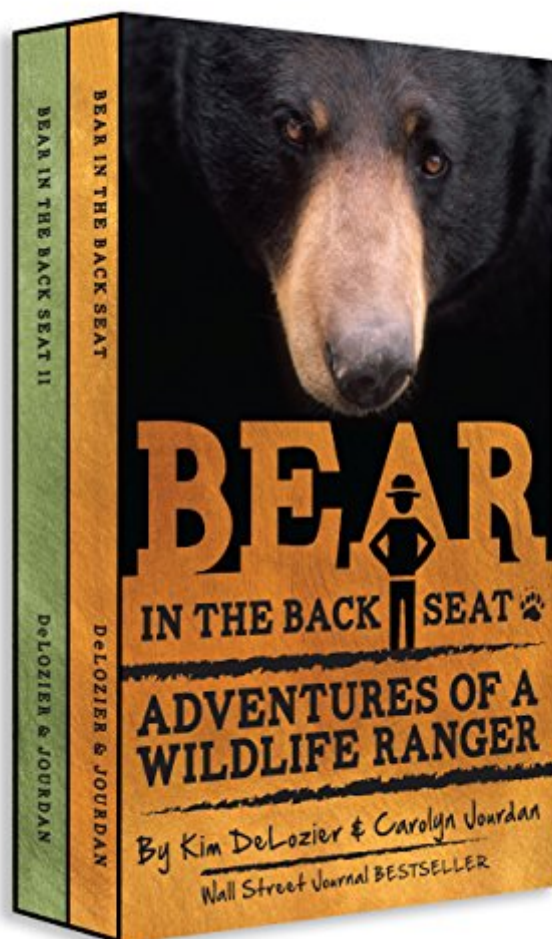


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Bear In The Back Seat I And II: Adventures Of A Wildlife Ranger In The Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Boxed Set: Smokies Wildlife Ranger Book 3





Synopsis

Wall Street Journal Best Selling memoir - Both volumes! This boxed set contains true stories from "[a]n extraordinary landscape populated with befuddled bears, hormonally-crazed elk, homicidal wild boars, hopelessly timid wolves, and nine million tourists, some of whom are clueless." In Kim DeLozier's world, when sedated wild black bears wake up 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 relocating 77 live skunks by sedating them with darts from homemade blowguns, especially when the pickup truck load of stinkers wakes up while still in transit. An 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 from one of the densest populations of wild black bears in America -- and the bears from tourists who get too close. Written with bestselling author Carolyn Jourdan who has several highly-regarded #1 bestsellers about the Smoky Mountains.

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Customer Reviews

Enjoyable and informative. The author, relating his experiences, both good and bad, as a US National Park Service ranger, dealing with the wildlife during his career in Great Smokey Mountains National Park. Some events the author related brought on a chuckle or a smile to my face, other events could have had worse, even tragic outcomes. Some of the most interesting encounters were with creatures of the two legged variety and the author's observations about them. Overall a good read.

My husband and I lived and worked near the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and the Cherokee Reservation for two seasons and explored the area extensively. These stories by a Wildlife Manager are written in a folksy, detailed manner that allowed me to actually see each one and learn a lot about the area's wildlife and Park visitors. For example, we saw elk with ear tags often, so the stories about the re-introduction of elk and the wandering ones were especially delightful. I loved Bear in the Back Seat I and II.

I loved this set of books! I grew up in East Tennessee with many camping trips in the Smokies, so I have seen my share of black bears. But I never imagined all of the behind-the-scenes work of the rangers. These stories were so vividly told that I felt like I was on the front porch, listening to Kim tell the story of the time that . . . (Insert tale here). His co-author wisely let Kim's voice come through. I thoroughly enjoyed the stories, laughed out loud many times, became obnoxious as I repeated the stories to family and friends, and recommended the books to everyone. Well done!

For wildlife lovers and outdoors people this book will be fascinating. It gives an inside look at the adventures of the wildlife managers and some ideas of what to do and what not to do if confronted by a critter in the wild. The weakness in the book is the slight tendency to be repetative in it's views and experiences but the strength is in the stories and understanding of the inner workings of wildlife mangement. The strengths definitely outweigh the slight weaknesses. Worthwhile reading and enjoying.

An entertaining book giving the reader an inside view in the life of a park ranger in the Smokies. It

covers a 20-year plus period of interesting changes in how humans interact with the other wildlife that are in the area. A strong conservation ethic is enforced with practical advice good for anyone who visits any wild area where large mammals are present. It also gives insight into the re-establishment of a locally extinct species (elk) and the many challenges that such an endeavor entails.

Any one who likes to go to the Smokies or for that matter any National Park ought to read this book. It is easy reading but one learns a lot about animal behavior, especially bears, how many visitors to the park do exactly the worst thing by feeding wildlife and one learns how much work rangers have to do and how not always things go quite according to plan. I have been a beekeeper and have had problems with bears, but sometimes erecting simply an electric fence will take care of the problem.

Recommended by a neighbor and find myself laughing while reading this selection.....have taught environmental science for 35 years and find these recollections to be a nice balance between "folksy" tales and the very real issue of the fact that many tourist visitors to national parks have no idea that the Anita's they are seeing are indeed wild.....a constant balancing act for the park service employees....delivered electronically and easily accessed through my apple device

This book provides a lot of insight into how large wild animals are managed in our National Parks. The individual stories are fun, sometime humorous, and always highlighting the difficulties of having the animals live within the reach of man. Highly recommended for anyone who likes wildlife or the environment.

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