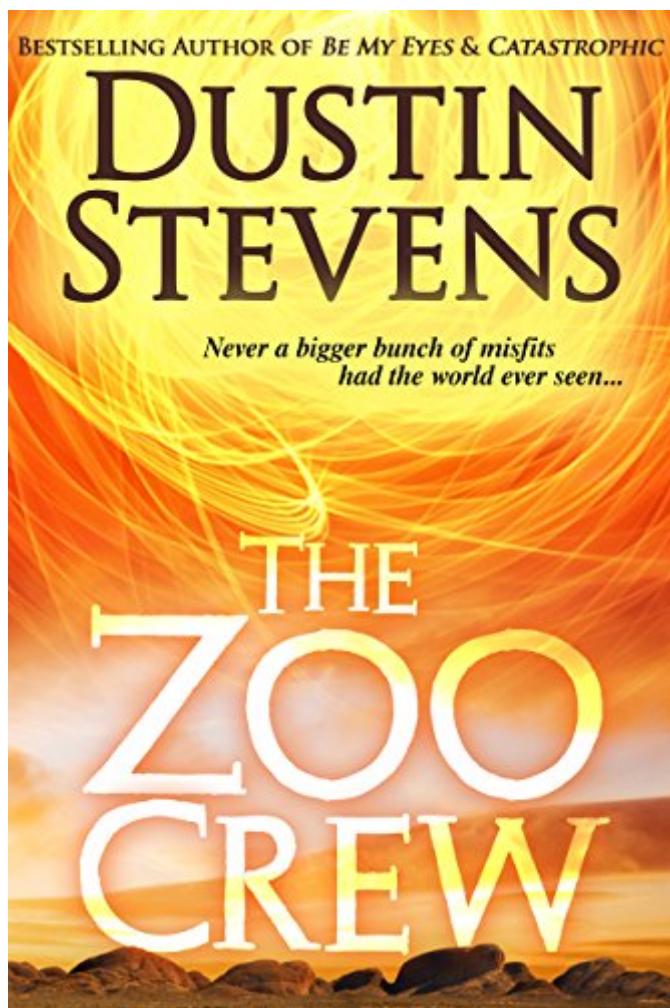


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The Zoo Crew - A Thriller (Zoo Crew Series Book 1)



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.

Didn't know what to expect with this one but it was damned good. Spoiler alert. This one starts with the murder of a woman in Missoula, Montana. The man doing the killing is there to teach a lesson to the rest of the women who are present. His name is Notch and he really, really enjoys his work. Drake Bell is twenty four years old. He's 6'2" with blond hair and blue eyes. He's a third year law student and he's just returned from Nashville, TN. Nashville is his hometown and the reason he has a very southern accent. An accent that sure stands out in Missoula. Drake has just spent three months in the heat and humidity of Tennessee in the Summer to complete some of the training a law student needs to get a law degree. Drake is glad to be back in Montana. He's also beginning to have second thoughts about being a lawyer. Drake was a star player for his college football team in Missoula. Drakes considered hometown hero though he isn't from Missoula or Montana. Ajax is Drakes roommate and a good friend. They met in the roommate lottery when college started and the two of them were paired as roommates. Ajax is from Boston and is a trust fund baby. He and his family are far, far from close. In fact Ajax would just as soon never see any of them at all. Ajax is the only African American in all of Missoula and his trust fund insures that he will never have to work. He has never touched one cent of the trust fund. He is a designer of video games and his games are so good he's making loads of money. Kade and Sage Keuhl are brother and sister. Half Native American and half German. Kade is a smokejumper. He fights fires all over the country. He's very much a ladies man and he knows how to hoist a few at the local bars. Kade is also a hometown hero as he played football with Drake in college. Sage is an RN and she works the night shift so she's available for when she, Kade, Ajax and Drake gettogether which is a couple of times a week. They raft, swim, fish, ski and hike all over the mountains of Montana. They call themselves the Zoo Crew. So begins one pretty damned fine read. This one has Drake, Ajax, Kade, Sage, a girl named

Ava, a girl named Ella, an old school friend of Drakes named Beth, a very pregnant Beth who has a real problem, the Mayor of Missoula, her sister, the Sheriff, a local doctor, a woman from social services, a scheme that's been making money for all of them for the last two years, a sociopath named Notch, another group of pregnant women, a Drake who gets involved because Beth is a woman who helped him out while he was in high school, Kade, Ajax and Sage who are also there to assist, a woman named Ava who's also a law student, an Ava who is kidnaped, a man called Rink, and Drake Bell and the Zoo crew doing what it takes to protect the ladies, take down a killer and stay alive. Five Stars

A terrific book! The camaraderie of the Crew members comes through in the writing and really IS something to want personally in this day and age -- a day and age where most don't even know the next door neighbor! The story is enticing and compelling! Who wouldn't want to get involved when it comes to mothers and their unborn babies! This is a very well written tale, with characters who would be called, "characters", by anyone around them! Their friendship and devotion to each other comes across very well without sounding, umm, schmaltzy is a good word, LOL! Add the compelling, fast paced story, and it all adds up to a terrific book! A highly recommended book by this reader!

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.

I really, really liked this book. There are 4 in the series and I'm going to read all 4. The writing is good and the plot exciting. The "Crew" have become favorites of mine.

I so enjoy reading this author's books and recommend them to readers who enjoy good tales. You won't be disappointed.

I was so disgusted with the beginning. I had read two of this author's books and liked the fact they were interesting and suspenseful. One element I enjoyed was the lack of gore, explicit sex, but still suspenseful. I removed all of this-author's books including paid for but unread. I could not get past the first chapter of this book and have no desire to be exposed to this style of writing again. Which I

could rate 0 stars.

I liked the reed and billy books a little better, but after getting into the story more, it was pretty good.

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