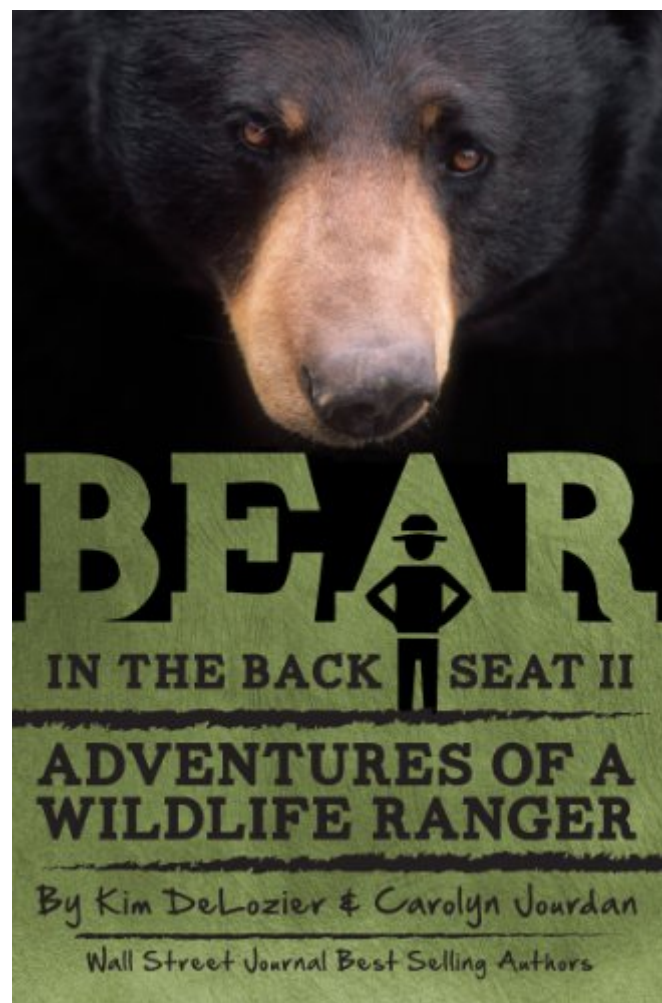


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Bear In The Back Seat II: Adventures Of A Wildlife Ranger In The Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Smokies Wildlife Ranger Book 2



Synopsis

Second volume of true stories from a national bestselling series set in an extraordinary landscape populated with befuddled bears, hormonally-crazed elk, homicidal wild boars, hopelessly timid wolves, and nine million tourists, some of whom are clueless."The first volume of DeLozier's memoir was a #9 Wall Street Journal Bestseller in December of 2013. In Kim DeLozier's world, when sedated wild black bears wake unexpectedly in the back seat of a helicopter in mid-flight, or in his car as he's driving down the highway, or in his office while he's talking on the phone, it's just another day in the park. You'll love seeing Kim and a fellow ranger tested as they bravely take on the task of dealing with enraged wild boars, elk, and other wildlife. A hilarious, heartwarming, and heartbreaking memoir by the chief wildlife ranger in the #1 most popular family vacation destination in the USA, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. For over thirty years, Kim DeLozier acted as a referee in the wild, trying to protect millions of park visitors a year from one of the densest populations of wild black bears in America --and the bears from tourists who tried to get too close. Written with Wall Street Journal bestselling author Carolyn Jourdan who has several highly-regarded #1 bestsellers about the Smoky Mountains and Appalachia. Her other books are "Heart in the Right Place", "Medicine Men", and "Out on a Limb".

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed this series of stories about handling animals (and humans) in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Though the author makes light of some of the challenges of managing the animals, particularly bears, there is also a consistent message that the animals normally only become dangerous if they've become accustomed to being fed by humans. Some of the vignettes are humorous, some more serious, but they all seem to be told with authenticity and directness. You get no sense that the author is making this stuff up just to sell books ! In fact, the book does take on a rather documentary quality at times, when I felt a more personalized language, and perhaps some dialogue and quotes, would have made it more appealing and memorable. Some of the interesting passages that I highlighted in my Kindle copy of the book include: "If I had to choose an animal to come back after I die, it would be a river otter. They seem to play all the time." ... "we smeared Vaseline on the back of each cub to try to mask any human smell on them. We hoped the mother would wake up and lick the cubs to clean them." "Male bears are naturally programmed to kill every cub they find in an effort to maintain dominance in their territory."

