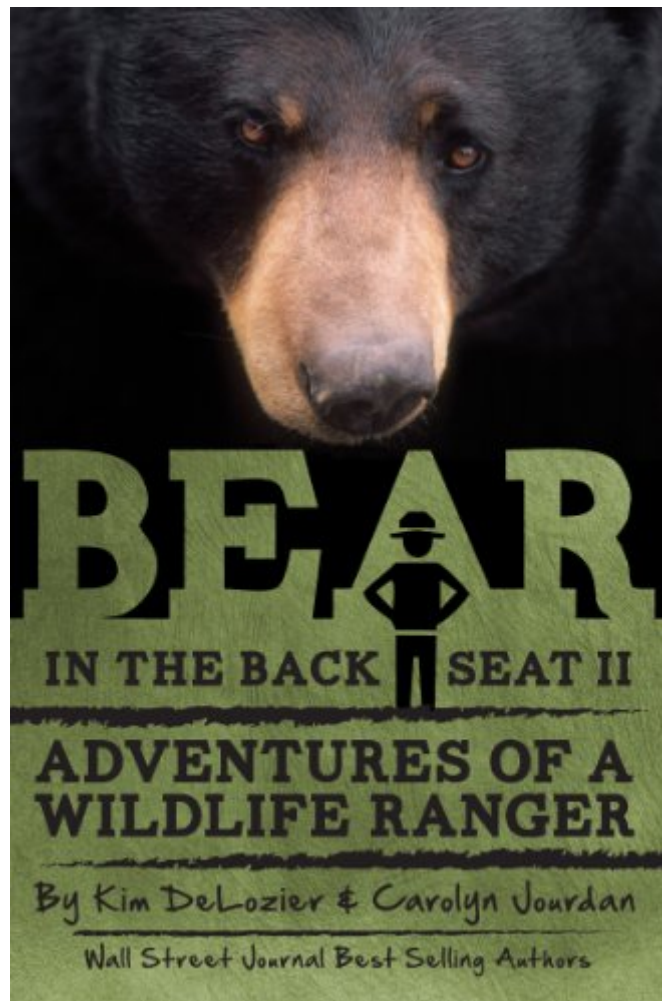


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Bear In The Back Seat II: Adventures Of A Wildlife Ranger In The Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Smokies Wildlife Ranger Book 2



Synopsis

4-time Wall Street Journal Top-10 best selling author and All Star! This is the second volume of true stories from a national bestselling series set in "[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." 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 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.

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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.

Interesting stories of a park ranger's experiences and the work involved in keeping visitors safe and protecting the parks. Light easy read, yet educational. Mr. DeLozier was a dedicated and hard working park ranger who's job required him to work very long hours in some very undesirable and sometimes very dangerous conditions. I find the statement about the number of people killed from black bear attacks in the Smokey Mt. park or US in general, misleading. It gives the impression that the chance of being killed by a black bear is slim to none. While very few have died, it isn't because the bears didn't try. If it weren't for others being there to beat the bear off the victim or the victim able to do so, the death toll would be much, much greater. I am grateful for the work of our park rangers and impressed with their bravery and sorry they continually have to repair the damage of ignorant or disrespectful park visitors. For more info. on black bear safety and behaviors, read "Backcountry Bear Basics" by Dave Smith and Ben Kilham's two books, "Out On a Limb" and "Among the Bears".

I have to admit I am a BIG fan of all of Carolyn Jourdan's work. Why? Like all her other books, in this book there are lots of humorous anecdotes. Interesting stories. I really enjoyed this book and laughed so hard my husband asked me what I was laughing at. I read it to him and he laughed too. ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT Brilliantly written. Buy it, read it, love it. I did!

I was so excited to see this release, as a huge fan of the first Bear in the Back Seat. Enjoy the critters and help keep them safe. You might recognize some of your own mistakes, but this book will

help you stay safe. It's well written. I want more more more!!!

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."

I thoroughly enjoyed book one and worried that the best stories got used up in the first book. I worried in vain! I liked book 2 even better than book 1. As a regular hiker and runner of the Smokies I love these books. I am familiar with the places mentioned and have seen many bears, elk and even some boars. Reading these books is like taking a vacation in the Smokies. The authors do an excellent job and the stories are delightful with a few with sad endings. If you like the outdoors and animal stories you will love these books. Five stars all the way! I look forward to book 3!

This was a very interesting book. The writer gave a lot of fascinating facts about the things that had happened in his life. His writing failed to get the emotion that other writers may have put into the stories but as they were facts even when life was in danger you knew they got out of the situation.

I read both book one and two while I was camping and I enjoyed them very much. The ranger seems like someone I'd like to know, though his job is something that would scare the heck out of me! I've got to go visit the Great Smokies, though I think I'll stay off the wilderness trails.

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