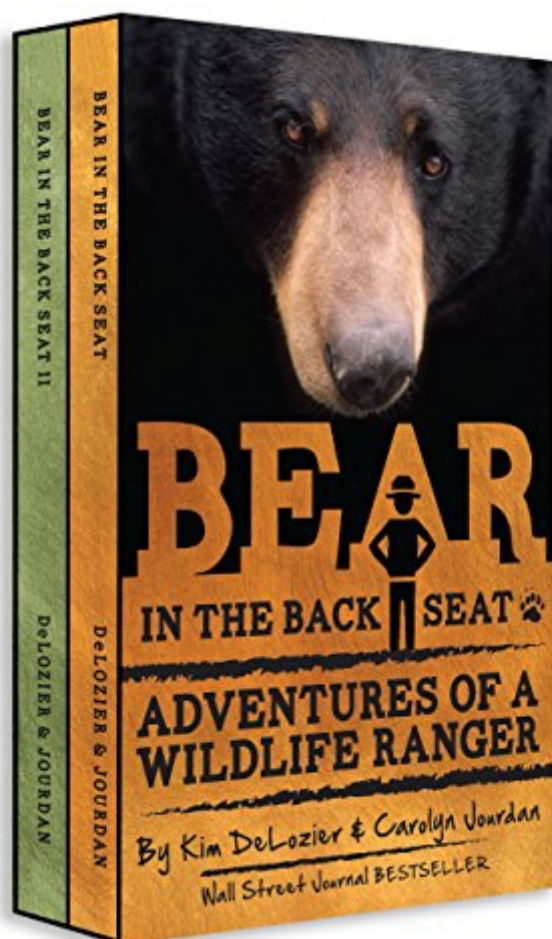


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Bear In The Back Seat I And II: Adventures Of A Wildlife Ranger In The Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Boxed Set: Smokies Wildlife Ranger Book 3



Synopsis

#9 in the USA best selling book! 4-time *Wall Street Journal* Top-10 best selling author and All Star! *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

I Park (Volume 1) (Paperback) This is an awesome read for anyone coming to GSMP or any other park. It is full of great stories. I am a native next to the park and hike in the backcountry here and it is cool to relate to the areas that I have been to the stories in the book. What a wonderful accumulation of stories only a Ranger could tell. I do disagree with the comments by Hurst that it mentions too many times "a fed bear is a dead bear" because people are so disrespectful or ignorant, they need to hear it a million times to maybe sink in. 5 bears were killed in Montana this week, 3 griz and 2 black because they had become conditioned to food. The GSMP has bear warnings out today on back country websites and trails most likely due to food conditioning.

I just finished reading *Bear in the Back Seat* and thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a quick and somewhat nostalgic read over the long 4th of July weekend. I've traveled pretty extensively in the US, but the Smokies are my absolute favorite place on earth (followed closely by SE Kentucky!). Having vacationed in the National Park area since childhood, I'm familiar with many of the locations mentioned in the book. It was neat to read the stories and have a mental picture to go with the descriptions, and to hear about stories of the back country and everything that goes on behind the scenes. Although we've not been able to go to the Smokies this summer, the book has allowed me to get my fix.

I love these two books. Well written and easy reading that is suitable for the younger readers. A great perspective of the work and life of a Forest Ranger. The author shows empathy for both humans and animals in the writing and has a ready and self-effacing wit that provides gentle humor for some difficult situations they encountered in park. The stories give the reader insight to what it takes to keep a park running smoothly and both the people and the animals safe. I highly encourage these books for a great summertime 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.

Seriously, this is fabulous reading. If you love Great Smoky Mountains National Park, if you're fascinated by wildlife, if you enjoy adventure tales.....or just for a great bedtime (or daytime) read, these books are an excellent choice. This man has had an amazing life, and having him share some of his experiences is a great privilege for all of us. Bears and elk and deer, oh my! I could never imagine going through these experiences! Much bravery and also great love and compassion for animals. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll grip the book with suspense at times. Buy them and see, you'll be glad you did!

I have bought both books. They give a great insight into the jobs done by park rangers. It is amazing how much of their time is spent dealing with insensitive human visitors in the parks. You can tell he really loves all the animals that are in his and fellow rangers charge. I highly recommend these books.

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.

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