There is also a first volume, "Bear In The Back Seat I," which is equally engrossing. I happened to read the two books out of order, but that didn't ruin my enjoyment of the stories. There is nothing better than reading first-hand accounts of working with nature. The ranger who coauthored these books devoted his life to caring for the bears and many other creatures that inhabit the forests of the southern USA. These books should be required reading for everyone who plans to visit a state or national park. The main lesson thread that runs through each tale is: in the parks and reserves, you will be a guest in the home of some amazing animals, so treat them and their home with respect. Don't feed the animals, don't litter, and don't behave like idiots by approaching them. They are wild, not tame. Admire them from afar, then leave them in peace.

I really enjoyed this. Great stories of a wildlife ranger. It is written more as a diary and not as a story. Or maybe that is wrong: It's written as a someone might tell it around the campfire. I liked it but I would have preferred it written by a professional writer who really knew how to build the drama.

Nonetheless, I think every parent should give this to a kid as an example of one profession kids could go into.

In 1 1/2 hour after entering Yellowstone I watched a parent sending his child closer to a huge moose for pics, men ((15?) Chase buffalo across a field and another group chasing a herd of elk. Kudos to Ranger Jane? Arriving in a cloud of dust sliding sideways across the road between men and elk screaming in her mike GET IN YOUR CARS IMMEDIATELY!! My husband says we're leaving before I have to see someone hurt. .15 minutes later we saw a rescue helicopter coming in. Two more came in the next two hours . (Buffalo gorings) . We watched Old Faithful and then drove out of the park. A trip we had planned band expected to enjoy ruined almost by humans and shortened to only one day. How sad that otherwise intelligent people can become so stupid. Old Faithful made it up for us by having the biggest blow in years! What power and majesty! I hope people begin to respect our Parks and the rules. By telling way first piece of information handed to us on entry bright orange sheet saying DO NOT CHASE THE BUFFALO. Thanks for a great book ,doing your job protecting us and trying to educate people about safety in our Parks!

Bear in the Back Seat II, was a wonderful read. I live around Bears here in Alaska and they are amazing creatures. Everything written about how to enjoy our bears is true and mostly important, is how to protect the bears from thoughtless humans. It always amazes me how sometimes the worst offenders are the people who know better. #1..... Don't feed the bears. The Ranger in this book brings his world alive and invites you in it and you begin to see that #1 law is the most in important rule to follow. Through this caring Ranger (Kim), you experience the joy and the sorrow of trying to manage a wonderful animal and sometimes us thought humans. Some of the stories are funny and warms your hear, other stories makes you stop and see things differently. You'll begin to appreciate all of are Wildlife Rangers and the dangers they encounter to protect us and the Wildlife.This is a great read and I am sure you will see Wildlife experts as the real Heroes they are.L. Williams

Love this book..having been to the Great Smokey Mountains every yr for the last 10 yrs , this book has a lot of park details and information i never realized or knew about. I like reading this and thinking.." wait...i was there , i know were that place is.."

I really enjoyed both the tales shares and the style of writing. It was easy reading and very informative and for one who loves the Great Smokies and all its inhabitants much insight. Thanks for

sharing so much.

I worked in Yellowstone in the summer of 2000. I didn't have any close encounters with a bear. But walking a boardwalk through the woods, I came upon a mama elk. She was the most beautiful tawny color - like a deer. As I stopped & realized she was way too big for a deer, her head popped up. I was probably 70 yards away & backing up, talking nice to her, when she covered half the distance in the time I'd taken 5 steps back. Trying to remember advice given at orientation I figured I was in store for a hoof beating. Suddenly she turn off the boardwalk & put her head down to apparently check on her calf. I was 54 & didn't run any more, BUT I TURNED TAIL & RAN!!! This book was so interesting as he dealt with the wild animals under his care. Sometimes riveting & sometimes funny. I loved my summer in Yellowstone & after reading this book, I'd like to spend some time in the Smokies & Shenandoah.

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